



## Carolina Flores

July 16, 1907 - February 2, 2010

Caroline "Little Mama" Flores Caroline Flores was born July 16, 1906, in Sonora, Texas to the parents of Virginia and Claro Hernandez. After a long and healthy life, she passed away at Heritage Oaks Retirement Village Feb. 2, 2010, at the age of 103. Caroline Flores wanted to fulfill her lifelong dream of owning her own Mexican restaurant. In 1941, she and her husband Julius Sr. opened Old Mexican Inn Restaurant and created a Corsicana hot spot that draws customers from all over. She was a gifted and talented cook who created an enchilada recipe that quickly put O.M.I. on the map. As years pass on, she will be known for having started the Mexican restaurant that has the infamous "Orange Dip". The traditions she started are still being carried on by the second and third generations of the Flores family. Everyone will always remember calling Mrs. Flores by her nickname, "Little Mama". She may have only stood 4Ft 11, but had a very strong and commanding presence. At her home, she loved gardening her beautiful flowers and picking from her pecan and fig trees. Being a lover of animals, she was a devoted member of the Navarro County Humane Society, a member of the Immaculate Conception Ladies Altar Society, and a former member of the Kinslow House. She will always be remembered for her charming personality, her loving spirit and her whitty comments. She was preceded in death by her husband Julius Flores Sr., mother and father, Virginia and Claro Hernandez, brothers, Adolph Hernandez, Pete Hernandez, and sister, Josephine Pico. She is survived by her son Julius Flores II and wife Mary of Corsicana; daughter Carolyn Castillo

of Desoto; grandchildren Jeff Flores and wife Barbara of Corsicana; Danica Woolley and husband Jimmy of Corsicana; Carrie Flores Heng and husband Pheakdey of Ennis; Renee Reynolds and husband Sid of Midlothian; and Stacey Payne of Dallas; and five great-grandchildren, Kade Flores, Jada & Jaylee Woolley, Tyler and Kailyn Heng, Tanner Reynolds and Kasey Payne. And of course, her extended family of Old Mexican Inn employee's past and present. Visitation will be Friday, Feb. 5, 2010 from 5-7pm at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Graveside services will be Saturday 11:00 a.m. at Calvary Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Carolina Flores*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



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**kiahscwdm** - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *7/1/2010*  
*Julius and Carolyn,*  
*I just found out about your loss. I know she will be missed. She is in*  
*a better place.*

**Mike Schwartz** - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts are with the family.*

**Carol Johnston Burnett** - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ellen and I send our condolences on your loss. She was a great and*  
*wonderful lady and she will be missed.*

*You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

**Matt and Ellen Sargent** - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ Carolyn and Julius,

*I am so saddened to hear about Mrs. Flores. What a jewel this lady was. I so enjoyed visiting with her at Heritage West at the time my dad, Conrad (Sonny) Newton was passing away back in August of 2008. If I had only known about it, I would have been there.*

*Carolyn, I remember our piano recital days with Mrs. Holmes way back when. I always remember how we gathered at Kinsloe House for them. One thing for sure...our mothers gave us the best.*

*I always make it a point to eat at OMI when I'm in the area. That food is surpassed by none, I tell you. Everything you have is excellent and I eat at a lot of places here in Dallas.*

*May time heal the burden of your loss and know that my prayers and thoughts are with you and your families.*

*Blessings,*

*Noel Newton Templer*

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**Noel Newton Templer** - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Julius, Mary, and family - What a lady! We feel so fortunate to have known Mrs. Flores and can imagine what a huge void her passing will leave in your lives. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Marianne and Becky** - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ So sorry for your loss. Your family will be in my prayers.

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**Veronica Snowden Bland** - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *Sorry for your loss! Your family will be in my prayers!*

**Gary Snowden** - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers or with you. Todd*

**todd sykes** - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ *Neal remembers fondly working for your mother, so many years ago. She was a beautiful lady. I will always remember her at the restaurant when Neely was just a baby. Neely felt like a Princess at the restaurant when everyone would wait on her. As a child she would talk about working for your mother when she grew up because she thought your mother and the restaurant were wonderful. Your mother will truly be missed by all.*

*You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Neal, Ladena and Neely Baggett*

**Neal and Ladena Baggett** - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *I am sorry to hear about your loss. I can remember Little Mama as a young girl. My mom worked with her. My prayers are with you always. She lived a very long time and touched a many of lives.*

**Linda Hardin** - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ my thoughts and prayers are with all of you during your time of grieving. She was a remarkable lady and lived a long productive life, till the very end. You know they say; dynamite comes in small packages and let me tell you "she has blasting her way up to heaven " : )  
I will not forget her !! and I will keep you ALL in my prayers, God bless each of you.  
love and hugs, Amy

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**Amy** - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ I will always remember "Grandma Flores" and the numerous days spent driving her crazy with Danica! She will always hold a special place in my heart.

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**Jennifer (Wood) Pack** - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Julius & Family,  
Sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. With Deepest Sympathy.

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**Mike & Marsha Stearman** - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Mamma Flores is going to be greatly missed. One of the memories I will hold close to my heart of her is seeing her come to the OMI for tamales & her "shot glass" of beer. She would sometimes ask me for a praline. She was a wonderful little lady full of spunk. Each of you are in my prayers & love to all.  
Susan & Jacky

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**Susan L Mitchell** - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ *Carolina Flores*

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**Fred Hayes** - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Flores family, I don't have to tell you what your mother has meant to my family in the past 50 years. She and my father spent many days in the yard visiting and fixing the worlds problems. I will always remember the old days when we played in the yard. She always visited us and talked to us kids like we were grown. But you better not pick her flowers. She shared the old dog Smokey. Such fond memories. Our prayers will be with you in the coming days. Our neighborhood has lost two loved ones now.*

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**Denise Brown** - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *The Flores Family,*

*I am sad to learn of the passing of Mrs Carolina. Her dedication and commitment to our community will live forever through the old Mexican Inn.*

*I have always considered her a true Corsicana legend by her contribution to the City of Corsicana. Her famous restaurant & orange dip, is as famous as OIL and Fruitcake in this part of the country.*

*December 17- Will always be known as Carolina Flores Day in the City of Corsicana.*

*May God Bless You and Keep you!*

*Councilman,  
Stephen G. Andrews  
City of Corsicana*

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**Councilman Stephen G. Andrews** - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ *Julius and Carolyn our prayers are with you two and your families. We are sorry we cannot be there to give each of you a hug. Mrs. Flores was a joy to all.*

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**David and Jaynie Johnston** - February 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM