



## Mario Angel Ceresa

April 2, 1932 - April 2, 2015

Mario Angel Ceresa, 83, of Palm Beach Gardens, passed away Thursday, April 02, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Marcia Ceresa; sons, Mario A. Ceresa Jr. of West Palm Beach, Juan F. Ceresa of Delray Beach, Deris J. Ceresa of Delray Beach and Robert M. Ceresa of Austin, Texas; daughters, Patricia T. Ceresa of St. Joseph, Michigan and Maria C. Gilson of Dexter, Michigan; grandchildren, Patrick, Alek, Juan, Emelio, Sophia, Matteo, Allyssa, Isabella and Lyndsay. A memorial mass will be held at 10:00 AM on Friday, April 10, 2015 at St. Christopher Catholic Church in Hobe Sound

# Tribute Wall



“ *"Mario Ceresa Rodriguez,*

*We were classmates at the University of Havana Law School from 1951 through 1956 where we graduated with the degree of Doctor en Derecho. Mario was an excelente student and was awarded the Premio Nacional Ricardo Dolz Arango, being one of the top ten students of the graduating class. His hobbies were oil painting during the school year and water skiing and hunting when at home in his beloved Puerto Padre. Mario was Secretary of the Law School Student Association in his Senior Year. His former classmates will always remember his intellect and accomplishments as a student and later as an attorney. My deepest sympathies to the Ceresa family.*

*JOSE RAMON RODRIGUEZ  
Class of 1956  
University of Havana Law School*

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**JOSE RAMON RODRIGUEZ** - September 06, 2025 at 02:06 PM



“ *Mario Angel Ceresa*

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October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM

MF

“ I knew Mario for over 40 years. Whenever I think of Mario, three words come to mind--energy, passion and loyalty. There were many occasions during the course of our tenure at DCL/MSU when I had the opportunity to work with Mario on a project or problem. When I sought Mario's advice or counsel, my problem became his problem. If I asked for his support, it was given freely and without reservation. If there was a cause that Mario believed was worthy he fought for it with all of his strength and considerable intellect. He always treated his students as though they part of his family./ He will be sorely missed.

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**Matthew C. McKinnon - Washington, MI - colleague and friend** - April 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MG

*Perfect description of my father.*

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**Maria Gilson** - February 06, 2024 at 01:01 PM

MF

“ Cuando un amigo parte, definitivamente gran parte de uno, parte con el. Adios Mario. Se que un coro de angeles y de arcangeles se aprestan para recibirte en los estratos eternos de la gloria. Compartimos luchas juntos y llevare conmigo recuerdos imborrables. Adios Mario, te me adelantaste en este viaje sin retorno.

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**Mongo Rey - Ann Arbor, MI - Friend** - April 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ Tato, Maria, my condolences to you and your family. We will keep you all in our prayers.

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**Fernando Alonso - Miami,, FL - friend of Robert and Maria** - April 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ Mario had so many accomplishments, but if you were to ask him what his biggest accomplishment was, he'd say "My family." He always came to work with a story and a smile about his family, the trips on the boat on Whitmore Lake, or the movies he watched with his kids. ("Top Gun" had all the "Ceresa Boys" going jumping on the couch going "vroom vroom" and "Little Women" according to Mario "made me cry.") With his big heart, EVERYONE was family. I think we all have different Mario stories here at the Law School, but the remarkable thing is those stories reach down through the generations. My 21 year old daughter talked about coming to work with me when she was a toddler for "Take Your Daughter To Work" day. (Mario encouraged us to bring our children, no matter how small.) Her memory was clear: "He acted surprise with every "peek-a-boo," no matter how many times I did it."

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**Hildur Hanna - East Lansing, MI - He was my boss & mentor** - April 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ To Marcia, Mario Junior, John, Patty, Deris, Maria & Roberto - May the Lord keep you in his loving care. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Mark & Hildur

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**Mark and Hildur Hanna - Owosso, MI - friends** - April 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *Marcia and family,  
I remember the pleasant afternoon I spent sitting on the front lawn with Mario, CoCo and my dog Bennie. We talked about his life in Cuba and in Michigan while waiting for my piano lesson. Mario was such an intelligent  
Man and will be missed by all his wonderful family and friends.*

*I am very sure he would have not lived as long without the loving care that  
Was given by dear Marcia, a true angel.*

*Rest in peace dear man, you will be missed.*

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**Kay Noack - Jupiter, FL - Friend** - April 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *God bless the entire Ceresa family.*

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**D.R. Doll - San Mateo, CA - Family friend** - April 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *Everyone here at MSU College of Law (formerly Detroit College of Law) - especially the Law Library - remembers fondly Mario and his unique style of leading the library through many different phases.  
Our deepest sympathies to the entire Ceresa family.*

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**Janet Ann Hedin - East Lansing & Detroit, MI - Coworker MSU (DCL) Coll. of Law** - April 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Patti, my thoughts are with you and your whole family. I know how much you love your father and my heart is with you and your entire family throughout this difficult time.*

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**Angel Rizzo - St. Joseph, MI** - April 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Dear Patti and Family,  
I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. You are in my  
prayers.*

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**Laurie Fleming - Dowagiac, MI - Friend** - April 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM