



## Carmen Gonzales Varela

November 20, 1920 - August 4, 2008

Carmen G. Varela

VA Beach - Carmen Gonzales Varela, born November 20, 1920 in Blanco, New Mexico went to be with the Lord on Aug. 4, 2008. She was predeceased by her husband, Tom Varela; son, J. Donald Varela and granddaughter, Suzanne Varela Hastings.

Carmen is survived by her son's widow, Joyce Varela from Currituck, NC. Her children, Kathleen Amsler and her husband, Wyman from Waycross, GA, Tom Varela and his wife, Ingrid from Portsmouth, Virginia, Anita Lopez, from VA Beach, Virginia, Robert Varela and his wife, Teresa from Glendale, Arizona, Geno Varela and his wife, Lisa from Richmond, Virginia; 18 grandchildren, Michele Norman, Greg Varela, Shawn Connors, Charmaine Turbitt, Mike Lopez, Amber Cox, Nikki Matthews, TJ Varela, Marc Lopez, Paul Varela, Joe Varela, Jay Varela, Sam Varela, Jon Varela, Jamie Unrau, Chas Madeira, Kyle Madeira and Jessica Varela; and 35 great-grandchildren.

In addition Carmen is survived by a sister, Frances Galiegos from Blanco, New Mexico; three brothers, Amador Gonzales and his wife, Irene, Leonard Gonzales and his wife, Alice all from Blanco, New Mexico, Ben Gonzales and his wife, Jenny of Gilroy, California. She is also survived by numerous nephews and nieces, who loved her very much.

Carmen was a faithful member of Kempsville Presbyterian Church. Her ministry of prayer and encouragement gave her numerous spiritual children and grandchildren. She was known to all as either Mom or Grandma. Her

service at CBN as a prayer counselor led her to a ministry of intercessor for anyone who asked. In addition she faithfully supported many Mexican and Native American orphans through finances and prayer. Never one to judge, Carmen gladly accepted everyone for who they were. Although Mom will be missed we all know that one day we will all be with her again in Heaven. Her desire would be that all would come to know Jesus and share eternity with him.

A funeral service to celebrate her life will be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday in Kempsville Presbyterian Church with burial in Horton Veteran Cemetery in Suffolk at 9:00a.m. Friday. The family will receive friends in Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel, Portsmouth on Wednesday from 6-8p.m. In honor of one of her favorite charities the family suggests memorial contributions to the Rancho Los Amigos 4444 Edgar Park Ave. El Paso, TX 79904 and condolences may be made online at [www.lovingfuneralhome.com](http://www.lovingfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ We will pray for Carmen and the family. Sorry we couldn't be there. We will always remember her as a loving and warm mother of the Community.##imported-begin##Fr Onouphry Keith & Betsy Keith##imported-end##

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August 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Family of Carmen Varela,  
I am sorry about the lost of your loved one. Words cannot describe feelings in a time like this. Many have found comfort in the Bible's promises of seeing our past loved ones again. Keep memories of your loved one close.##imported-begin##Dorothy W.##imported-end##

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August 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Grandma,  
There are no words i can say to you. Nothing is good enough. I have never loved anyone more in my entire life and i dont think i ever will. I feel like there is a big hole in me now. I often pick up my phone to call you but then remember that i cant. But dont worry grandma because i will still talk to you even though i cant hear your voice. I already know exactly what you will say back to me. You will smile, laugh and say "oh honey you sound just like me, and thats not good at all." Well grandma you have no choice. God gifted me with your stubbornness and i will do anything to be exactly like you. It would be the greatest honor i could ever have. I love you grandma and i miss you more than you will ever know. Thank you for everything grandma..talk to you tomorrow##imported-begin##Jessica Varela##imported-end##

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August 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Varela family. We wish we could have come with our sisters but were not able to.##imported-begin##David and Terese Martinez##imported-end##

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August 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Varela Family, I am so sorry to hear of the death of my Nina Aunt Carmen. I am so glad that we were all together at the family reunion a few years ago. I loved my nina very much and looked up to her as a person. She was a very special person and had alot of faith. My God Bless and watch over you all now in your time of need. Aunt Carmen you where very loved and will be missed. But now you are with the Lord, keep praying for all of us left behind. Always and with love, Jeanette##imported-begin##Jeanette Gallegos Saiz##imported-end##

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August 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ ##imported-begin##michael bricker##imported-end##

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August 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ To all of aunt Carmen family , We were all so very sad to get the news of tias death . I didnt know herthat well , but it was so good to see her and all of you at the reunion that year . We love you all and our prayers are with you all . I remember as a child the one year that we were at tia house in Bandeler and I could see the deer right out side her house . I dont know why that has always stuck with me ,but anyway on behalf of my mom Lucy, Sheila, Marquita Carolyn, Mike and Chris we wish we could be with you all in your time of sorrow but we are in prayer and thought.We love you all.##imported-begin##Pauline Aranda##imported-end##

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August 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Varela family, Our deepest sympathy to all of you. Aunt Carmen was more then a "aunt" to me, she was my friend. I will miss our phone conversations. Please know that you all will be in our prayers and that we love each of you.

Keith, Kathy, Andi & Shay##imported-begin##Kathy  
Uderjohn##imported-end##

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August 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ One of my earliest memories is all the hoopla that went on around grandma and grandpa Gonzales's house Blanco for that matter getting ready for Aunt Carmen and the Varela clan to come visit...every visit was always exciting and fun. In my mind Aunt Carmen will always be beautiful and and in my heart, very special. God Bless##imported-begin##Paul Gallegos##imported-end##

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August 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Family, Our prayers and thoughts are with you. We know that aunt Carmen is in a much better place and enjoying the presence of our Lord and Savior. I am so glad that we got to spend this last week with your family. Even though you were all suffering you were very gracious to all of us and I appreciate it. Love Dave and Theresa Guevara##imported-begin##Theresa Guevara##imported-end##

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August 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Anita, Kathy, Tom, Robby, Geno, Joyce and Family,

We send our deepest sympathy to you all. You have been in our thoughts and prayers. My mom is know the only sister left, but she is so excited for Aunt Carmen! She says that her sister is having the biggest family reunion ever! We all loved your mom so much! We love and miss you. May GOD bless you always, as he always has. Love you, Aunt Chica, JoAnn, Simon Jr, Lenny, Jeanette, Lulu, Paul, Elaine, David and Manuel##imported-begin##Lulu Hampton##imported-end##

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August 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Kathy, sorry to hear about your Mom passing away, but just reading the obit, she has had a wonderful and full life! Dr's Ohleyer and Stalnaker join me in letting you know you and your family are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Doyle Kenady##imported-end##

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August 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Our deepest condolences to the entire family. The loss of a loved one can break your heart but know that we are holding each of you up in prayer as you go through this difficult time. Aunt Carmen was a remarkable woman and now she has been rewarded eternal life no more pain & suffering with our Lord and Savior. God Bless each of you during this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Alvin & Rosanne Gonzales##imported-end##

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August 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Tom and Ingrid,  
Please know that you have our deepest and sincerest condolences. Our prayers are with you at this time of your greiving. May God bless you and your Family.  
Art & Sam Koshkorian##imported-begin##Art & Sam Koshkorian##imported-end##

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August 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Kathy:  
So sorry to hear of your mother's death, but she has gone home to be with our Lord. It is such a blessing to have been raised by a Christian mom. You and your family are in our prayers as you go through this time in your life.

We love you.##imported-begin##Kay and Harry Lane##imported-end##

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August 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Kathy and family, my prayers are with you in this time of sorrow, but remember your Mom is in the presence of our Lord Jesus. You will always have your memories of your Mom to cherish and keep with you until you see her again. God Bless all of you.##imported-begin##Karen Jeffers##imported-end##

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August 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I am one of Kathy's gals in Waycross at the hospital. I just wanted to tell you all how sorry I am of the passing of your mama. I know the hurt for sure and I will pray that time will make it so much easier to remember the good times and not so much of the bad. Remember that all of you will see her again. That is what keeps me going when i think of my mother. I love your family and will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers... God Bless you all...##imported-begin##Michelle Poulsen##imported-end##

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August 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Our deepest sympathies for you and your family. Our prayers are with you.

Patricia and Jennifer Smith##imported-begin##Patricia##imported-end##

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August 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Grandma...

*I know you will never read this as there is no pain, no sorrow, and no mourning in heaven, but I write this to pay tribute to my amazing friend and grandmother. To call you a grandmother seems insufficient--because you were so much more. I take comfort in knowing how much you love me and the fact that you know how much I love you. I thank God everyday that He brought me into your family and that He thought I was special enough to be a part of your life. That is an enormous honor. I reflect on the times that we would just sit there and talk and I hang on to those memories. I choose not to say goodbye, but I will see you very soon and that will be the greatest family reunion the Varela family will ever have. I love you SO much Grandma and I could never say THANK YOU enough..... Save me a house next to yours! See you soon.*

*Love Jamie##imported-begin##Jamie Varela Unrau##imported-end##*

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August 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Geno and Lisa,

*I am so sorry to hear of your loss, but I am excited for your mom... to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord! Tracy and I will keep you and your family in our prayers. God bless you both.##imported-begin##Shawn Stewart##imported-end##*

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August 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Geno, Lisa and Family,  
You are all in our thoughts and prayers. We know it's been a difficult  
road, but we rejoice with you in knowing that your mom is now  
Home. We love you.##imported-begin##Mark and Tracy  
Werner##imported-end##*

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August 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Varela Family, My deepest sympathy in your loss. Years ago  
Carmen and I were prayer warriors at New Creation. Our friendship  
continued at prayer meetings in her home. I am left with fond  
memories. "May angels sing thee to they rest, my friend". Grace  
Paul##imported-begin##Grace Paul##imported-end##*

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August 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Anita,  
My deepest sympathies to you and your family. It was always my  
pleasure to share a few words with your mother whenever possible.  
She was a wonderful person.##imported-begin##Torgie's Lawn  
Care Co.##imported-end##*

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August 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Anita, Kathy, Tom, Robby, Geno, Joyce, & Family,  
Our deepest sympathy and love to all of you. We are deeply sorry.  
Aunt Carmen was so special and made everyone feel special. Aunt  
Carmen will be missed so much. We know everyone has a special  
good memory of her that they will keep close to their heart. We pray  
God gives you all the strength you need at this time. Our love,  
thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Love you,

Uncle Amador, Aunt Irene, Ilene, Alvin, Carla, Barbara, Andy, &  
family###imported-begin##Carla Ward###imported-end##

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August 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Anita and family,  
My deepest condolences in the loss of your mother Carmen. My  
love and prayers are with you as you grieve and celebrate at the  
same time. What a joyous reunion with her beloved Jesus! May He  
comfort you with His peace, and your memories be filled with joy.  
Hugs and a prayer, Kathy Daugherty,  
KPC Prayer Liaison, Kempsville Presbyterian Church###imported-  
begin##Kathy Daugherty###imported-end##

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