Remembering Martha Oliva, CTR
A Beloved and Admired Member of the Cancer Registry Community

Martha Oliva, former NCRA President and Honorary Life Member, passed away on June 11, 2019. She was an extraordinary leader, sharing her talents with both the Florida Cancer Registrars Association (FCRA) and NCRA. She served on over 17 NCRA committees and held numerous elected leadership positions, including President in 1995. NCRA presented her with its Distinguished Member Award in 2001 to acknowledge her tireless efforts to advance the profession.

Martha was a political prisoner in Cuba before gaining her freedom in the U.S. She quickly learned a new language and applied her grit and determination to craft a career in the cancer registry. At the time of her retirement, Martha was the Manager of the Cancer Registry at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami. As those who knew her can attest, retirement did not mean she slowed down. She continued to hold leadership positions in FCRA. Martha also volunteered countless hours at La Liga Contra el Cancer where she educated the Spanish-speaking community on issues related to cancer, including raising cancer awareness, promoting cancer screenings, and advocating for patients.

NCRA extends its heartfelt condolences and prayers to Martha’s family and friends and to her FCRA colleagues. Her dedication to the cancer registry profession will continue to be an inspiration. Martha Oliva Obituary.