



## Yolanda Morales

July 20, 1929 - February 14, 2016

Yolanda Morales was born on July 20, 1929 in the town of Quezaltenango, Guatemala, Central America. She was married to her childhood sweetheart George Morales, an accomplished artist, from Guatemala City. They were married for 65 years.

She is survived by three children, Mrs. Janina (Larry) Brown of Orlando, Fl., Carlos (Cynthia) Morales of San Leandro, CA., and Robert Morales of Oakland, CA. She also had four grandchildren, Jason Moore of San Francisco, CA., Miss Olivia, Sophia and Emma Morales of San Leandro CA. The first born son and daughter were born in Guatemala City, and the two remaining sons were born in Elyria and Mansfield, Ohio.

Yolanda applied her masterful skills as a seamstress and interior decorator in Guatemala, Ohio and Florida. She worked at Jo-Ann's in Orlando for several years teaching various types of classes in addition to doing custom work at home.

She loved quilting and made an art quilt which she copied from a book. Yolanda and George worked together using their skills to create a quilt that is five by seven feet. It took them over a year to design and gather all the materials required for their amazing creation.

Yolanda became a United States citizen on December 6, 1960 in Elyria, Ohio. She came to this country in 1955 not speaking the language to reciting the Pledge of Allegiance for her citizenship and passing the written exam. Becoming a citizen was one of her proudest moments, and she considered the right to vote a sacred privilege coming from a country where dictatorships are the norm. She voted in every election including the 2012 Presidential election. Yolanda was always known as the “rock” of the family being extremely logical and with a strong emotional will. She was always busy cooking, cleaning and maintaining a home where her family grew strength from her love, hard work and efforts. She enjoyed cooking all types of foods from different countries. Some of her favorite foods which she made were Beef Stroganoff, Paella, Guatemalan Tamales, Apple Pie and Sangria. Yolanda and George loved to entertain in their home and would often have parties where everyone would dance and have fun. You would see Yolanda and George dancing the tango, and everyone thoroughly enjoying their passion for a dance practiced throughout the Latin countries. She was a firm believer in education and encouraged all of her children to attend college, and continue education throughout their lives. She touched our lives and left lasting impressions that time can not erase. She led quietly and by example earning the love of her husband, family and friends.

Her grandmother taught her to read the Bible at an early age. Every night they would read the Bible together. She was a devout Catholic and was a member of St. James Catholic Cathedral Church. She would always comment on how St. James Church reminded her of the churches in Guatemala. She always wanted to sit in the front pew because she could get the best view there.

We are holding her memorial service at the chapel at St. James on Orange Avenue on Tuesday, March 15th at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, a donation to St. Vincent de Paul would be greatly appreciated. You can write a check and make it payable to St. Vincent de Paul and mail to St. James Catholic

Cathedral Church, 215 North Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL. 32801. If you have any questions about donating, please call St. James Church at 407/422-2005.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 15. 10:00 AM (ET)

St James Cathedral  
215 N Orange Avenue  
Orlando, FL 32801

# Tribute Wall

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**Janina** - March 24, 2016 at 07:25 AM

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**Larry** - March 24, 2016 at 07:15 AM

JM

“As a young child I wasn't always interested in or impressed with the strange foods or the foreign music and languages I encountered at Grandma's house. Some of those experiences seemed very alien to me.

*But I was intrigued by other things like the honey smacks, cheerios, rice krispies and sugar pops stored in Tupperware containers on the immaculate kitchen counter and the little egg spoon and cup she would give me with my 3-minute eggs. I also recall spending hours in her basement playing with Star Wars action figures and plastic soldiers while listening to her sewing machine and her favorite soap operas.*

*As I grew up and my interest in the world increased I began to enjoy more of my experiences with my grandparents, especially the variety of cultural influences I encountered in their home. Many of my first tastes of foreign foods like Spätzle and Kartoffelpuffer were at Grandma's house. My first memories of Flamenco and Classical Guitar are from Grandma's house. My first memories of entrepreneurialism in the family are of Grandma's seamstress and copper businesses. One of my favorite dogs, Mr. Flip, claimed grandma's house as his home base. My appreciation of her tidiness and the logical ordering of her household developed into my own similar tendencies later on in different areas of my life.*

*All these years later, I live in one of the most diverse cities in the world specifically to enjoy the cultural diversity and I am building a software company with friends in Silicon Valley that employs people from all over the globe; France, Russia, Japan, Germany, China, Australia, India, Ukraine and the US. It is an undeniable fact that the influences of grandma's household continue to help guide the trajectory of my life and shape the world I want to build.*

*Now, as a man, my world is so much larger than it might have been because she, among others, made the thoughtful and loving effort to draw me out of my simplistic, little boy world. I am eternally grateful to my grandparents for making the decision to emigrate from Guatemala. They are proof that walls should not be created between cultures and nations to stop good people from trying to improve their lives and the lives of those they love because it would*

*only diminish the richness of our existence and the larger human experience. Bless you both, Grandma and Grandpa. Your children and grandchildren love you dearly.*

*Jason*

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**Jason M Moore** - March 06, 2016 at 02:14 PM

JM

“ *Very sincere condolences and best wishes to the Morales family.*

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**Jim Moore** - March 06, 2016 at 01:19 PM

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“ *Yolanda was a quiet and lovely women. I had the opportunity to spend some holidays with her, her daughter and son in law and she was always ready and willing to help out in the kitchen. I had a special nick name for her "Miss Fussy Pants". She was more interested in getting to desert then the meal. She will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved her. She is now in gods arms and rekindling with her husband.*

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**Debi Robertson** - February 29, 2016 at 08:11 AM

JA

“ *Estimada familia Morales siento mucho el momento doloroso por el que estan pasando se que es duro y me gustaria compartir con ustedes un texto de la biblia se encuentra en ( Juan 5:28,29) donde Jehova nos promete que las personas que han muerto resucitaran, es decir volveran a la vida,espero que este texto le sirva de consuelo. Acompañadoles en su dolor.*

*Jascarina*

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**Jascarima** - February 20, 2016 at 08:36 AM