



## Esperanza Vertucci Alfonso

April 20, 1962 - April 9, 2025

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Maria Esperanza Vertucci Alfonso (62) on April 9, 2025, after a breathtaking, full, and beautiful life that was cut far too short following her courageous battle with cancer. Esperanza was born on April 20, 1962, in Bogotá, Colombia. Driven by her passion for touching lives and her ability to fill others with her confidence and determined spirit, she chose to study psychology at Konrad Lorenz University in Bogotá. She moved to Florida to finish her degree and settled in Palm Beach Gardens, leaving behind everything familiar to carve her own path and build a life grounded in love, resilience, and joy. Esperanza was a devoted mother, daughter, sister, and aunt, a loyal and exceptionally thoughtful friend, and a source of great inspiration to those who were blessed to know her. She was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2018 and fought bravely against the disease for seven years — never once allowing the burden of her illness to dim her light, laughter, or love of life. Her

radiant spirit only shone brighter.

Esperanza's love of life was infectious. She turned ordinary occasions into celebrations full of music, laughter, and love. Cancer never defined Esperanza; she lived her life to the absolute fullest and created precious memories alongside family and friends, exploring new corners of the world, and spending time in her homeland Colombia.

Esperanza's greatest joy in life was being a mother: raising, nurturing, and cherishing time with her two beloved children, Christopher (29) and Jacqueline (27), both of Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

In addition to her two children, Esperanza is also survived by her mother, Lilia Pedraza de Alfonso, of Bogotá, Colombia; sisters Alcira, Myriam, Janeth (Edgar), and Martha (Eduardo); brother Ignacio; nieces Grace, Kimberly, Diana, and Jessica; and nephews Miguel Angel, Daniel, and Camilo. She was preceded in death by her father, Ignacio Alfonso Rocha, of Bogotá, Colombia.

Esperanza will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her, but family and friends know that she is still present in their lives. Her love, smile, and indomitable spirit will live on forever

— in stories told, songs sung, and hearts forever changed by her grace.

Esperanza's family will receive friends from 4-6pm, with a vigil prayer service at 5:30pm, on

Tuesday, April 15 at Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home in Jupiter. A funeral mass will be held at

St. Paul of the Cross in North Palm Beach at 11am on Wednesday, April 16,  
directly followed by

the burial at Riverside Memorial Park in Tequesta.

The family requests, in the spirit of celebrating Esperanza's life, that guests  
wear white at the

vigil and spring colors to the funeral mass and burial.

They kindly ask each guest to bring an orchid in her honor (either to the vigil  
or to the mass at St.

Paul). These orchids – symbols of strength, love, and enduring beauty, and  
Esperanza's favorite

flower – will surround her with the same grace and color she brought to all of  
of our lives.

Her family welcomes donations to the Susan G. Komen foundation in honor of  
Esperanza's life

and courageous battle.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Memorial Park

19351 SE County Line Road  
Jupiter, FL 33469

# Previous Events

## Vigil

APR 15. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Prayer Service

APR 15. 5:30 PM (ET)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

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APR **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church  
10970 S.R. A1A  
North Palm Beach, FL 33408

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gracias Esperanza por inspirarnos a ser valientes, soñadores, alegres y amantes de la vida. Tu luz permanecerá encendida siempre en nuestros corazones.* ”



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**Carlos Burgos** - April 17, 2025 at 09:45 PM

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“ *Esperanza was a beckon on joy. She shopped in my store. We shared many laughs and it was a joy spending my time with her. When her wonderful children are up to it please come by the Laderach store and ask for Andrea. Id love to send a little something for you.* ”

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**Andrea Davis** - April 15, 2025 at 07:30 PM

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“ *Qué lindo irse de este mundo como se fue Ella, dejando a su paso solo felicidad y amor, aunque tu sonrisa y palabras precisas ya no nos alienten todos los días con un “buen día! Hermoso día!” Tu legado de resiliencia, fuerza y determinación jamás se borrará. Gracias hasta el cielo 💕* ”



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**Camila Cortes** - April 13, 2025 at 02:27 PM

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“ *Esperanza seguirá brillando como la estrella que siempre ha sido por toda una eternidad. Te extrañamos, pero siempre te llevaremos en nuestros corazones*

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**alina gabriel** - April 13, 2025 at 07:54 AM

IA

“ *Seguirás brillando mi vida por el resto de mi vida  
you will continue to shine in my life for the rest of my life*



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**ignacio alfonso** - April 13, 2025 at 12:44 AM

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“ *To the most beautiful aunt godmother in the world... I will keep all of our moments in my heart. How lucky I am to have had you in my life with your light and the beautiful gift of inspiration that you are* 💜



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**Diana Paola** - April 13, 2025 at 12:41 AM

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“ 🍷🍷🍷 *The light of your life remains in our hearts* 🍷🍷🍷



Kimberly Escobar Alfonso - April 13, 2025 at 12:40 AM

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“ *Kimberly Escobar Alfonso lit a candle in memory of Esperanza Vertucci Alfonso*



Kimberly Escobar Alfonso - April 13, 2025 at 12:34 AM

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*Esperanza was so beautiful, ❤️ gentle amazing person and mom I would just always remember her beautiful smile. 🙏 rest in peace*

Rossmarv villagran - April 15, 2025 at 01:30 PM