



# Sonia Bous

FEB 24, 1943 - JAN 25, 2026



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## **Sonia Bous**

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**L**izzie Sonia Bous, lovingly known as Mima, was born on February 24, 1943, in Matanzas, Cuba, and passed away on January 25, 2026, at 11:57 a.m., surrounded by her family, at the age of 82.

To her grandchildren and to many, she was Mima. A name spoken with comfort, warmth, and deep love. To the world, she was fierce, bold, passionate, and unwavering. She was a loving Mother, Sister, Tía, Madrina, Mima, Boss, and Friend, and she carried each role with strength, conviction, and devotion.

Sonia was a Christian woman whose faith was not quiet or passive. It was lived. It was practiced. It was fierce. She believed in truth, in freedom, and in standing against evil, no matter the cost.

She came from Cuba, where she witnessed firsthand the destruction and cruelty of communism. She did not turn away from that reality. She fought against it. She spoke against it. And she helped many escape it - opening doors, creating paths, and offering hope to those desperate for freedom.

America was not just a place she lived; it was a miracle she cherished. She understood what freedom meant because she had seen what its absence does to people.

To those who knew her best, Sonia was strong, opinionated, loving, protective, and unwavering. She taught her family that faith is not something to hide, that courage matters, and that good people must never stay silent in the face of evil.

Mima was safety. She was warmth. She was love without condition.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Emilia Laudelina Díaz Cruz and Rafael Cruz, and by her niece Miriam Cruz.



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She is survived by her beloved daughter Bibi Bous Loyola, her son-in-law Marino, her brother Rafael B. Cruz, her sister-in-law Eleanor, her niece Dr. Roxana Cruz, her nephew Senator Ted Cruz, his wife Heidi, and their children Caroline and Catherine, her grand-nephew Joey Cruz, her cherished grandchildren Audrey Sol Loyola Diaz and her spouse Andrew, and Diego Loyola and his spouse Grace. Tatiana Gallent and her children Bobby and his spouse Connie and their son Leo, and Julio and his spouse Angie and their son Julito, Pita Teniente, and the many adopted families she gathered and loved along the way.

Today, while our hearts are broken, we do not grieve without hope. We believe Sonia has been welcomed into Jesus' holy presence, restored, healed, and at peace.

Her legacy lives on in the lives she saved, the values she instilled, and the family she fought so hard to protect.


We will carry her faith forward.

We will carry her courage forward.

And we will never forget where we came from, or what she stood for.



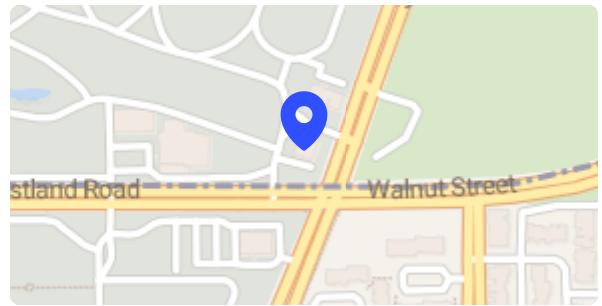
## Celebration of Life Memorial Service

 **Friday**, February 6, 2026


 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM CT

 **The Memorial Chapel at Restland Funeral Home**

13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas TX 75243



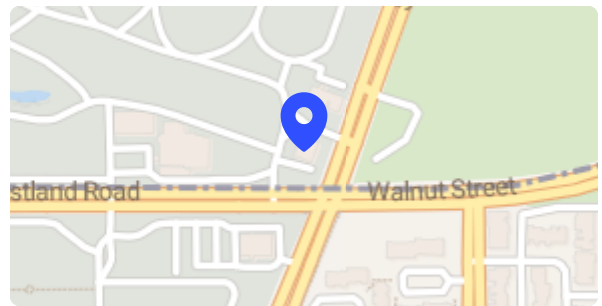
## Gathering of Family and Friends

 **Friday**, February 6, 2026

 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM CT

 **The Memorial Chapel at Restland Funeral Home**

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# Tribute Wall

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**Merling Barcelo** shared 5 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.



February 6 at 11:12 PM



**Juan Zamora** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My Godmother after one of my many mishaps. I love her dearly and will miss her greatly.



February 5 at 7:11 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Bous family.



February 5 at 4:27 PM



**Lindy Austin** posted:

I have known Sonia for over 30 years. She is the most incredible woman I have had the pleasure of calling my friend. She was so very special. And so many memories . . . a couple that immediately come to mind:When my daughter, Dani, was in the sixth grade, she chose Cuba for her research paper. Sonia offered to help her, so after doing her initial research, she called Sonia. It was eye-opening for Dani as so many of the "facts" weren't even close to the truth and the actual reality for the Cuban people. Sonia was incredibly special to Dani, and this experience brought more admiration for the woman she loved and what Sonia had experienced in her life. Another memory brought light to some difficult days we all experienced in 2020. Sonia and I had a dear friend, Sedrick, and the three of us had monthly zoom calls during most of our Covid days. Sedrick would select a topic, and we all had homework to do. I so looked forward to our time together, time when we solved all the world's problems (or so we thought!). You are dearly missed, Sonia. Forever in my heart!♥Love,Lindy Austin

February 5 at 4:08 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Tender Tribute to the Bous family.



February 5 at 12:43 PM



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**Missy And Jeff Roe** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Sonia.

February 5 at 12:43 PM



**Susan M.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Sonia.

February 5 at 10:26 AM



**Natalie R.** planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Sonia.

February 5 at 10:05 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Bous family.

February 5 at 10:01 AM



**Natalie & The Anserteam Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Sonia.

February 5 at 10:01 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Bous family.

February 4 at 5:59 PM





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**The Ballard Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Sonia.

February 4 at 5:59 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Bous family.

February 4 at 12:44 PM



**Valerie & Jay Freeman** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Sonia.

February 4 at 12:44 PM



**Bonnie F.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Sonia.

February 4 at 11:10 AM



**Bonnie Fish** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

From the time I interviewed in 2005 with this woman who was a force of nature, there was a strong connection that didn't waver through all the years until close to her passing. Even when I was not working for her, we talked and lunched. She was who I reached for when I needed some advice or just an ear. I'll never ever forget those big brown eyes looking up at me from under her glasses when at her work desk and we would both burst into laughter! SoMuch laughter! I love her so much and while I know FOR sure she is in a light and happy place filled with love, I selfishly will miss her presence here! Love you always mama!!!! I am so honored I had a place in your life!!! ❤️

February 4 at 11:02 AM





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**Lourdes Shadick, Lucila, Hector Leal** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Bous family.

February 4 at 9:37 AM



**Lourdes Shadick, Lucila, Hector Leal** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Sonia.

February 4 at 9:37 AM



**Mercy Hudgens** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

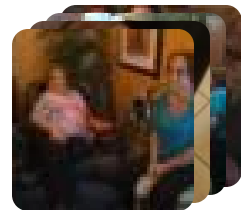
Mima was such a force of nature. I loved having been a part of the family growing up with our parents so close. I loved her strong hugs and kisses and her beautiful smile. She will truly be missed ❤️❤️ love Mercy Sonia

February 3 at 6:45 PM



**Bobbie Gomez** shared 6 photos and a video to the **Tribute Wall** album.

January 30 at 5:45 PM



**Christian & Sydney Millay** sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Bous family.

January 31 at 4:52 PM



**Lynette M.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Sonia.

January 31 at 10:47 AM





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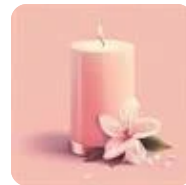
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SE

**Samantha Espinosa** lit a candle in honor of Sonia.

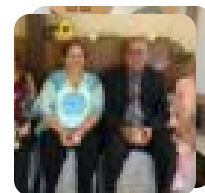
Sonia ☐ You were a quiet force in my life, a steady voice reminding me that strength comes from knowing who you are and moving wisely through the world. You showed me what it meant to be an independent woman, to want boldly, and to believe that anything was possible with intention and intelligence. Your lessons didn't leave when you did. They live on in my choices, my confidence, and the woman I continue to become. Thank you for believing in me, for inspiring me, and for leaving a mark on my life that time can't erase. Forever grateful, forever missing you.—your dolorcito de cabeza 🙏🌟



January 31 at 9:24 AM

SB

**Sarita Barceló** shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

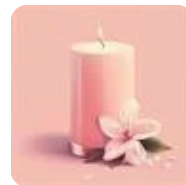


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SE

**Samantha Espinosa** lit a candle in honor of Sonia.

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January 30 at 8:35 PM

LF

**Luisita Fraga** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Bous family.



January 30 at 8:28 PM

LF

**Luisita Fraga** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Sonia.



January 30 at 8:28 PM



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**Miriam G.** sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Bous family.



January 30 at 7:07 PM



**Miriam G.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Sonia.



January 30 at 7:07 PM



**Coralis Martin** posted:

To our dear friend Sonia, We will truly miss your beautiful spirit and wonderful personality. Your love for others was never unnoticed. My parents were very grateful for your friendship. You and the other Cuban's in the community helped us when we came in 1967 from Cuba. I remember my father and you always talked about finding ways to help other Cubans in need. You will truly be missed nuestra amiga. Rest in peace. Our prayers of peace and comfort to go out to the family and to the ones that loved her. 🙏 Coralis Martin

January 30 at 6:04 PM



**Paul & Maria Knippel** sent a Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses to the Bous family.



January 30 at 5:45 PM



**Paul & Maria Knippel** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Sonia.



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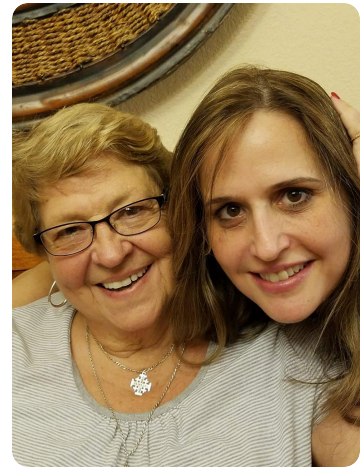
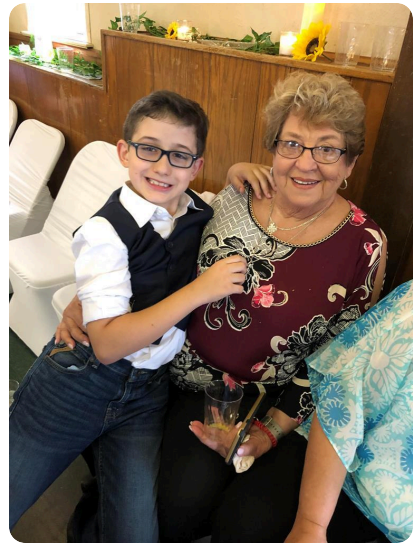




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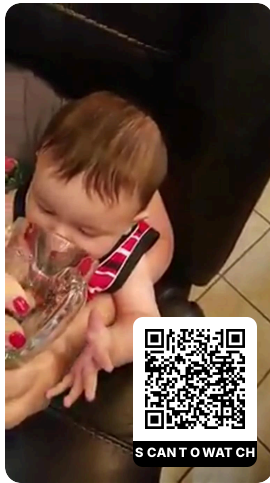




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January 31 at 9:20 AM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Sonia by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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