



## Nilda Reyes-Davis

April 30, 1942 - September 19, 2019

Nilda Reyes-Davis, 77, of Cedar Grove, North Carolina, passed away peacefully on Thursday September 19, 2019 at the Hock Family Pavilion, Durham, North Carolina. Nilda grew up in Ponce, Puerto Rico where she received her early education. She earned her teaching degree from St. Joseph's college, Long Island, NY., she then returned to Puerto Rico and taught English in grammar school. Nilda left teaching and worked as executive secretary in a local bank and in between jobs had some modeling training. In 1972 she was hired by American Airlines and trained in Dallas, before being assigned in New York City. Nilda flew international flights to the Caribbean, Paris, London over a 31-year career with an exemplary record and many awards until her retirement in 2003. Nilda earned admiration and respect from the airline crews under her direction as the purser of international flights to the Caribbean and Europe. But they also came to love her and become close friends.

Nilda married Frank Davis in 1977 and purchased a home in Montclair, NJ., moved to Franklin Lakes in 1984 and moved to North Carolina in 1993. Nilda and Frank had many good times away from home, traveling by motor home and staying at various campsites. She had a very deep faith and loved her church. She spent many happy hours singing in choirs and listening to music on a collection of her own CD'S. Nilda loved to decorate her homes and spent lots of time making every detail right. She had a prized piano, but due to a stroke in 2005 was not able to play afterwards. Nilda had an artistic flair and

prior to her stroke she produced some still life artwork as gifts to her family. The past year has required extensive nursing care. She had a strong will and constantly tried to improve her physical condition, always positive. Everyone that met Nilda came to know her as a great listener with a sincere interest in what you had to say. She had a fantastic smile that filled a room with her presence.

Nilda is the youngest of nine children and is survived by her husband Frank R. Davis, her sisters; Alicia Mentel and Zoraida Lopez. She is also survived by her grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 10am until the funeral service at 12 pm on Saturday September 28, 2019. Entombment will be held privately.

# Cemetery Details

**Burial will be Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

SEP **28.** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home  
2400 Shafto Road  
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712  
(732) 918-6200

### Funeral Service

SEP **28.** 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Nilda Reyes-Davis*.



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September 27, 2019 at 09:52 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of *Nilda Reyes-Davis*.



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September 27, 2019 at 09:48 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Nilda Reyes-Davis*.



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September 27, 2019 at 08:29 AM

KG

“ *Nilda loved music so much. I enjoyed listening to her favorites with her, Josh Groban, Andre Boccelli and Andy Williams singing Moon River. She also loved Don't Cry for me Argentina and If I Were A Rich Man from Fiddler on the Roof.* ”



**Kathleen Gunther** - September 26, 2019 at 10:13 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Nilda Reyes-Davis.* ”



September 26, 2019 at 10:07 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nilda Reyes-Davis.* ”



September 25, 2019 at 07:09 PM

DF

“ *Denise ODaly and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Nilda Reyes-Davis.* ”



**Denise ODaly and family** - September 25, 2019 at 09:24 AM

AF

“ Alicia Mentel and Family purchased the Divine Light for the family of Nilda Reyes-Davis.



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**Alicia Mentel and Family** - September 24, 2019 at 03:02 PM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Nilda Reyes-Davis.



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September 24, 2019 at 12:19 PM

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“ Familia López Reyes purchased the Ever Upward Bouquet for the family of Nilda Reyes-Davis.



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**Familia López Reyes** - September 23, 2019 at 08:44 PM

BH

“ Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Nilda Reyes-Davis



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**Bongarzone Funeral Home** - September 23, 2019 at 04:32 PM

DR

*Nilda was an inspiration to all who have come into her life, her divine beauty and everlasting love for her family and career is unprecedented. After 14 years of battle, it is now time to rest. Love you Ti-ti Nilda.*

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**drmentel17@gmail.com** - October 01, 2019 at 07:42 AM

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*Nilda was a beautiful person and a dear friend over the years and my husband and I send our deepest sympathy to her husband Frank and to her family.*

*I remember meeting her in 1962 on the first day that we each arrived at the St. Joseph's Novitiate in Brentwood, NY. She continued to serve as a Sister of St. Joseph for almost nine years. She inspired me with her love of God and with her spirit of kindness for all.*

*I will miss her.*

*--Marianne Tully (October 4, 2019)*

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**Marianne Tully** - October 04, 2019 at 04:11 PM