



# Mercedes Best Styne

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## **Mercedes Best Styne**

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**S**TYNE, MERCEDES BEST October 4, 1910 to January 21, 2011 Our beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend passed away on January 21 at the age of 100. Mercedes was born in Barcelona, Spain to Rosa Bertran and Rosendo Tarrida. She lived in Cuba as a young girl and moved to the United States at the age of 18. There, she met and married the love of her life, Harry Best. Mercedes was an avid traveler and was fluent in several languages. She visited 72 countries during her long life and gave educational lectures on her knowledge of world cultures. Mercedes' rich life experiences inspired the writing of her memoirs, *My Avant-Garde Mother and Me* which she completed at the age of 96. Mercedes is survived by her son, Henry Best (Ruth); grand daughters, Kim van Ark (Mark) and Kris Best (Tom); and her great grandson, Grant van Ark. She is preceded in death by her parents; brother Fermin and husbands, Harry Best, Warren Soned and Alexander Styne. Mercedes will be laid to rest next to her husband, Harry, at South Memorial Cemetery in North Miami, Florida. The family of Mercedes wishes to thank the caring staff of the Pueblo Norte Retirement Community in Scottsdale, Arizona which was her home since 1998. VAN ORSDEL CORAL GABLES




## Events

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### Service

 **Monday**, January 1, 1900

 12:00 AM ET

 Private Services



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