



## Amalia Carrasquillo Gerrish

November 13, 1932 - July 7, 2020

Amalia Rodas Carrasquillo Gerrish, 87, of Naples, FL and Londonderry, NH, passed away on July 7, 2020 in Naples, Florida.

Amalia was born in Bayamón, Puerto Rico, to Osvaldo Rodas and Ángela Díaz. She attended Bayamón High School, the University of Puerto Rico and Mills College of Education in New York from where she graduated in 1953 and also earned a Master's in Special and Bilingual Education from Boston University in 1979. She spent 46 years teaching elementary school in the Antilles Consolidated Schools in San Juan, Puerto Rico as well as the Boston Public Schools. Amalia is best described as having a passion for learning, always developing new ideas about how to make teaching meaningful and fun things to do with the students.

In 1956 she married her high school sweetheart, Pedro A. Carrasquillo of Vega Alta, Puerto Rico, and they were married for 37 years until his death in 1993. Together they raised five children who now live in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Florida and California. She was proud of her children's accomplishments and was delighted with her grandchildren's successes.

Amalia retired from teaching in 1999 and moved to Londonderry, New Hampshire where she met her future husband Scott Gerrish. They married in 2000 and he quickly became her protector, counselor and friend. For a

number of years they travelled between Florida and New Hampshire until permanently settling down in Naples, Florida. Their relationship was a second chance at romance for both of them. Her husband, Scott, and her close friend, Ivette Delucca, lovingly cared for her during the last few years of her life. The family gives them and everyone else who cared for Amalia their greatest and warmest gratitude. Her lovely spirit will live on with all of us.

She is survived by her husband Scott, her children, Pedro O. Carrasquillo, Jose A. Carrasquillo, Pedro A. Carrasquillo, Pedro L. Carrasquillo and Margarita Daouk, their spouses, her stepchildren, Scott Gerrish Jr., Caren Perdigao, Glenn Gerrish, their spouses, 15 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren as well as a number of other loving relatives and close friends.

A memorial service will be planned at some point in the future. In lieu of flowers, please make a "Memorial Gift in Memory of Amalia Gerrish" donation to the Hope Lutheran Church, 25999 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs, FL 34135.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home and Crematory. Family Owned and Operated Since 1978

# Tribute Wall



“ *Amalia Carrasquillo Gerrish*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Dear Scott, I just happened on the obituary of Amalia, we are so sorry that this note is so belated. When I think of Amalia, I smile because she was such a caring person and I enjoyed our time together at Questers... We send caring thoughts to you and your family...*

*Hugs, Bruce and Allyson Needham*

**Allyson Needham** - May 09, 2021 at 12:05 PM



“ *Never a more warm or welcoming person in our neighborhood...always a smile and kind word for us all! Fond memories always of Amalia. Our thoughts & prayers go out to Scott and extended family.*

*God bless,  
Tom & Kathy Morrison*

**The Morrisons** - July 16, 2020 at 10:42 AM

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“ *Amalia was a beautiful, bright and gracious lady with a big heart and a twinkle in her eye. Her kind ways endeared her to our family. We were blessed to have her as a neighbor and friend. My condolences to Scott and your extended family.*

*In friendship,  
Patt Decker*

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**Patt Decker** - July 15, 2020 at 04:30 PM

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“ *From the first time I met Amalia, a neighbor at Longlake Village, I knew she would become a friend, caring, kind, and always smiling. She was gracious and personable at every party held here and never once did I ever see her not smiling! Her secret was to live each day and delight in her surroundings...and that she did...there is a new angel smiling down on all of her friends and loved ones! Rest in peace sweet Amalia...*

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**Eileen Dixon** - July 15, 2020 at 04:01 PM