



# Mercedes Costa Lara

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## **Mercedes Costa Lara**

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**M**ercedes Costa Lara, of Cape Coral, passed peacefully on Thursday, April 6, 2023. Mercedes was born September 16, 1944, to Jose “Pepe” and Augustina “Pilar” Costa in Manzanillo, Cuba.

Mercedes has called America her home since her early teenage years. Although her sentiments were in Cuba she was a proud American who was grateful to be a citizen of the United States. She had held her faith very close and had been a member of St. Andrew's church and a devoted practitioner to her Lord. Aside from her faith Mercedes was a passionate and joyful dancer. She was a wonderful ballroom dancer, but found her passion with Argentine Tango in which she danced beautifully with her heart - a true Tanguera. She spent her life as an avid gym goer, natural athlete and sports enthusiast for all of her children's events. Mercedes is known on the fields of popwarner football and little league girls softball in her time - she was the loudest one there. Mercedes' life was one devoted to her four children, as a protector or a cheerleader, Mercedes' life was focused on her kids. Her four children were her reason for being. Mercedes was a very loving woman, deemed as “carinosa” by many who met her. If you knew her, you were fortunate to feel her love for you - her touch was of sweetness and pure love. Mercedes was a stay at home mother for many years, but as her children became older she worked as a medical transcriptionist, legal secretary, and real estate broker selling land in Cape Coral. Mom was the jack of all trades and stepped up to help provide for her family at times working many jobs at once. Mercedes was a true gem to her family.

Mercedes is preceded in passing by her parents, Pepe and Pilar, and her brother Jose “Papito” Costa.

Mercedes leaves her loving memory with her beloved survivors, children Miguel (Christine) Lara of Cape Coral, Luis Lara of Cape Coral, Raul (Melissa) Lara of Cape Coral, and Mercedes Lara of Cape Coral, grandchildren Alexa, Miguel, Brady, and Sophia, Brandi and Brittany, sister Martha Ramos, her cherished nieces Janette Leombruno (David) and Irene Read (Alex Sotolongo). She also leaves behind her companion, her dog, Taquita whom she loved very much.



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Mercedes family has entrusted Fort Myers Memorial Gardens with the tender care of her final arrangements. There will be a service held at St. Andrew Catholic Church 2628 Del Prado Blvd S, Cape Coral, FL 33904 on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 11AM and she will be laid to rest immediately following at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

At the families request in lieu of flowers please make donation in Mercedes memory to Hope Hospice.


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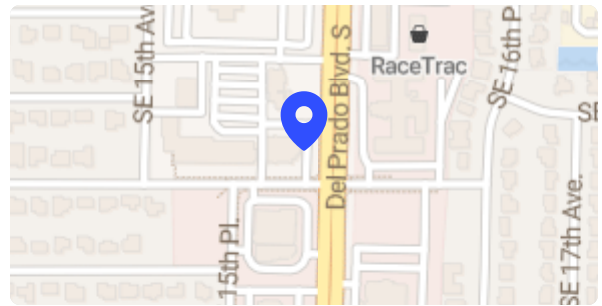


### Funeral Mass

 **Thursday**, April 13, 2023

 11:00 AM ET

 **St Andrew's Church**  
2628 De Prado Blvd, Cape Coral FI 33914





## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Lara family.

April 12 at 3:07 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Lara family.

April 12 at 9:40 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Light to the Lara family.

April 11 at 11:00 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Days of Sunshine Bouquet to the Lara family.

April 11 at 8:42 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sweet Solace Spray to the Lara family.

April 10 at 2:55 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Lara family.

April 10 at 8:23 AM





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**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Lara family.



April 9 at 5:07 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Lara family.



April 8 at 5:14 PM



**Gary Lamotte** posted:

She was a fine dancer and a warm wonderful woman. She will be missed. Bet she is dancing the West coast Swing in heaven. Shared by Gary LaMotte

April 8 at 8:49 AM



**Isis Alzugaray** lit a candle in honor of Mercedes.

I met Mercedes at M&N dance . She loved dancing tango but enjoyed very much to dance to the Cuban salsa . It brought a smile to her face every time . We shared stories before practice classes , and always encouraged me to do more in dance. Mercedes will always live in my heart 💜 my condolences to the family and friends

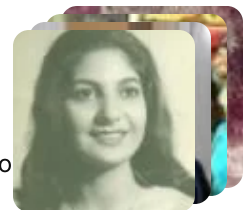


April 8 at 7:46 AM



**Jeanette Leombruno** shared 15 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My beautiful Aunt Mercedes started my dance journey 12 years ago with Argentine Tango and it lead to ballroom dancing. We both share such a passion for dance and especially family. Pictures weren't really her thing but I'm blessed to have captured a few. The greatest gift were her children, she raised them with all her love. I'm so grateful I get to be part of this family and experienced her love. Her laughter was rich and full, she loved being young at heart. I'll always have a connection to her as our souls are very close. I love you my darling Aunt Tia Mercedes, you'll be forever in my heart. God bless.



April 8 at 6:13 AM



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**Jeanette Leombruno** lit a candle in honor of Mercedes.

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April 8 at 6:13 AM





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April 8 at 6:31 AM

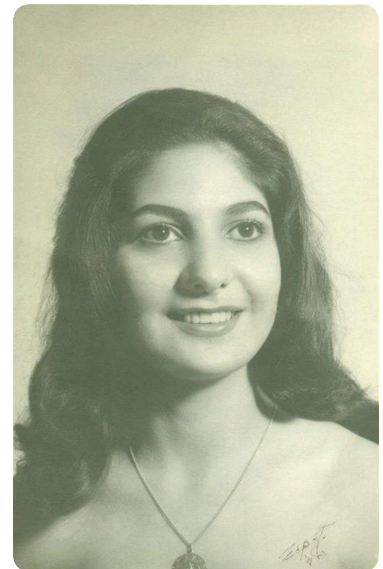
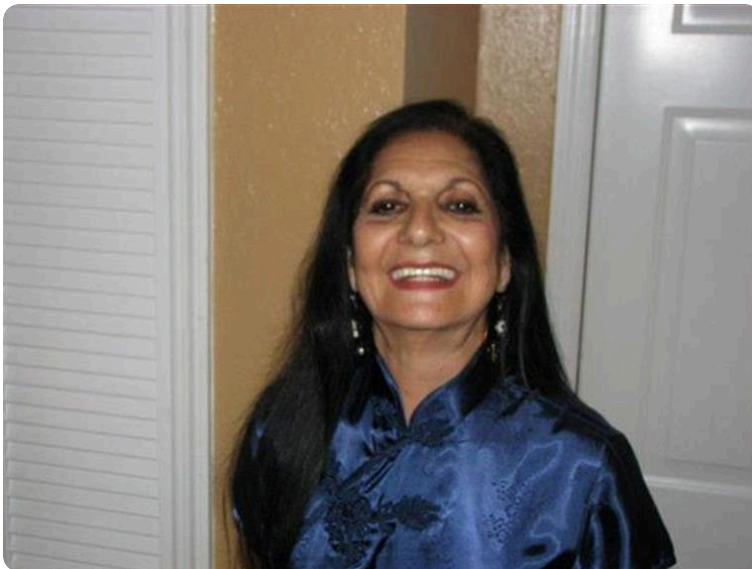




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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Mercedes by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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