



Maria Esther Cuevas

March 30, 1928 - June 2, 2025

Maria Esther Cuevas (Esther), 97, passed away on June 2, 2025, in Portland, Oregon. Esther was born on March 30, 1928 in Lares, Puerto Rico, to Jose and Gabriela Cuevas. Esther married Adrian Crespo Ruiz in 1950, they had 62 years together. The couple had 2 children, Juan & Albert.

Esther lived in Puerto Rico until they Moved to Manhattan, New York in 1963, then to the Bronx in 1964. Esther raised Juan and Albert on her own there until her husband was able to come over. In New York she worked at a hand bag company. She made sure her boys went to Catholic school and stayed out of trouble.

They moved to Oregon in 1982. Esther was best known for her love of God. She has always had her own altar in her room and would pray for everyone. Her most precious gift was caring for her family especially her grandchildren. She loved cooking, singing, dancing and watching her favorite soap operas. She would cook all day long with no recipes just by taste. She would still dance when her spanish music was on this past year. Her love for everyone was infectious.

Esther is survived by Juan Ruiz (Judy)-son, Albert Ruiz-son, Brianna Sledz(Austin) - granddaughter, Skylar Ruiz - granddaughter, Mario Ruiz(Wai lin) - grandson, Krystal Ruiz - granddaughter, Klaudia Albany(Dwayne) - great-granddaughter, Noah, Aiden and Karolina Albany great great-grandchildren, Elijah Morales-great grandson, Lany Blanco(Alex) - granddaughter, Rio and Kai Blanco great-grandsons, Carmen Ortiz - sister, many nieces, nephews. and great nieces and nephews.

Esther is preceded in death by Jose Cuevas - father, Gabriela Cuevas - mother, Adrian Crespo Ruiz- husband, Louisa Justiano - sister, Rosita Hermida-sister

The service for Esther will be held on June 27th, 11:00 at St. Henry's Catholic Church.

Memorial donations can be made in Esther's name to Catholic Charities.

Previous Events

Rosary

JUN 27. 10:30 AM (PT)

St. Henry Catholic Parish
346 NW 1st Street
Gresham, OR 97030

Service

JUN 27. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Henry's Catholic Church
346 NW 1st Street
Gresham, OR 97030

Tribute Wall

AG

“ *Andrea & Gary purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Maria Esther Cuevas.*



Andrea & Gary - June 26, 2025 at 01:40 PM

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“ *Andrea & Gary planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Esther Cuevas.*

Andrea & Gary - June 26, 2025 at 01:40 PM

JD

“ *Jon & Darlene Davis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Esther Cuevas.*

Jon & Darlene Davis - June 24, 2025 at 12:14 PM

JD

“ *Jon & Darlene Davis purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Maria Esther Cuevas.*



Jon & Darlene Davis - June 24, 2025 at 12:14 PM

 Diana Bullen

“ *Diana Bullen lit a candle in memory of Maria Esther Cuevas*



Diana Bullen - June 17, 2025 at 11:36 PM

JU



Judy - July 10, 2025 at 11:06 PM

JO

“ I will miss you very much
RIP Aunt Esther 😭🙏



Johnny Ortiz - June 17, 2025 at 08:17 AM

JU

She loved you Johnny❤️

Judy - June 17, 2025 at 11:35 PM

KJ

“ Kirsten Jennings lit a candle in memory of Maria Esther Cuevas



Kirsten Jennings - June 16, 2025 at 10:34 PM

JU

“ Judy lit a candle in memory of Maria Esther Cuevas



Judy - June 16, 2025 at 10:08 PM