



## Asela Georgina Calves

March 23, 1956 - August 23, 2021

Asela Georgina Calves, affectionately known by many as Mrs. Chela or Momma Chela, joined her husband in the presence of their Lord and Savior on August 23, 2021. Chela was born in Matanzas, Cuba on March 23, 1956 to Daniel and Mercedes Rodriguez. In 1961, at the age of five, she came to the United States with her mom and five siblings, joining her father who was already in Miami waiting for their arrival. Through the years that followed, she served in her dad's church in the choir and youth group where she would meet the Calves family who also came from Cuba. It was then that she met Barbaro Calves and would later marry him in 1974 and have three children.

In 1991, the family moved to Hardee County where she became a proud member of the Hardee High Wildcats family. She began her career as an ESOL tutor and finished off her years as the front office receptionist. During her years at Hardee High she would be awarded as the SRP of the Year and be chosen as a "Whose Who Among America's Teachers". She retired just this May from the School System. It was her mission in life to love every person she met and came into contact with. She wanted every person to know that they were loved and cherished by her and her Savior Jesus Christ. One of her greatest attributes was her ability to make you feel like family because in her eyes you were her family, and she wanted you to know that.

Chela was a loving and devoted wife for 46 years and the incredible mother to

Daniel (Amy) Calves, Barbaro Calves Jr., and Aislynn (Reson) Holt. Her greatest title came when her first grandsons were born in 2006, “Kuku” and “Lita” to her grandsons Luk, Gregory, Logan, Brody, and Benjamin. She was the daughter of Mercedes Rodriguez, sister to Mercy (Stephen) Swander, Daniel (Susie) Rodriguez, Joel Rodriguez, and Margo (Russ) Bradley. She was also an aunt to many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bobby Calves, her father Daniel Rodriguez, brother Fernando Rodriguez, and niece Mercilet Marrero.

In Lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation made towards the Chela Calves Memorial Scholarship. Donations can be made to the Hardee County Education Foundation in memory of Asela “Chela” Calves and mailed to 1009 N. 6th Ave, Wauchula, FL. 33873.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **28**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Wauchula  
1570 West Main Street  
Wauchula, FL 33873  
(863) 773-4182  
<http://www.fbcwauchula.org/>

## Memorial Service

AUG **28**. 4:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Wauchula  
1570 W. Main Street  
Wauchula, FL 33873

# Tribute Wall

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“ Chela, was so *VERY DEAR* to us, more than a cousin. She was a friend and a sister in Christ. Always smiling and joyful. We Love you dear Chela, till we meet again!  
-Gloria, Thais, and the Reimherr- Gil- Cabrera Families.

Gloria Reimherr - August 28, 2021 at 03:57 PM



“ Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Asela Georgina Calves.



August 27, 2021 at 11:08 PM

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“ With greatest sympathy, The Gallo Family purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of Asela Georgina Calves.



With greatest sympathy, The Gallo Family - August 27, 2021 at 10:06 PM



“ Love's Embrace Roses – Purple was purchased for the family of Asela Georgina Calves.



August 27, 2021 at 04:12 PM

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“ *She was very loving and had a beautiful voice. Was a wonderful wife to Bob who loved her very much and enjoyed each of her children and grandchildren. Was very involved in the school and with the family. They're together now .*

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**Estela Jimenez** - August 27, 2021 at 04:02 PM