



A family lost at sea



Photos: Father and son; the couple in 1979

Armando Martín Vázquez, age 34, **Mercedes Romero Vargas**, age 32, and their son **Yuniel Martín Romero**, age 11, drowned August 7, 1994 while fleeing Cuba.

The family was from Mariel, Pinar del Río, from where they left on a small boat with another family of three, the Busots. On another boat was a group of five or six relatives, also from Mariel.

On August 7, 1994, in the Florida Straits, a storm capsized their boat and all three of the Martins and the Busot couple drowned. Only the Busot son survived, as he was pulled to safety unto the other boat. The survivors, who made it to Florida, told the story on local media, including Channel 23.

Source: Evelio Vázquez, uncle living in Miami.

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