



## Anastasia Olga Martinez Arbogast

May 2, 1926 - January 29, 2022

Anastasia Olga Martinez Perez Arbogast was a formidable, creative, caring, resilient woman who always kept everyone on their toes. Olga particularly liked sharing countless life lessons, and you knew to pay close attention when she wagged her finger and declared, “Let me tell you something.” She had a keen eye for those who were feeling vulnerable, often taking them under her wing and giving them the hope and encouragement they needed. She knew about vulnerability and struggle – as an immigrant from Cuba who spoke no English; as the mother of four, the youngest of whom battled addiction his entire life; and as a widow who created a new and vivacious life for herself, outliving her husband by 21 years.

Olga was born in Havana, Cuba. Her older brother and sister, Tino and Hilda, preceded her to the U.S., and she and her mother did what it took to overcome financial stress. They opened a boarding house near the University of Havana and started a catering business. In 1952, they also emigrated to the U.S. and lived in Odenton, Maryland. Despite her language barrier, she obtained a job at what was then National Plastics, where she met Bob Arbogast. They were married in 1953. In 1960, they moved to a home in Timber Ridge – a home that Bob built himself, under the careful “supervision” of Olga. There they raised four children.

Upon Bob’s death in 2000, Olga moved to Piney Orchard in Odenton and

became a regular at the O'Malley Senior Center, where she taught Spanish and challenged any taker to competitive games of chess. She also frequently hosted canasta nights at her lovely home, cooking up her Cuban favorites – black beans and rice with flan for dessert. In 2012, Olga moved to Sunrise Senior Living in Severna Park. Wherever she went, Olga became a loyal and caring friend to countless people.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert K. Arbogast (2000) and her son, Brian K. Arbogast (2001). She will be missed by her surviving family, including her children: Duane (Donna) Arbogast, Bob/Craig (Gia) Arbogast, and Myra (Brian) Baker; her grandchildren: Greg (Heather) Arbogast, Devin Arbogast, Whitney (Jamie) Hanson, and Jesse (Felicia) Baker; and her great grandchildren: Layton and Emma Arbogast.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Olga was a gift. A dear and special friend to my grandmother, my mother, and me. Sending loving condolences to her family.*

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**Tribute Store** - May 11, 2022 at 06:28 PM

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“ *Just found out about Olga's passing. She was a wonderful lady, and we always enjoyed our visits with her. She will live on in our hearts forever. Love, Annie*

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**Annie** - May 10, 2022 at 07:28 PM

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“ *Olga was a beloved friend, extraordinary neighbor while living at Chestnut Terrace and remarkable woman. She introduced me to Canasta (card game), which opened up a world of long-lasting friendships. I will never forget her avid storytelling, love of classical music and indomitable spirit. We particularly enjoyed chatting over meals at various eateries. -- Patrice Jones*

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**Patrice C. Jones** - February 08, 2022 at 10:41 AM

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“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Simplicity Cremation & Funeral Services*

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Anastasia Olga Martinez Arbogast** - February 02, 2022 at 04:42 PM