



## Maria (Fina) Boitel

May 13, 2013

Maria J. (Fina) Boitel, 95, of Quarryville, PA, died Saturday, May 11, 2013, at Lancaster General Hospital. Born in Santiago, Cuba, she was the daughter of the late Eleuterio Perez and Elvira Gonzalez. She was the widow of Gerardo Boitel.

Fina resided in Brooklyn, NY for 50 years, where she worked for Femia Fashions until her retirement and was a member of the ILGWU. She relocated to Country View Manor in Quarryville in 2012. Fina enjoyed reading, keeping in touch with her friends and family, and was an excellent cook. She loved animals, particularly her cat Friskie, her grand-pugs and grand-kitties. She attended St. Saviour's Church while living in Brooklyn and more recently joined the parish of St. Catherine of Siena Church.

She is survived by her daughters Maria M. Cairol of Brooklyn, NY and Cristina F. Boitel of Delta, PA and her granddaughters Michelle P. Cairol and Margaret M. Cairol. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerardo Boitel, her son, Carlos Cardenas, and her sister, Blanca Perez.

Her remains will be interred at Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, NY at a date to be arranged. Contributions may be made in her memory to the American Heart Association, 610 Community Way, Lancaster, PA 17603 ([www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)).



# Tribute Wall



“ *Maria (Fina) Boitel*

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October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Fina Perez era una chispa, una dama bien cariñosa quien siempre no dio la verdad. ¡Nunca te olvidare, t&#237;a abuela! - Con todo amor y respeto, Rafael Alberto*

*Fina Perez was a spitfire, a loving lady who always gave us the truth. I will treasure the time spent in Brooklyn at the Roosevelt Arms with her, Yayo, Blanca, my grandparents Ponce and Maria Felicia, Cristina, Carlito, Maggie, Miguelito, Michelle & Margara, los canarios and Blondie. Thank you for being such a strong and positive influence in my life; I will never forget you!*

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**Rafael Alberto** - May 19, 2013 at 11:37 AM

AB

“ *Fina was quite a woman. My comments below don't begin to scratch the surface.*

*Fina was –*

*Very funny, with a terrific sense of humor – her ready and at times mischievous smile enticed participation in her delight*

*Wonderfully generous, forgiving, broad-minded and empathetic – to/of most everyone and everything*

*Supremely intelligent and articulate – sharing a conversation with Fina was a stimulating and often educational pleasure. The few times we spoke on the telephone after she moved to Pennsylvania, we talked for long stretches and could have continued longer.*

*Deliciously warm, caring and loving – Fina's hugs were real and from her heart*

*I deeply wish I'd found more time to share with her. It is my loss that I did not. My beloved Tio Gerardo chose well.*

*Fina, mi mucho cari#241;o y aprecio estan contigo. Siento tu tierna presencia al escribir estas palabras. Gracias.*

*Te quiere,*

*Any*

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**Ana Maria Boitel** - May 18, 2013 at 01:46 PM

CB

“ *Adi&#243;s Fina. Has sido la mejor madre que pod&#237;a desear. Parte de mi se fue contigo pero se que aun vives en mi. Dear mom, your 95 years brought many adventures, rewards and challenges. Throughout it you kept your positive attitude, your sense of what was right (you certainly knew your own mind), a mischievous sense of humor; deep faith, the belief that we are here to help one another. I will miss sharing so much with you. I'm so proud and grateful to have had you for a mom.*

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**Cristina Boitel** - May 17, 2013 at 12:54 PM

EG

“ *I am so saddened to hear of great aunt Fina's passing. She and Tio Gerardo were always so kind and thoughtful - they never failed to send me and my sister birthday and Christmas greetings, every year. Despite the miles, aunt Fina was always close to my heart. I sincerely regret that I never had a chance to visit her in New York, and give her a great big hug. I hope she knew how loved she was, by so many people near and far.*

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**Elizabeth Gough** - May 16, 2013 at 11:45 PM

JD

“ *I did not know Fina Boitel very well. I did know that she was very gracious, kind, and polite to me. I loved hearing her stories, and I enjoyed her honesty and up frontness. Fina could "shoot straight from the hips with both barrels".She knew her own mind.*

*At 95 years old, Fina was sharp and witty. She always had a sense of humor and wisdom enough to know when to use it.*

*Those who knew her very well will miss her dearly.*

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**J. Doyle** - May 16, 2013 at 10:27 AM

ME

“ Fina was very dear to me. To start she was my mother's best friend and knew me since since I was born. Her daughter Maguie and I are best friends also.

Fina was like a very dear aunt to me, always ready to talk and smiling. She called me her "designer" because I made things for her like a bag for her walker and other things that she liked.

When she moved from NY I talk to her every day, her mind was very sharp until the end.  
I am missing her a lot. May God keep her by his side.

Elena

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**Maria Elena** - May 16, 2013 at 03:07 AM

MC

“ It is hard to imagine not seeing my Grandmother again. I love her very much, as much as my Grandfather, even though she always joked with me that I didn't. I hope that they are together again, I know she missed him as much as I do. I can only hope that I will be reunited with them myself one day when it is my time. The loss of both of them leaves a hole in my heart that cannot be filled.

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**Margaret Cairol** - May 14, 2013 at 09:39 PM

MI

“ I will always remember Fina's smile. She was always happy but was also very strong-willed. While I always remember her great cooking, I Also remember that grampa Gerardo was great at cooking meats and fish. The meals they put together for the holidays were memorable. It was always great to get the family together for all occasions.

I am glad I was able to give her the companionship of my cat Frisky. I missed him but he always recognized me when I visited the Boitels.

She lived a long an fruitful life. I am so glad that we were all able to speak with her before she passed on on Saturday. She was clear-minded and peaceful. Her last words were to tell me to take care of myself and the girls.

I am sure I can speak for Michelle and Margaret and of course her daughter Maggie when I say we will never forget her and will have Very fond memories of her.

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**Miguel** - May 14, 2013 at 08:44 PM

MC

“ I loved my mother very much but now she is gone, I think I never said it enough. She was a great mother. I know she is now at peace with God. Love you Mom

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**Maria Cairol** - May 14, 2013 at 07:51 PM

GL

“ I am so sorry to hear of Fina's passing. Fina was a loving, strong, honest person who I loved, admired, and respected very much. I will treasure my memories of time spent in Brooklyn with Fina and Yayo for the rest of my life. My prayers and thoughts are with Christina, Maggie, Michelle, Margaret, and other members of the family.

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**Gloria** - May 14, 2013 at 07:29 PM

JE

“ *Such a beautiful tribute...  
Michelle I am so sorry for the loss of your Grandmother..  
My sympathy to you & all your family..may your  
your memories comfort you during your time of grief & may you also  
find comfort knowing peace is now hers.  
Love & prayers,  
Jenna*

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**Jenna** - May 14, 2013 at 02:03 PM

JB

“ *My thoughts are with you, Michelle, and your Family during this  
difficult time ~*

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**Janna B.** - May 14, 2013 at 01:34 PM

MI

“ *My Grandmother was such an amazing person! She had such a  
great sense of humor and always made me laugh. I miss her so  
much! I know she is watching me and is reunited with Abuelo, Tia,  
Carlos, and Friskie. Love you Grandma!*

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**Michelle** - May 13, 2013 at 05:09 PM