



Helena O. Cunningham

November 28, 2023

Helena O. Cunningham, 76, of Providence, RI passed away on November 28, 2023, days before her 77th birthday. She was preceded in death by her parents, Joaquin Olarte Rueda & María de Jesus Nieto de Olarte, and her sister, Alicia Olarte. She is survived by her children and their spouses: Amanda & Matt Cote of Attleboro, MA and Dave & Kathleen Cunningham of Warrenton, VA, and her grandchildren: Austin & Lucy Cote, and Grace, Caleb & Seth Cunningham. She also leaves her brothers and their spouses: Joaquin & María Ardila de Olarte of Colombia and Fernando Olarte & Claudia María Montes Villa of Panama, as well as several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Born in Bogotá, Colombia, she emigrated to the United States in 1973, lived in Blacksburg, VA for several years, and moved to Rhode Island in 1992. She was a devoted mother, she reveled in raising her children, and was delighted to dote on her grandchildren who called her “Bata”; they brought her boundless joy. Her endless love will be missed, but never forgotten.

Her hobbies included cooking, baking, and sewing—she used her talent to make several Halloween & dance costumes over the years. She built a successful career as a medical secretary, transcriptionist, and Spanish translator, and enjoyed being in a position of helping others.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations in Helena’s memory may

be made to the American Diabetes Association: <https://diabetes.org/ways-to-give/memorial-gift>