



Estrella Gabriele-Garcia

September 19, 1933 - October 9, 2023

Estrella Gabriele-Garcia, 90, of Manassas, Va., formerly of Emerson, N.J., passed away October 9th, 2023. She was born in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, on September 19, 1933, to Nicholas and Elena (Paranky) Gabriele. Known as “Mami,” “Tia Mami,” “Lady E,” or “Mrs. G.,” she was the youngest of eleven siblings. She is predeceased by her parents and all her loving brothers and sisters: Victoria Mansoor, Adela Gabriele, Jorge Gabriele, Alexandra Gabriele, Constantino Gabriele, Julia Yacaman, Julio Gabriele, Ernesto Gabriele, Carim Gabriele, and Elena Acosta. She is also predeceased by her husband of 31 years, Raul Garcia. She is survived by her daughter, Dr. Lisette Garcia (Craig Bennett), and her son, Andre Garcia.

Estrella studied at Instituto Oficial José Trinidad Reyes and in 1954 she immigrated to New York City with her mother and sister, Alexandra. While in New York she had the opportunity to pursue her passion of acting, appearing in several Spanish language tele-novelas before becoming a licensed real estate agent in New Jersey and founding American Homestead Realty. She would return to her acting career later in life and appeared as an extra in various programs filmed in the New York metropolitan area including *The Sopranos* and *Law and Order: SVU*. Estrella was a proud member of SAG/AFTRA. A creative person at heart, who loved to entertain everybody she also wrote poetry and recited it for family members every opportunity she had, and she enjoyed reciting her poems at various events and libraries

across New Jersey, with the performing group Poet X.

Estrella was also an active member of the Emerson community and an advocate for girls' sports. She is fondly remembered as "Mrs. G" to the girls she managed in the Emerson softball league and Andre and Lisette's friends from Emerson JR/SR High School. Early in life she received the nickname "Mami", what started as a childhood prank would eventually define who she would become. She welcomed all with a warm heart, her cheerful demeanor, and was always ready with a happy smile for everyone. She truly was a mom to all and knew how to light up a room.

We remember Estrella for her fun-loving spirit and the knack she had for making everyone around her happy. We invite you to join us for a celebration of her life on Saturday, November 25, 2023, at 3 p.m. at Pierce Funeral Home 9609 Centerville Rd., Manassas, Va. For those unable to attend in person, the family has made a virtual option available, please visit <https://www.piercefh.com/> for more information.

There were few things that mom believed in more than the power of education, the family asks that in lieu of flowers that you make a donation in her honor to Collegiate Directions Inc. or to help find a cure for the disease that took her life Alzheimer's Association.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **25**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
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Tribute Wall



“ *Pierce Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Estrella Gabriele-Garcia*



Pierce Funeral Home - October 27, 2023 at 07:02 AM

JS

“ *I just discovered that Estrella passed away at 90. She was a talented poet and mentor. Her writings seemed effortless and cultured. Estrella was a beautiful light to me. Her gentle smile offered a genuine emotion. I knew she relocated to Virginia to be with her daughter's familia. Godspeed mi amiga.*

Jt Smith - August 29, 2025 at 01:22 AM

LG

Thank you for sharing your kind words about my mom. She is missed.

LG - October 06, 2025 at 06:19 PM

HG

“ Our deepest Condolences to Andre and Lisette. I remember when we first moved to Emerson, my daughter Linda signed up for softball. Estrella was a coach and welcomed us with her friendly smile. When the team had a mother/daughter game, I said I've never played softball, don't know what to do, Estrella gave me a quick little training session, and I played great and even got a hit. I really had never played sports, except for ping pong, so this was a real treat for me. I never forgot that and I don't think she did either, anytime I met her at a store, or in the park, she was always smiling and very friendly. May God be holding you in his arms, dear Estrella

Hilda Gonzalez - November 25, 2023 at 12:11 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Estrella Gabrie-Garcia.



November 24, 2023 at 05:06 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Estrella Gabrie-Garcia.



November 24, 2023 at 01:45 PM

EM

“ Erica M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Estrella Gabrie-Garcia.

Erica M. - November 23, 2023 at 11:19 AM

TF

“ The Mansoor Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Estrella Gabrie-Garcia.

The Mansoor Family - November 22, 2023 at 10:49 AM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Estrella Gabrie-Garcia.



November 22, 2023 at 10:49 AM

AW

“ Such a beautiful person inside and out. She will be missed on earth but she will remain in the hearts of many. My deepest condolences to the family and my Hermana Lissette 🙏

Ana Luz Williams - November 19, 2023 at 05:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Estrella Gabrie-Garcia.

November 19, 2023 at 05:48 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Estrella Gabrie-Garcia.*



November 08, 2023 at 09:48 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Estrella Gabrie-Garcia.

November 02, 2023 at 11:20 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Estrella Gabrie-Garcia.*



November 02, 2023 at 11:20 PM