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**M**arcia Van Vliet Suarez, RN, 71, of Coral Gables, Florida, passed away on Thursday, July 5th, 2024, at her home in Coral Gables. She was born in Orlando, Florida, on April 23, 1953, to her loving parents, Howard E. Van Vliet, Lt. Col. U.S. Air Force, and Jane E. Smith Van Vliet. Like many military families, Marcia lived in various places, including England, France, Germany, and several cities in the United States.

She completed her high school education at Maynard Evans High School in Orlando, Florida, in 1971. She later earned degrees in Radiologic Technology and Nursing from Valencia Community College in Orlando.

After moving to Miami, Florida, Marcia worked for many years at Jackson Memorial/University of Miami Medical Center as a nurse in the trauma service and later in the operating room. It was at Jackson Memorial that she met her future husband, Carlos A. Suarez, MD.

Marcia eventually left hospital nursing to become a devoted mother and to manage her husband's surgical practice, a role she carried out with great love and compassion for her patients. She continued in this role until 2022.

She and Carlos were blessed with three beautiful children: Christina Lee Suarez and her son Crimson; Jennifer Suarez Cameron, her husband Lee, and their sons August and Adrian; and Michael Anthony Suarez and his daughter Alexis. Carlos's daughters from a previous marriage, Deanna Suarez Paterna and Catherine Suarez Menendez, her husband Manny, and their children, Manuel, Christopher, and Isabella, also survive her, along with many nieces and nephews.

Marcia was preceded in death by her father, Howard, and her mother, Jane. In addition to her husband and children, she is survived by her loving sisters, Terry Van Vliet Cravey, her husband John, and their son Jamie Riddle; and Brenda Van Vliet Pepke, her husband Tim, and their children, Brandy Moss Keller, Kala Moss, and Wayne Moss.



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Marcia's passions included remodeling and decorating her homes, baking, and designing jewelry. She was a kind soul whose smile, wisdom, sense of humor, and love for her family and friends will be deeply missed by all who knew her.



# Tribute Wall

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**Fulvia Barrera** posted:

To the Suarez family... I was saddened to find out about Marcia's death! Very sorry for your great loss... Even though I only knew Marcia for a few months, while working with her as her physical therapist, I can attest to her determination and perseverance. May you rest in Peace. 🙏

November 14 at 5:50 PM



**Stephen G. Rosean** lit a candle in honor of MARCIA.

A most Elegant and Wonderful Lady. I will miss the Great Class you gave us all. Rest in Peace Marcia.

September 28 at 2:29 AM



**Anita Roberts** posted:

Marcia was our first cousin. Bonnie and thought she was like a doll. We didn't see her often but truly loved her. She will be missed

September 27 at 3:16 PM



**Brenda Pepke** posted:

Being the youngest of the 3 Van Vliet girls afforded me a great opportunity to observe choices my sisters made! Marcia was always driven. With her strong personality she never settled. She set goals and achieved them! She was an amazing role model. Never judged me for some wrong choices I made just loved me and lead the way by example! I will carry her with me as I walk thru this life and make her proud. Until we meet again. I love you and miss you. Brenda Pepke.

September 27 at 2:26 PM

**EN Elizabeth A. Noble** October 1 at 6:49 AM

I go along with what Roberta said, Miss Brenda and family. I am so sorry for your loss. May the Good Lord wrap His loving arms around you and the family during your time of grief and loss. Elizabeth A. Noble.

**RO Roberta** September 28 at 6:31 PM

So sorry for your loss Brenda & family. If she was like her sister, Brenda I know she was a pleasure to know & those that crossed paths with her are truly Blessed ♥



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**Christina** shared a photo to the **Family Photos** album.



September 27 at 1:38 PM



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**Terry Cravey** posted:

My Marcia, wonderful sister, best friend and wise counselor. Dearly loved in this life. Missed, until we see you again. Terry & John Cravey

September 27 at 1:32 PM

**K** **Karen Thomas** February 27 at 4:39 PM

Oh my goodness! I had no idea Marcia passed away almost 2 years ago! I knew Marcia from high school in Orlando. I was there from the 9th grade on; can't recall exactly when Marcia and I met. We were good friends throughout. I was also at her home quite a bit during those years. It was especially fun to visit there as the Van Vliet's had a pool in the back yard! When we were younger and neither of us had a car, we would ride the city bus to go downtown shopping! What great fun was that!! Occasionally, we even went to church together around the Orlando area. We kept in touch briefly during the years afterward. I knew she and Carlos were together; I knew about her children; she even sent me a few pictures of the children when they were young and a picture of her and Carlos out for dinner. I can't hardly believe she is gone! About a year ago, I moved back to Florida for the first time since high school. Relocated to Naples, Florida to work as Risk Manager at one of the hospitals in town. People from here are always going across Alligator Alley to the Fort Lauderdale area; dinner, shopping, concerts, etc. So I knew we were in close proximity. I had intended to contact Marcia to see if we could get together and catch up on life's events... There is a God in heaven who knows and loves each one of us. Marcia must have something special to do for Him in the spirit world. Families will be together there! Eventually, the body and the spirit will be rejoined at the time of the resurrection. It seems like a long time to wait and to be apart from those we love. But it is only a blip in the overall scheme of life! Marcia was everything others have said in these messages: talented, smart, a good mother and life partner, a caring and competent RN and a wonderful friend! Marcia was a great friend with whom to navigate those last years of high school with! She was a bright light in this sometimes dim and murky world! Enjoy your time in that place Marcia, where all toil and troubles are gone and the Savior wipes away all tears! You deserve all peace and happiness! I think and hope we will see each other again... I don't know her circle of friends and family these days but I well remember sisters Terry and Brenda! I can even see you Terry and Brenda "in the mind's eye", as you looked many years ago! God's choicest blessings to each one of you, always!Karen (Shatley) now Thomas(615) 803-3320 (live in Naples but have TN phone #)

**CK** **Constantine Kitsos** September 27 at 5:02 PM

I have known Marcia since her nursing days at Jackson Memorial Hospital when she married Carlos. She was a careful nurse and always cared for her patients in a gentle and calming manner. Her pleasant demeanor was evident throughout her entire life. In raising her three children, in helping Carlos with his patients and office as well as planning and organizing her home she was loving, competent, efficient and enjoyed her role. She will be missed by both my wife and myself and may the Lord allow her the peace and tranquility she deserves. Con and Claudia Kitsos



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**Patty Ward** September 27 at 3:03 PM

My older sister by choice, not by birth. I grew up in their home. Terry and I were connected at the hip since 8th grade. A lot of years ago. So many memories and experiences. I love you Marcia, now and forever. We will see you again.



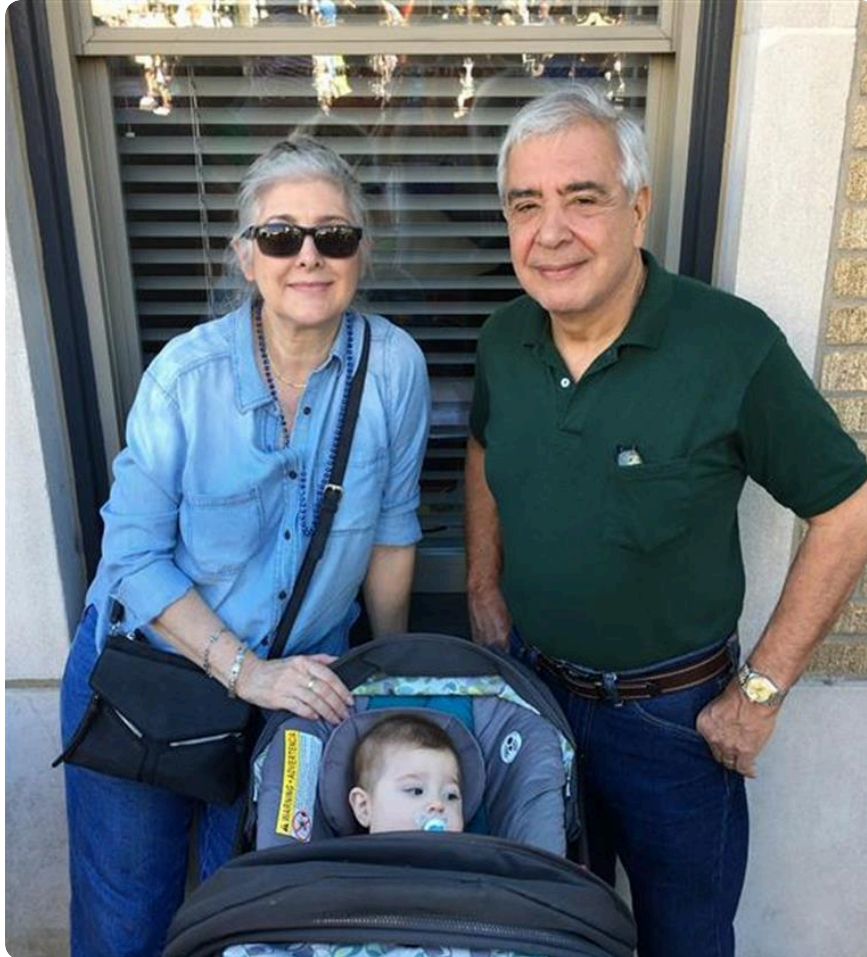
**Brenda Pepke** September 27 at 1:51 PM

Being the youngest of the 3 Van Vliet girls afforded me a great opportunity to observe choices my sisters made! Marcia was always driven. With her strong personality she never settled. She set goals and achieved them! She was an amazing role model. Never judged me for some wrong choices I made just loved me and lead the way by example! I will carry her with me as I walk thru this life and make her proud. Until we meet again. I love you and miss you. Brenda Pepke.



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Marcia & Carlos



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