



## Leticia Ofelia Salazar

April 7, 1930 - August 1, 2020

Leticia Ofelia Salazar, passed away Saturday, August 1, 2020, at her residence. She was a longtime resident of Johnson City, TN and U.S. citizen for nearly 50 years, was born on April 7, 1930 in a coastal town of the Oriente Province in Cuba. She is preceded in death by her parents Manuel Palma and Elvira Fernandez and sister Maria Elvira Palma Fernandez.

Leticia Ofelia loved God and the Christian faith, her family, children, nature, the arts, and gardening.

Leticia Ofelia was a very caring and loving wife. As a minister's wife, she worked along with me, day and night, supporting our ministry wherever we were appointed by our United Methodist Church. No wife could have been better than she.

She was a homemaker extraordinaire. She kept, while she was able, everything in order, clean and a well-decorated home. She loved beautiful things.

As a mother, she was vigilant like a Mama Bear, taking care of her children with great love. Her life was dedicated to her family. She made sure her children had hot, amazing, delicious meals for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Leticia Ofelia was passionate in her love of children and was a prayer warrior. We prayed together every night before bedtime including the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, the 23rd Psalm and always she prayed for the children of the world and those who were suffering illness and oppression.

She loved music and sang constantly as she worked. Leticia Ofelia sang in the seminary choir in Matanzas, Cuba and in every church we served in Southwest Virginia and East Tennessee. She loved Sunday school since she was young.

Leticia Ofelia could recognize faces and never forgot them. We used to tell her that she

had an “elephant’s memory”. Even in the last days of her life, she wanted to know the faces of her caregivers and commanded them to “Take off your mask [for a moment]. I want to see your face, so I will remember it.”

Leticia loved theatre, arts and nature. She wanted to experience new things. She was thrilled with performances and awed by nature. Every morning, she would open the window curtains so that “God’s light will enter.” She made sure a little fountain was filled every morning and afternoon so that the birds could drink and take a bath. She loved the garden and enjoyed the birds and squirrels that came to the back deck daily.

She leaves behind her husband after 59 years of marriage, the Reverend Pedro Orlando Salazar. Survivors also include her three daughters Ana Leticia Meiers, Elizabeth Salazar Sipe, Virginia Salazar Buda; three sons-in law Jerry Meiers, Christopher Sipe, and Douglas Buda; grandchildren Katie Meiers Sharpe, Miles Buda, London Buda, Summer Eleisa Sipe, and great-grandson Griffin Everette Sharpe. Also surviving her are her younger brother Manuel Palma Fernandez and his wife Orfa; her sister-in-law Orgelina Miriam Salazar, who took care of her during the last four months of her life, and brother-in-law Ignacio Orestes Salazar and wife Wanda Buda, as well as many nieces and nephews.

The pain that I feel for this loss is immeasurable. Tears roll down my face constantly. The knowledge of knowing she is free of pain and resting in peace with God is very comforting, but the pain of separation is still there.

The funeral service will be held at 2:00 P.M. Friday, August 7, 2020 in the East Chapel of Appalachian Funeral Home, with Pastor Gerald Casson and Pastor Ken Lytton, officiating. Special music by Chaplin Steven Spell. The committal service will follow in Monte Vista Memorial Park. The family will receive friends prior to the service at 1:00 P.M. till service time.

Due to the current COVID-19 regulations, our staff is committed to taking care of our guests and families that we serve. Please understand we will be following the State’s COVID guidelines. We also ask all guests and family members attending visitations and services to please bring and wear a mask.

In-lieu-of flowers the family asks donations be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Pl, Memphis, TN 38105 or Holston United Methodist Home 404 Holston Dr. Greenville, TN 37743.

# Events

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**AUG** **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Appalachian Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
800 E. Watauga Ave, Johnson City, TN, US, 37601

**AUG** **Service** 02:00PM

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**AUG** **Entombment** 03:00PM

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Monte Vista Memorial Park  
1900 Oakland Ave, Johnson City, TN, US

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Appalachian Funeral Home** - August 06, 2020 at 04:35 PM

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“ I am so very sad to learn of Mrs.Salazar’s death. She was such a kind and happy woman. It was a true privilege to know her. In fact, you and your entire family made a big difference in our community. I know she is not in pain and at peace but know she will be missed terribly. You and all your family are certainly in my thoughts and prayers.

Theresa Lazo

**Theresa Lazo** - October 19, 2020 at 12:29 PM

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“ 65 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Appalachian Funeral Home** - August 06, 2020 at 04:26 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. Leticia will certainly be missed in The Word Sunday School class at Wesley.

Pedro, you and family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Vaughn Montgomery

**Vaughn Montgomery** - August 06, 2020 at 03:00 PM



“ We do not know one another but when i read the beautiful story of your beloved wife I felt led to write to you.

Your words were wonderful and I ask God for His Peace for you and your family.  
Praise God you will see her again one day. :)

Melissa

**melissa** - August 04, 2020 at 02:24 PM