



Maria Ofelia White

May 27, 1949 - January 26, 2026

Maria Ofelia Monge Ureña was born on May 27, 1949, in the canton of Desamparados in San Jose, Costa Rica. She was the fourth of nine children born to Fransisco Monge Calderon and Blanca Ureña. The family settled in the beautiful village of Patarra in the mountains of the Central Valley, where her father owned coffee plantations and her mother made a home for the family. The children attended the local school in Patarra, and when they reached middle school, each began apprenticeships in the community. Ofelia chose to study under the village seamstress and there began her lifelong love of sewing. In 1971, while working in a sewing factory, a group of students from Grand Cayman Island who were on a school trip to San Jose came in to tour the factory. Their teacher was an American who saw her sewing and fell in love at first sight. Walter Thomas White wrote her letters for several months before visiting again, and they were married on December 8, 1972. Tom and Ofelia made their home on the island and welcomed their daughter, Dorothy Eizabeth on July 27, 1975. The family moved back to Patarra until 1977, when they moved to Glendale, California. Ofelia was the first person to leave her village in over 100 years and was dearly missed by her family. On April 20, 1978, they welcomed a son, Daniel Felipe. Ofelia opened a small home daycare and also began sewing for clients. The family moved to Bartlesville, Oklahoma, Tom's hometown, in 1984. Ofelia once again opened a home daycare and also began sewing for the community. Her daycare was applauded for its cleanliness and efficiency, and the parents and babies loved

her warmth and kindness. The family attended First Wesleyan Church, where she served in various capacities, including professional baby snuggler in the church nursery. She traveled the world with her husband, visiting five continents and sharing her beautiful smile and the love of Jesus with everyone she met. She continued to love and serve others for the rest of her life.

Ofelia's greatest source of joy was her family. She adored her children and grandchildren and was a generous and loving mother and grandmother. On trips back home to Costa Rica, she would pack suitcases filled with gifts for her siblings, nieces and nephews. She was happiest when she was sharing with others. Her home was always filled with dinner guests, church friends, friends met through her travels, and of course, grandkids. Ofelia's kitchen was open to all as she made arroz con pollo, empanadas, tamales, and her grandkids' favorite potato soup. She loved to listen to music and dance and was a fan of Dancing with the Stars and the Miss Universe pageant. Her joy and kindness will be remembered by those who knew and loved her.

Maria Ofelia is survived by her children, Dorothy Colaw and Daniel White, daughter-in-law Casey Bowman White, grandchildren Chase, Reagan, and Julia Colaw, and Shawn and Charley White, two sisters, Martha Mora and Julia Monge, brothers-in-law Ricardo Lizano, Minor Mora, and fifteen nieces, nephews, and their children, as well as one brother-in-law Royce White, one sister-in-law Barbara White and nephew Austin White and wife Ashleigh. She is preceded in death by her husband, her parents and six of her siblings: Fransisco, Carlos, Cecilia, Gerardo, Itza, and Emelia.

The family will receive friends from 3-5 p.m. Sunday, February 1st at Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel, 4201 Nowata Rd., Bartlesville. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home and Crematory - Walker Brown Chapel. Online

condolences and remembrances may be shared at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery Bartlesville

4200 Nowata Road
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Previous Events

Family and Friends Gathering

FEB 1. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory - Walker Brown Chapel
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Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Maria Ofelia White*



Davis Family Funeral Home - January 30 at 05:03 PM

SS

Beautiful presentation of a very beautiful & precious life 🍷❤️🍷❤️

summer sanders - January 31 at 10:15 AM

KJ

“ *Kirby Jestes lit a candle in memory of Maria Ofelia White*



Kirby Jestes - February 02 at 09:27 AM

JC

“ Fiji loved Jordan and Cassidy so well and made her home welcoming and fun for them. We will forever be thankful for having her in our lives. We have lots of beautiful memories of her ❤️🙏



Jeff and Stacy Coiner - February 01 at 09:49 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Maria Ofelia White.



February 01 at 09:04 AM

RW

“ Royce White planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Ofelia White.

Royce White - February 01 at 09:04 AM

MW

“ Melissa Gustafson Wille purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Maria Ofelia White.



Melissa Gustafson Wille - January 31 at 04:25 PM

MA

“ *Un gran abrazo a toda la familia desde Costa Rica. Fella siempre en nuestros corazones.*



Marco - January 30 at 01:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Maria Ofelia White.*



January 30 at 01:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Maria Ofelia White.*



January 29 at 03:35 PM

FF

“ *From Corey and Cheryl Odden and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Ofelia White.*

From Corey and Cheryl Odden and Family - January 29 at 03:35 PM

KB

“ *Klaas and Nellie Brobbel remember with fondness the short time we spent with Ofelia's family in Patara. Her father Don Francisco made a great impression on us as a man of God. We send the family our deepest condolences with the passing of Ofelia whom we met on a number of occasions. No doubt she will be missed but knowing that she is in a better place will be a great comfort.*

Sincerely in Christ,

Klaas and Nellie

Grimsby, ON

Canada

Klaas Brobbel - January 29 at 11:17 AM

MM

“ It is with great sadness that we learned about the passing of Ofelia.

We remember her dearly from the occasions we had met her, with an air of warmth, comfort and love.

She surely had a special way of making everyone around her feel welcomed, cared for, and those memories will stay with us.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this moment. May the God of peace and comfort be close to them during this time of grief.

Ofelia you will be greatly missed – but one day we will meet again, when

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

With heartfelt sympathy,

Beth and Manfred Mueller

*and the whole team of HMK
the German office of VOM
(m.mueller@h-m-k.org)*

Manfred Mueller - January 29 at 10:45 AM

SS

“ Praying for your family. Ofelia blessed my life and so many many others from around the world with welcome, acceptance, hospitality, generosity and love. She was a beautiful example of the love of Jesus❤️❤️❤️

Summer Sanders - January 28 at 10:10 AM

GP

“ God’sGathering Place purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Maria Ofelia White.



God’sGathering Place - January 28 at 10:07 AM

GP

“ God’sGathering Place planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Ofelia White.

God’sGathering Place - January 28 at 10:07 AM

JH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with everyone. Prayer for comfort for everyone.

Jennifer Hartman - January 27 at 10:57 AM

CW

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you Dorothy and Danny, as well as your families. I remember many talks with your mom, her good cooking and hospitality. Cindy Weaver Wildes

Cindy Weaver Wildes - January 26 at 08:09 PM