



Myriam A. Cardinale

August 5, 1943 - November 19, 2025

Myriam A. Cardinale, 82, of Orlando, Florida passed away on November 19, 2025. She was born on August 5, 1943 in La Ceiba, Honduras, to Jaime Mendez and Ofelia Pagoada.

Survived by: Her husband, Julio Cardinale; sons, Hugo Cardinale and Julio Cardinale Jr.; daughter, Ayleen Cardinale; daughters-in-law, D.J. Cardinale and Cyndi Cardinale; brothers, Oscar Mendez, Enrique Mendez, Rigo Mendez, and Juan Carlos Damers; sisters, Sulma Derbyshire and Lucila Damers; grandchildren, C.J. (Nancy) Turner, Nicole (David) Hopper, Nina Cardinale, Erika Cardinale, Dillan (Amanda) Cardinale, Natalie Cardinale and Jacob (Karla) Cardinale; great-grandchildren, Nora Hopper, Emma Turner, and Owen Hopper.

Preceded in death by: Her parents, Jaime Mendez and Ofelia Pagoada Mendez. Her In-laws, Carlos Cardinale, and Paula Villagran Cardinale.

Myriam, devoted wife, cherished mother, adoring grandmother, and beloved friend, entered her heavenly rest after a long and beautiful life centered on faith, family, and love. She was married to the love of her life, Julio, for sixty wonderful years, a union marked by unwavering devotion, deep joy, and a bond that inspired everyone who knew them.

Born in her beloved city La Ceiba, Honduras "Ceibita La Bella", the eldest of seven children, Myriam stepped into a role far beyond her years when her mother passed away young. She lovingly helped raise her sisters and youngest brother, becoming a second mother to them, a guiding presence who would do anything to ensure their well-being. Her family remained her heart's greatest treasure; she was truly the matriarch, the one everyone leaned on, and the one who held them all together.

Myriam was a woman of tireless energy and enthusiasm for life. She loved to stay active, to keep busy, and to pour her creativity into the things she enjoyed, sewing, gardening, cooking, and especially shopping. Her family affectionately described her as a "shopaholic," a title she embraced with joy. Many of the delicious dishes her family loved came from recipes lovingly passed down from her mother-in-law, Paula.

In her early years, Myriam worked as an Export Documentation Specialist for several companies in Manhattan. She took great pride in her work and often shared her favorite saying: "If you can make it in New York, you can make it anywhere." And she truly did make it in New York through her determination, grace, and spirit.

Above all, Myriam's life was shaped by her profound love for Jesus. Her greatest mission was to share His love with everyone she encountered. She rejoiced in Him until her last breath. Even as dementia touched her later years, the Word of God remained alive in her; she could still recite her favorite scriptures flawlessly. In her final days, she often repeated the verse that brought her comfort and peace, Matthew 11:28: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Myriam had a remarkable gift for making others feel seen, heard, and cherished. Whether offering a kind word to a stranger, telling a woman how

beautiful she was or a man how handsome he looked, she touched countless lives, often bringing people to tears with her sincerity, compassion, and warmth. She had a way of recognizing the “unique” light in every person she met. Her own light, bright with faith and love, shone unmistakably through her.

Her neighbors adored her, and she loved them just the same. She will be deeply missed by her family, her community, and all who were blessed to know her. Yet there is no doubt she is now rejoicing in heaven, wrapped in the eternal love of Jesus, her Lord and Savior.

Myriam lived a life of purpose, passion, and radiant faith. Her legacy of love will continue to shine in the hearts of all who loved her.

No burial or service will be taking place as Myriam was adamant on being cremated because she strongly believed "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8).

The family requests prayers for strength during this difficult time. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association (<https://donorservices.alz.org>).

May she rest in His eternal peace.

Tribute Wall

JG

“ Dear Miriam: U

I will be missing you for Mother's Day. I long to hear your voice once more and ask Erik if he loves you. He looked forward to you asking that. Family gatherings will never be the same. Julio is lost without you. I think of you often. I'm sure Jesus is taking good care of you. Have you run into Bill? God bless and keep you . Much love and hugs, Judi

Judith Greenan - April 08 at 06:42 PM

JC

“ My lovely wonderful wife, Myriam, has left a big hole in my life. Eternally grateful to Yawhew, creator of heaven and earth for giving me the best blessing in this earth I could receive having Myriam to be my companion and mother of our three children for sixty years. We share so many blessings together and struggles that The Lord was always there to help us go through them. In the last years here in earth she was a blessing not only to strangers, neighbors and family but to me personally, always praising The Lord and assuring me of the moment the two of us will meet The Saviour and Lord of our life's Jesus and bow before Him together. Can't wait Myriam , I love you Mochi" forever!

Julio Cardinale - November 26, 2025 at 12:41 PM

CK

“*Julio and Myriam were neighbors and we always had a friendly relationship. I will always remember Myriam busy sweeping the walkway in front of her home. Whenever she saw me, she never failed to give me that special smile of hers and a wave. Whenever I drive or walk past their home, that is what I will always remember. She was a very special lady and she will be missed by all who knew her. Rest in peace Myriam...*

Craig Kaplan - November 25, 2025 at 06:16 PM

DC

“*You taught me so much growing up, especially about Jesus and his unconditional love. You always supported me. You were so proud of everything I did. You showed me how to be a respectful and loving man.*

I miss the way you would look at me and always calling me handsome, even though I would get embarrassed. You would always call me your number 1 boy and would do anything for me.

I love you so much Nana. Til we meet again in paradise.



Dillan Cardinale - November 23, 2025 at 09:29 AM

AC

“ I wish I could kiss her and hug her and tell her how much I adore her and tell her what a perfect mother she was to me one last time. I will miss everything about her forever.



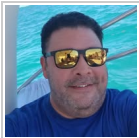
Ayleen Cardinale - November 23, 2025 at 07:34 AM

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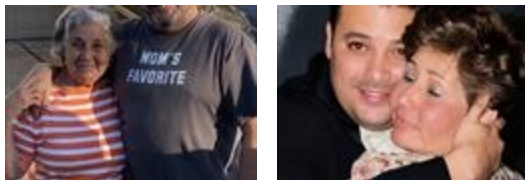
“ My Nana. My grandma. A strong woman of God that I looked up to. My Nana brought our family and everyone around her, closer to Jesus. I would love to know the Bible the way she did. I miss her so much and life without her here will never be the same. I'm grateful for the confidence I have in knowing that she is with Jesus now! I love you Nana ❤️



Natalie C - November 22, 2025 at 09:09 PM



“ I've always been a Momma's boy. I miss her so much.



Hugo Cardinale - November 22, 2025 at 08:14 PM

CC

“ *Myriam was truly one of a kind and so proud of her family always!! While we are so sad to not have her here with us, we know she is in the arms of our savior catching up with those who went before her and saving our seats until We meet again!! Love you always Mama Myriam!💕*



Cyndi Cardinale - November 22, 2025 at 08:06 PM

AF

“ *I didn't know Myriam all that well, but we live in her neighborhood. She was such a ray of light and always had a kind word. I loved chatting with her when we ran into each other. Myriam loved speaking with my youngest and always wanted to make sure she was reading her Bible.*

Hearing her stories about the neighborhood and her life was always a treat, too. I don't think I ever saw her slow down - she was always up and doing something.

May she rest in peace and may those she has left behind find peace until they see her again.

Amanda Flores - November 22, 2025 at 05:04 PM

AC

Thank you for your kind words Amanda.

Ayleen Cardinale - November 23, 2025 at 07:12 AM

JC

“ One of Myriam’s proudest moments was the day both of us were sworn proud citizens of the greatest country in the world, U.S.A. Whom we love. - Her Husband, Julio

Julio Cardinale - November 22, 2025 at 04:33 PM

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“ 3 files added to the album Family Photos



ayleen.cardinale - November 22, 2025 at 02:58 PM