



## Sofia Torres

April 21, 1926 - June 4, 2025

Sofia Torres passed away peacefully at age 99 on Wednesday June 4, 2025. She was born to Isidro and Altagracia Torres in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico on April 21, 1926, and moved to New York City as a young woman. Sofia worked as a seamstress at several garment factories in Manhattan to support her family. She had a heart of gold that benefited everyone who knew her, even in difficult times. Always exceedingly kind and generous, Sofia welcomed countless friends and family members to her kitchen table, where they would enjoy her delicious traditional Puerto Rican dishes. Her pasteles, pernil, and arroz con gandules were beyond compare! In addition to her culinary talents, Sofia created exquisite hand-made lace with remarkable artistry and technique. While she lived a modest life, Sofia was an unforgettable matriarch who will always be remembered for proudly passing down cultural traditions like celebrating a parranda with a joyous spirit. Sofia Torres will be dearly missed by her family, including her daughter Iluminada (Lucy) Rubin, granddaughters Sydelle Rubin-Dienstfrey (husband Andrew Dienstfrey) and Allison Rubin (partner Thomas Rudolph), great-grandsons William and Benjamin Dienstfrey, as well as loved ones Irma Davila, Edwin Davila, Sandra Rein, and Nancy Campo. Sofia was the last to survive of her seventeen siblings, and she was predeceased by her husband Augustin Hernandez, her son Pedro (Peter) Diaz, her son-in-law Irwin Rubin, and Candido Davila. A burial service will be held at Cedar Park Cemetery. In lieu of sending flowers, a simple act of

kindness would be the perfect way to honor her memory.