



Teresa J. Hernandez

October 3, 1927 - December 22, 2014

Teresa Jimenez Hernandez, 87, peacefully passed away after a brief illness on December 22, 2014, at her lakeside home in Tallahassee, Florida, where she had lived for 59 years.

She was born to Ramaldo and Laura Botello Jimenez on October 3, 1927 in Fort Worth, Texas. Her parents were migrant workers who traveled the mid-West, following the ripening crops north to Minnesota. She grew up in Easton, Minnesota, and married her childhood friend, Linus Hernandez, on September 23, 1949. She had three children, Debra, David, and Richard.

In 1955, Teresa moved with her family from Albert Lea, Minnesota to Tallahassee, Florida, and within a year had secured employment with the Florida Department of State, where she served faithfully as a public servant for 28 years until she retired in 1984. While there, she formed a strong friendship with co-worker Rhoda Pierce, with whom she maintained a deep bond for the next 30 years.

After retirement, Teresa remained busy, devoting herself to her family, traveling, and watching the Florida State University football games. Teresa enjoyed many hobbies, including sewing, crocheting, and quilting. She turned her love of cooking and baking into a rewarding business designing and making wedding cakes for many years.

She had been a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Tallahassee since 1955, and participated in the Mother of Perpetual Health Circle and served as a President of the Women's Guild in 2001. She was also

a member of the Department of Agriculture's Spanish Trails Homemakers. She participated in many arts and crafts events making quilts, crocheting afghans, scarves, and hats, and sewing decorative aprons. She selflessly devoted her time to quilting lap blankets for disabled veterans, sewing tiny outfits for premature babies at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, sewing "ouch" dolls for children getting immunizations from the Health Department, and sewing baptismal bibs for the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church.

Teresa was a cancer survivor, having been diagnosed in 1990 with breast cancer. Her faith in God and her doctors led to a successful battle, and she remained cancer-free for the remainder of her life.

After the death of her husband Linus on December 1, 2001, Teresa became reacquainted with a childhood friend from Albert Lea, Minnesota. On June 12, 2004 Teresa married John Alvarado, who moved to Tallahassee to be with Teresa. After his untimely death on March 1, 2010, Teresa remained in her Tallahassee home, enjoying the closeness of her Tallahassee family and friends.

She is survived by her daughter: Debra Amesqua of Tallahassee, FL; her son: Richard Hernandez (Jodi) of Tallahassee, FL; her step-daughters: Patty Kristin Leibinger of Rochester, MN and Marlene Baseman (Daryll) of Albert Lea, MN; her sisters: Kathleen DeBoer (Paul) of Albert Lea, MN, Victoria Westeng of Albert Lea, MN, Sara Messmore (Steve) of Mason City, IA, Mary Miranda (Conde) of San Diego, CA, Beatrice Rauen (Dwayne) of Pine Island, MN, Dolores Messmore (Ken) of West Des Moines, IA, Lois Holgin of St. Paul, MN; her sisters-in-law: Juanita Jimenez (Francisco) of Crawfordville, FL and Josephine Jimenez (Jesse) of Rochester, MN; her brothers: Alfred Jimenez (Maria) of Linden, CA and John Jimenez (Mary) of Apple Valley, MN; her grandchildren: Isabelle Bonham-Reed (Alex Harris) of Tallahassee, FL and Michael Hernandez (Erin Lewis) of Charlottesville, VA; her great-grandchildren: Sidney Bonham-Reed of Tallahassee, FL and Ethan Bonham-Reed of Tallahassee, FL; her 46 nieces and nephews, and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews.

Teresa was preceded in death by her father, Ramaldo Jimenez; her mother, Laura Botello Jimenez; her son, David Hernandez; her brothers, Francisco (Frank) Jimenez and Jesse Jimenez; her sister, Sophia Jimenez Sanchez; her nephews, Joe Gonzalez, Louie Gonzalez, and Joe Dahlke; and numerous beloved brothers-in-law.

A celebration of life memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, January 17, 2015 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Tallahassee, Florida. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to Big Bend Hospice, Tallahassee.

Tribute Wall

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“*Qué tristeza perder un familiar en la muerte. Jehová el Dios de todo consuelo sabía eso y por ello nos brinda su apoyo y fortaleza a través de su Santa Palabra La Biblia. En ella nos deja ver como se eliminará la muerte para siempre y no habrá más lágrimas, ni sufrimiento: Juan 5: 28- cito: “No se maravillen de esto, porque viene la hora en que todos los que están en las tumbas conmemorativas oirán su voz y saldrán.....” Apocalipsis (Revelación) 21: 4 – nos da la siguiente promesa; “Y limpiará toda lágrima de sus ojos, y la muerte no será más....” Qué maravilla, la muerte será tragada, así lo registra Isaías 25:8 ¡Qué maravillosa esperanza que no haya más muerte y la vez se nos dé el privilegio de volver a ver a nuestro ser amado. Estas y muchas otras promesas se cumplirán, así lo promete Dios, y él no puede mentir. Espero que estas palabras le ayuden a lidiar con su dolor y le dé luz de esperanza.*

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“*Dear Debra and Richard, I just heard that your mother died on the 22nd. I am sad and wanted you to know that I am thinking of you all. I will always remember our Lake Ella days. We would wait for your mom and dad to come home after work then RUSH and get the kitchen clean before they came in the door. My childhood is rooted at Lake Ella and with you and your parents. Much love to you both.*
Susan Strauss Thompson

Susan Strauss Thompson - December 24, 2014 at 03:34 PM

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“ Saludos familia Hernandez! Lamento tanto su pérdida. En momentos como estos he encontrado consuelo y esperanza en la Palabra de Dios, la Biblia. En particular me ha consolado las palabras de Juan 5:28,29 donde se habla que Dios tiene el deseo y el poder de resucitar a nuestros seres queridos. Espero que puedan encontrar el consuelo y la paz que tanto se necesita en momentos como este.

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