



## Betty Rodriguez

May 21, 1934 - April 27, 2024

Betty Rodriguez, was a few weeks shy of her 90th birthday when our Lord called His precious daughter home on April 27, 2024.

Betty was a gentle soul full of amazing faith, virtue and love despite suffering great losses and countless trials all throughout her life from a young age. Betty humbly accepted all that came her way and with great grace, love, tremendous fortitude and perseverance sacrificed all that she had for her family and loved ones, for her friends and for strangers she would never meet but for whom she would offer the little she had along with her prayers full of love. All who were blessed to encounter Betty were made to feel welcomed, appreciated and loved whether she was in their life for a brief season or for a lifetime.

Betty with her sweet peaceful demeanor reflected our Lord's light, love and beauty like a calm body of water reflecting the sunshine from above.

She is survived by her sisters: Yolanda, Candy and Miriam; her daughters: Ana Minerva Seda, Desiree Reyes (Felix), and Michelle Kalian (Chris); her grandchildren: Gabrielle Cuevas (Jonathan), Nick Ojeda (Jacky), Alexa Russell (Tristin), Roberto Reyes, Jackie Reyes, Michael Kalian, Christian Kalian, and Matthew Kalian; and her Greatgrandchildren: Jonathan and Nathaniel Cuevas, Yesenia and Boaz Ojeda, Atticus and Magnolia Russell,

and Zachary Reyes.

This loss of our matriarch, mother, sister, grandma, aunt, and friend is tremendous but we feel her love and we know that she is exactly where she belongs. We grieve with hope and pray to all be together in our Lord's Presence one day.

Betty you were a smiling, dancing, welcoming angel of pure light and love to everyone who crossed your path and your mission of spreading God's grace and reflecting His heart were completed beautifully.

We thank God for the privilege of being loved by His precious daughter and pray to live a life of sacrifice, sincerity, humble acceptance, kindness and love as our dear Betty, our Tata, Missy, Bettylise, and Mama taught us so that we may hear what she most certainly will, "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy." (Matthew 25:23)

Visitation will be held at Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home in Jupiter, FL on Friday, May 3rd from 3:00PM-6:00PM. The Funeral Mass will be held at St. Jude Catholic Church in Tequesta, FL, on Monday, May 6th, at 11:00AM, directly followed by the burial at Our Lady Queen of Peace Cemetery, in Royal Palm Beach, FL, at 1:00PM.

Following the burial, a luncheon will be held to honor Betty's life at 3:00PM, at IL Professore in Tequesta, FL. (626 US #1, Tequesta FL 33469)

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests considering a donation, in Betty's memory, to the Regnum Christi NY Tri-State. <https://rcnytristate.org/rc-ny-tri-state-donation/>



# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 3. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home  
250 Center Street  
Jupiter, FL 33458  
(561) 744-2030  
<https://www.taylorandmodeenflorida.com>

## Prayer Service

MAY 3. 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home  
250 Center Street  
Jupiter, FL 33458  
(561) 744-2030  
<https://www.taylorandmodeenflorida.com>

## Funeral Mass

MAY 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Jude Catholic Church  
204 US Hwy. #1  
Tequesta, FL 33469

## Burial

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MAY 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady Queen of Peace  
10941 Southern Blvd.  
Royal Palm Beach, FL

## Luncheon

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MAY 6. 3:00 PM (ET)

IL Professore Restaurant  
626 US#1  
Tequesta, FL 33469

# Tribute Wall

DR

“ To choose just one memory out of a lifetime of memories with you, is nearly impossible. I couldn't have asked for a better mom, cheerleader, teacher, nurse, positive life coach, jokester, fashion icon, Broadway show-singing diva or role model. No coincidence that one of your favorite tunes, La Vie en Rose has been interpreted to mean to see life through rose-tinted glasses, or better stated to see the positive in everything. That's all you Mom. I am the wife, mother and grandmother that I am today because of you. Thank you.

I will, however always remember 4/26/24, the last time I would see you. You had fallen into a deep slumber after you had mass celebrated for you in my sister's house that Tuesday. Yet, when I got there, I very loudly, almost demandingly, called out to you in hopes that you would open your eyes and see me one more time. God granted me a grace that I will forever hold in my heart. You opened your eyes, saw me and your great grandson, Zachary. Your eye teared up and I knew that you had heard every word I said.

Rest in peace, our beloved Mambo Queen, until we meet again.

Love Désirée

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**Desiree Reyes** - May 06, 2024 at 09:55 PM

CK

“ *It has been a true blessing and honor to have known, loved and lived alongside such a wonderful, truly-kind, happy-go-lucky angel !*

*My mother in law Betty was a woman who carried herself with a quiet nobility. Quick witted, always positive, forever dancing, smiling, singing and pointing those "funny" fingers of hers that would immediately crack up the room.*

*Your poise, love, positivity and grace over the last three decades have helped forge my children, Michael, Christian and Matthew into the men they are today. To see your faith, your smile, your strength and your forever dancing spirit live on in them and my beautiful wife Michelle are some of the greatest gifts in my life.*

*While it will be harder to walk the walk here without you physically present - we all know and feel your beautiful soul holding our hands and walking besides us.*

*May God Bless you as He has blessed us - with the amazing grace and boundless love that continues to shine on all those who have had the honor of knowing you. And know that we will continue to honor you and shine your light on all of those we encounter and walk beside on our journey back home.*

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**Chris Kalian** - May 06, 2024 at 09:20 AM

“ To have been loved by my Mama is to have been touched by God. To be in her presence was to feel loved, welcomed and appreciated. She offered whatever little she had to help her family, loved ones, neighbors, whoever was in need, always donated to help sick children, and sponsored orphans she would never meet but who she lifted in her prayers every day.

One thing that's important to remember about our gentle loving smiling Betty is that she chose joy!

She easily could have hardened her heart- from a young age suffering terrible losses, trials and traumas, and as far back as I can remember riddled with physical health issues, but she didn't allow anything she suffered to keep her down, she never complained, she chose joy.

She would spend the first hour of her day reading her daily upper room devotional, meditating on God's Word, and praying for her family and all those in need.

She surrendered her heart to God, trusted all to Him, allowed Him to be her center, His strength to carry her through. She did not pretend to understand the hand she'd been dealt but rather put it all into our Father's mighty hands.

She put her trust, hope and love in our Lord and His love flowed through her into our family and everyone blessed to have known her.

Chris, the boys and my aunt all made it possible to take care of her these past 2 years in our home. Things got harder physically for her, and the boys would literally have to carry her around, and eventually she became totally dependent on us for everything, even then, she chose joy....

with her beautiful smile she still poured her love into us and infused our hearts with all that is true, good, pure and beautiful just as she had every step of the way.

We are so thankful for the time shared with Mama, the most giving, generous, honest, forgiving, selfless, positive, strong willed yet gentle, and humble woman of grace.

She knew our Lord and He knew her, she abided in Him and He in her and she bore much fruit.

*We thank You Lord for the privilege and honor to care for Your precious daughter and for the opportunity and grace to be able to walk her home to You. She is missed terribly, but we rejoice in her triumphant walk Home and look forward to when, God willing, we all will dance together again... until then we'll say what we did every night after we prayed with her, God bless you Mama and hasta mañana... with a heart full of love, Michelle*

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**Michelle Kalian** - May 06, 2024 at 08:12 AM

AS

“ *I will always miss my beloved, intelligent and lovely Titi Betty. So many beautiful memories from my childhood and teenage years, but the most precious ones are from the mid 70's when I attended New York University. Thanksgiving in the Bronx, Broadway shows, walks in the Village... Decades later, my visits to White Plains. I learned a lot from her mental and emotional strength, perseverance and very smart sense of humor. She was loved and admired and will be missed. Descansa en paz, amada tía.*

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**Aileen Schmidt** - May 05, 2024 at 08:22 PM

RA

“ Gonna try to have my message saved proper this time. I'm going to forever miss the smile, the embrace, but above all that laughter. My visits to the apartment in White Plains, our sit downs to chit chat and laugh in your dining table and living room, sharing pictures and memories, your 2011 and 2013 staycations in my place in Mansfield, but above all, being the representative of my mother in the US. Funny, witty, unorthodox, but always wise and a grounding force. Will forever miss you, but will forever celebrate you. Comforted to had spent some time with you last spring and have the joy of observing you being so loved and cherish.

*Love you and miss you!*

*Vin*

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**Rafi** - May 04, 2024 at 01:42 AM

KI

“ My wonderful Tata. There aren't too many words to say to truly encapsulate what you meant to me. Many memories come to mind when I think of you, quiet games of scrabble as we listened to Jazz music, the visits to spend a day with you when college wasn't for me and I didn't have much to do, the phone calls asking me how I was 3000 miles away. Every birthday you would call, no matter what. The life lessons, the patience, the jokes, the dances. I will miss you forever and always hold you close in my heart. My beautiful Grandmother.

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**Kiko** - May 03, 2024 at 01:43 PM

JH

“ May you rest in eternal peace Betty. You were a radiant spirit with a beautiful smile that was always welcoming and lit up a room. I will always cherish the wonderful memories of you and my Mom...your dancing bubby. Continue to fly with the angels....Love, JuJu ("Negrita")

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**JudithAnn Hernandez** - May 03, 2024 at 12:24 PM

CK

“ *Tata The Light Of My Life*  
I don't even know where to begin Tata you were and still are so special to me in so many ways. Everything you did brought joy and light to the world, your presence in any room was enough to make everyone smile. My heart aches because you were my everything, I feel lost without you here next to me. I know you are finally at peace and smiling down at us all. I will never forget the many nights we spent together laughing, dancing and singing, you were a true angel and a gift to this world. I loved taking care of you these past 2 years, as tough as it was I would do it all again in a heartbeat I loved every minute because you never lost your smile and your faith. Seeing you smile when I would walk into the room would fill my whole heart with joy, I will miss your beautiful smile. I promise you that your light will shine bright in us and I will do my best to continue to honor you and make you proud. I will stay strong for you and try to be the warrior that you always were. You will forever be with me in my heart everywhere I go, I miss you and love you so much. I will say what we said every night to each other I love you and hasta mañana.  
Until we meet again tata ❤️❤️

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**Christian Kalian** - May 02, 2024 at 11:58 AM

RA

*I witnessed that last year. And I agree with Alexa*

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**Rafi** - May 02, 2024 at 10:45 PM



*Dearest Titi Yoly, Min, Mich, Des and Family,*

*A daughter, sister, mother, and grandmother are irreplaceable for they are a unique presence throughout our lives. Caring, informing, sheltering, inspiring. Titi Bett (she did not like Betty or Beatrice and always had a giggle when called so) was undeniably unique. A calming and rational presence throughout often turbulent circumstances, a survivor, and overcomer of obstacles. A single mother of three, of modest means, she approached things thoughtfully. She was a role model of perseverance, dedication to work and family, and above all of what it means to be a woman of Faith. She had been a prolific reader before she was no longer able to focus on that task; and on my visits to her the thing she liked best was for me to read aloud from The Bible in quiet moments without fanfare. Once I'd finished reading a passage I'd glance up to find her beaming at me as if I had given her a present made of gold. This, like The Word, is captured in my mind and engraved upon my heart, for she was a woman of quiet yet deep faith. She did not preach but instead led by example. She once told me very directly that she was not afraid of death. This is because she had no doubts about where that journey led. And I sensed that in her last days she was especially confident that she could leave this earth with ease, content that she had accomplished her job. For she had sown the seeds of Love and Faith within her family. She taught all of us to walk the walk and tread the path of light our Heavenly Father set out for us. Bravo! Thank you my tiny yet fierce Titi for being part of the light that will lead us all home one day. May we honor you by remembering to take the time out of our busy lives to pray, be closer to God, and share our faith with one another through our love and by our deeds. We celebrate your wonder-filled life and wish you every blessing on your bright trip Home! Con todo nuestro Amor, Besitos, y Abrazos siempre querida Titi, Yoly-Dee and Family*

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**Yoly-Dee (niece)** - May 04, 2024 at 01:32 PM

VB

“ Betty que más se puede decir que todos conozcan..la hermana que Mami (Carmen Espada) la vida le regaló..una tia que adoptamos a través de la vida que cuando Mami la llamaba ahí siempre estaba... su sonrisa y su pasión por la música la hacían la mejor bailarina... pasan los años y aquí estamos diciendo un hasta al luego mi querida Betty estarás siempre en nuestros corazones y gracias por siempre estar al pendiente de mi Mami y recibirla siempre con los brazos abiertos ..Tu y Yoly siempre serán parte de nuestra Familia...hasta luego...descansa en Paz 🇵🇷

vanessa Barreto - May 01, 2024 at 02:03 PM

MR

Cuantas muestras de cariño hacia si amada hermana que más puedo decir, que fue luz para muchos, amor para todos, comprensión inigualable, que su amor por nuestro padre no tenía alcance alguno, como hermana el mayor ejemplo. Yo celebro tu vida y siempre, siempre estarás conmigo. Love you sis.

Miriam A. Rodríguez - May 02, 2024 at 10:57 AM

MM

“ My dear Betty sister-law, but most important my friend. Always kind always generous. Although she was no longer married to my brother she never forgot us always bringing presents to my parents house for their birthdays for Mother's Day Father's Day. Betty and I also had a lot of fun together always dancing because she loved dancing and so did I I will Miss Betty and I will never forget her. It was my privilege to even know you Betty God Rest Your Soul, I will never forget you and someday we'll all be together again

Maria monteto - May 01, 2024 at 12:28 PM

DW

“ My beautiful Aunt Betty.i remember when I was little how special she made me feel I loved her so much. She was a giving and special person. God bless you Aunt Betty❤️

Diane Wiegert - May 01, 2024 at 11:52 AM

LK

“ What a beautiful tribute to an amazing lady!  
When Chris married Michelle we were blessed to have Betty as a part of our family.  
Where ever she went she brought joy and happiness with her. Betty loved her family dearly.Her grandchildren and great grandchildren were her delight.  
She loved singing and dancing her Latin rhythm's.  
I know for sure that she and Bob are singing with the angels and looking down on all of us.  
Betty, you will truly be missed.Until we all meet again, may you rest in peace.

Linda Kalian - May 01, 2024 at 08:49 AM

MM

My dear Betty, my sister-law- but most of all my friend.  
One of the most kindness, loving person I am privileged to have knowrven though she was no longer married to me brother she never forgot us.  
She always visited for my mother and father's birthday bringing presents for them as well as mother's day and father's day. We also had a lot of fun today lots of dancing which she and I both loved. I pray for my beautiful 3 nieces and family that God will help them get through their loss.  
We will all be together One day again. I will always remember Betty's beautiful smile

Maria monteto - May 01, 2024 at 10:08 AM

LL

“La Betty”, as I called her, aside from mom! She welcomed me with open arms the first day she met me and the rest is history! She was one of a kind and can never be replaced nor forgotten! Thank you for all the advise, love, and laughs! The heavens have gained a true angel! Forever in our hearts! 💕🕊️ I wisely miss you, Leyla

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**Leyla Lopez** - April 30, 2024 at 09:19 PM

GP

“ I Will Always Remember Sitting With Beautiful Betty in Church Worshipping and After Church Laughing and Enjoying Treats! She always Made Me Feel Happy and Her Beautiful Smile ! I Love You and I Thank God I was Blessed To Share Those Joyous Times

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**gina Pina** - April 30, 2024 at 08:35 PM

AS

“ Mama’s way of thinking was always ions ahead of others her age. She was a scrabble champ, a walking dictionary and a user of some of those S.A.T, words that actually made me look at her as if she just was not from here. You could ask off the wall questions and she had an answer worth listening to. (After all, she was never out a day of high-school. Not for illness or fun. She was paying attention) Ethics was what she instilled in my sisters and I. I never heard her lie, or gossip and you could bank on her Yes and No. She seldom used “I love you” but you knew you were loved. Always smiling, always calm, always willing to listen and able to take negative talk and find a positive spin. Never on time to work or events, she was not apologetic for her actions. She developed a sense of “ This is who I am” much later than most did. She taught there was strength in the quiet. She taught you should stand by what you believed, after all — she did. Her ritual of morning prayers awed me. She prayed by situation and by individual names. Everybody got a dose of her prayers. They kept her grounded and kept her going. Mom, until we meet again. I carry you in my heart!

Ana Seda - April 30, 2024 at 07:38 PM

MK

“ Mom, Dad, Titi, Santos (Tata’s aid), and I were sitting with Tata in the living room where she would take her daily naps everyday and this was about 2 weeks before her passing...I’ll never forget the innocent look in tata’s eyes as Joy, her musical therapist, sang the Prayer by Andrea Bocelli as we all couldn’t help but tear up at the site of tata also crying happy tears. What a special moment that was and one I will truly never forget. Love you Tata!! Until we meet again  
❤️

Mike Kalian - April 30, 2024 at 01:12 PM

HR

*My dear Titi Betty, what a beautiful human being. You light up everything around you wherever you were. I will never forget the time we spent together either talking about books, looking at family photos or going to museums. Everything was a reason for you to smile or dance. I want to be like you. You inspired me and I loved every minute I spent with you. You never missed my birthdays or Christmas. I always get a card from you. We will meet again in the presence of our Lord and Savior. You won your crown with dignity and we all will have you present in our lives. Rest in peace titi. Hope to see you soon to enjoy our everlasting life.*

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**Helen Rodriguez** - April 30, 2024 at 01:30 PM

RA

*My beloved aunt, advisor, advocate and one of my "second mothers". Sister to my first one. Very few, really few things in my 58 years of life have given me more joy than the welcoming smile of you and Titi Yoly at every single visit to your White Plains apartment. The staycations we spent together in the summers of 2011 and 2013 in Mansfield, and to hear your voice on the phone. Most of all, that laughter!*

*I am grateful that life gave me the chance to spend a couple of days last year and my recollection of those days will give solace among this pain. I know you felt loved by all who cared for you, who were many, until your last breath.*

*Te quiero!!!*

*Vin*

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**Rafi** - May 02, 2024 at 10:57 PM