



## Ofelia C Hernandez

May 22, 1936 - February 1, 2017

Ofelia Cecilia González was born on May 22, 1936 in la Provincia de Camagüey, Cuba. She moved to La Habana to attend La Universidad de la Habana, where she studied for years toward her doctorado in Education. The Cuban Revolution brought an end to her studies during her senior year. Ofelia married Eloy Domingo Hernández on October 20, 1961. Soon after the birth of their first child in August 1962, her husband was forced to flee Cuba for the United States, where he began preparing a new home for his family. The Castro regime, soon after, outlawed Cuban visas to the U.S., leaving Ofelia to care for their infant son without a clear path to reuniting with her husband. When her baby was able to travel, Ofelia was able to take him from Cuba to Madrid, España. The regime only allowed them to leave with the clothes on their backs; they confiscated her wedding ring when she left Cuba, but they missed her husband's wedding ring and her son's santo medallion hidden in the hollowed-out heel of her shoe. Within a year, with the help of family, friends and the Catholic and Presbyterian churches, mother and child were able to travel to the U.S.A., where they reunited with Eloy, who was waiting for them with a new wedding ring and a new place to call home. The young family settled in Bloomfield, New Jersey, where they both worked hard to build a new life in America. The trio earned naturalization and became Citizens of the United States in 1967. Ofelia and her family joined the historic Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green, where worship, community and service filled their lives for over 50 years. Ofelia gained renown as an amazing cook, a

devoted wife, a zealous mother and a doting grandmother. Ofelia passed on February 1, 2017, with her family, friends and The Rev. Ruth L. Boling at her side. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Eloy Domingo; her eldest son, Luís Eduardo (Amy); her daughter, Maira Ofelia (Joseph J. Kinloch); her youngest son, Eloy Jesús; and four grandchildren, Jordan and Tyler Hernández, and Olivia and Matthew Kinloch. In lieu of flowers or donations, the family asks that you perform acts of kindness to animals, children and the elderly as you say Ofelia's name.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Van Tassel Funeral Home  
337 Belleville Avenue  
Bloomfield, NJ 07003  
(973) 743-1234 or (973) 743-1761  
<https://www.vantasselfuneralhome.com>

## Visitation

FEB 4. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

Van Tassel Funeral Home  
337 Belleville Avenue  
Bloomfield, NJ 07003  
(973) 743-1234 or (973) 743-1761  
<https://www.vantasselfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

FEB 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green  
147 Broad Street  
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

# Tribute Wall

JU

“ *Mis más sentidas condolencias a la familia Hernandez. Espero que puedan encontrar consuelo y esperanza en la promesa que Dios ha hecho en Hechos 24:15: "Y tengo esperanza en cuanto a Dios, esperanza que estos mismos también abrigan, de que va a haber resurrección así de justos como de injustos".*

Judith - April 05, 2017 at 12:39 PM

TF

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. Love and prayers to you & your family. A donation to Save the Children has been made in your mother's name.*

The Kozlowski Family - February 04, 2017 at 01:13 PM

TF

*from, The Kozlowski Family*

The Kozlowski Family - February 04, 2017 at 01:14 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ofelia C Hernandez.*



February 04, 2017 at 10:51 AM

AR

“ *Alexander & Kevin Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Ofelia C Hernandez*



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**Alexander & Kevin Rodriguez** - February 03, 2017 at 10:37 PM

MR

“ *Our heartfelt condolences go out to the Hernandez Family. We will surely miss the presence of a truly lovable and kind person. Ofelia will be missed but will never be forgotten. May her soul rest in peace.*

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**Mary Rosy and Juan Carlos Rodriguez** - February 03, 2017 at 10:34 PM

DM

“ *Dagi & Family (Kandy, Ethan & Megan) lit a candle in memory of Ofelia C Hernandez*



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**Dagi & Family (Kandy, Ethan & Megan)** - February 03, 2017 at 04:17 PM

AL

“ *Aracelis Leon lit a candle in memory of Ofelia C Hernandez*



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**Aracelis Leon** - February 03, 2017 at 03:44 PM

MR

“ *Maria De Los Angeles & Richard lit a candle in memory of Ofelia C Hernandez*



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**Maria De Los Angeles & Richard** - February 03, 2017 at 03:43 PM

MC

“ *Mary Rosy & Juan Carlos lit a candle in memory of Ofelia C Hernandez*



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**Mary Rosy & Juan Carlos** - February 03, 2017 at 03:30 PM

ZG

“ *Zenaida Gonzalez lit a candle in memory of Ofelia C Hernandez*



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**Zenaida Gonzalez** - February 03, 2017 at 03:28 PM

LE

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Ofelia. She will be remembered as a lovely and warm woman. I send you all my deepest condolences.*  
*Lori Erickson*

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**Lori Erickson** - February 03, 2017 at 01:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Ofelia C Hernandez*.



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February 03, 2017 at 11:35 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of *Ofelia C Hernandez*.



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February 03, 2017 at 09:31 AM



“ *Yvonne Bouknight lit a candle in memory of Ofelia C Hernandez*



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**Yvonne Bouknight** - February 02, 2017 at 09:29 PM



*May you find peace and comfort in knowing that her living was not in vain and that her legacy lives on in each of you. With my deepest sympathy. Yvonne Bouknight*

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**Yvonne Bouknight** - February 02, 2017 at 09:32 PM

PF

“ *Pepito and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ofelia C Hernandez.*



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**Pepito and Family** - February 02, 2017 at 07:40 PM

CR

“ *Clifford and Renee Rosebohm purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Ofelia C Hernandez.*



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**Clifford and Renee Rosebohm** - February 02, 2017 at 07:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ofelia C Hernandez.*



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February 02, 2017 at 05:30 PM

JA

“ *Lou and Amy, I am so very sorry for your loss. Saying goodbye to a loved one is never easy--especially a wonderful, loving and kind mom. I pray you take comfort in all the memories and knowing that your mom is at home with Jesus in eternal peace! Blessings, hugs and much love, Janelle & family*

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**Janelle** - February 02, 2017 at 05:17 PM

JP

“ *Ofelia was one of the first "grown-ups" I knew as a very young child. She and the whole Hernandez gang were part of our church family and we all grew up together with the Hernandez children. Loved spending time with that family at BBQ's, birthday parties, Christmas, and sleepovers. I will always remember Ofelia as a kind and loving woman. So sorry to see her pass, but I take comfort in her everlasting life in Heaven with our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

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**John Piloni** - February 02, 2017 at 02:51 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ofelia C Hernandez.*



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February 02, 2017 at 01:57 PM