



Nicolasa Hernandez Zapata Rodriguez

March 5, 1920 - February 6, 2012

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Marriage Last Names: Charo, Cadena & Rodriguez

Birth Date: March 5, 1920

Place Born: Taylor, Texas Williamson County

Parents: Ysabel Hernandez and Martin Jimenez Zapata

Sisters: Beatrice Zapata Lopez Perez, Camila Zapata Corona Salazar,

Step Sisters from father's second marriage:

Margarita Zapata Guerrero and Anita Zapata Lozano.

Uncles: On her Mothers side were:

Antonio Hernandez - Born: abt 1909

Manuel Hernandez - Born: 01-00-1892 in Mexico Died: 12-19-1929 in Saspamco, Texas

Porfirio Hernandez - Born: 02-26-1888 in Mexico Died 09-01-1946 in Bexar

Sotero Hernandez - Born: Unknown

Her Uncles & Aunts from her Fathers side were:

Jose Gabriel Zapata Jimenez Born: 03-18-1893 Monterrey, N.L. Mx.

Maria Gregoria Zapata Jimenez Born: 05-25-1896 Monterrey, N.L. Mx.

Maria Ana Zapata Jimenez Born: 10-18-1897 Monterrey, N.L. Mx.

Estefana Zapata Jimenez Born: 00-00-1891 Monterrey, N.L. Mx.

Patricio Zapata Jimenez Born: 05-06-1891 Monterrey, N.L. Mx.

Her mother was born in Rytte, Texas ?Lytle, Texas on 07-18-1899 and at the age of 29 years old she died giving birth to a baby girl which was named,

Margaret Jimenez Zapata on 07-13-1929. She and the baby are buried in Saspamco, Texas Wilson County, De Los Santos Cemetery.

Her Father, Martin Jimenez Zapata was born on 12-11-1894 in Nuevo Leon, Monterrey, Mexico, he registered in the Military on 05/20/1942. He died at the age of 57 years old on 05-30-1952. He is buried at San Fernando #2 Cemetery. He worked at a brick company in Saspamco in which they used red clay to make bricks and sewer pipes, its now called the San Antonio Sewer Pipe Factory built in 1901. In the 1950, he worked at B.M. Hammond Company Jewelry Store here in San Antonio.

Morn's family had a ranch in Saspamco, Texas. They had chickens, cows, horses. They often had family gatherings and cooked plenty of food. They also made their own Barbacoa. To my understanding they cooked the animal head Goat? by making a hole on the ground back in the twenties this was the way they made barbacoa and used special large leaves to cook. Some were placed on the ground and the rest was used to wrap the Goat head and let it cook slowly.

Mom's uncles would gather there instruments and play music. Mom and her sisters would sing. They were farmers and hard workers. Mom's dad and some of her uncles also worked at the Red Brick Company in Saspamco, Texas. There they made red bricks and sewer pipes.

After Morn's mother died, in 1929, her dad lost interest in the ranch and sold it. He took his daughters with him up North to find work on the farms picking cotton. Then her father, Martin Zapata, remarried two years later and they stop going north to pick cotton. They settled in San Antonio, Texas.

When her father stopped providing for her and her sisters in the 1930's, mom drop out of school 6th grade and started to work to provide for herself and her sisters. She did not continue school because she had to work, but she made sure that her sisters went to school and graduated. She provide for them, shelter, food, clothing etc. Mom started to work at the age of 12 cleaning houses and at 16 years old she started to work at a building downtown called the "Medical Arts Bldg" as a maid cleaning doctors offices from 1936 to 1958.

As her sisters grew and matured she noticed that her sisters began getting interesting in the opposite sex. So, when they got boyfriends, she made them get married before they got into trouble. Her sister Beatrice had three children, Alfonso and Lena Lopez and Gilbert Lopez Castillo. Camila had three daughters from her first marriage, Dolores, Cecilia and Irma Corona. From her second marriage she had two daughters, Dora Elia and Rosalinda Salazar. Anita had four children, Benny, Jr., Alejandra, Monica, and Lisa Gloria Lozano, Margarita had four children, Willie, Jr., Linda, Rogelio Roger and Marcos Guerrero.

Mother married my dad on 10-01-1939 divorce was filed on 05-03-1940 and again in 1950 and not final until 10-19-1954. Of this marriage she had one daughter, Rosario Isabel Born: 08-19-1940 and two boys, Rumaldo, Jr. Born: 08-01-1943 and Trinidad Charo, Born: 01-07-1945. She had another son Carlos Zapata Born: 08-22-47. Mom continued working at the Medical Arts Bldg. She would work in the evenings as she had to send us to school. She worked from 5:00 PM to 11:00 PM Monday thur Saturday. And, sometimes on Sundays when she worked she would take us to the movies and went in to sit us where we would be safe and then she would leave to go to work. She made sure that we had our money to go home on the bus. She also, raised Carlos Zapata, he was my mother's sister child Margaret Zapata. She was 15 years old and in an orphanage. She got pregnant from a maintenance man. Mom raised him as her son and us by herself. She worked hard and provided for all of us, clothing, shelter and food. She always kept us busy doing house shores painting, cleaning house, washing, ironing, doing some carpentry, etc. In May of 1955 she married Juan D. Cadena and she had two daughters, Juanita and Patricia Cadena. She divorced Juan on 03-11-1958. In 1959 she started to work as a mama patrol at Herff Elementary School and at a Magazine Company part time. In 1967 we moved to the Northside from downtown and she started working as a maid at "Mark Twain Middle School" and also kept her part time job at the Magazine company. Then in 1968 she

was determine to get a better job with benefits as times were getting hard and she wanted us to have a good life. She applied at Kelly AFB and was hired. She started to work in maintenance department and later received a promotion and applied for the position of Inspector of airplane parts for the C-5 airplanes and was hired. It was a challenge for her, because she had to go to school and learn all the chemicals they used to oil the parts. As we know, she hardly spoke English and she had no education. But she was determine to learn this and she did. She received outstanding rewards and certificates for being a good worker and valuable employee. She made the news and her picture was taken by the Express Newspaper. She worked 16 years at Kelly AFB. She retired in 1985 at the age of 65 years old. For someone who had never graduated from High School she did pretty good. She only attend 6" grade at Harlandale School.

She was a very hard working woman. A good mother, A good example to better ones self. She made sure that her children were well taken care of and she made sure we went to school no matter how the weather was. We always walked to school in the hot, cold, raining weather. We had no car. She made sure we graduated and had a good education, so that we could better ourselves and not to depend on anyone.

She was also, a good, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt and good person with a good heart. Even though she always wanted things done her way. She meant well. She made sure that her family was what a family should be, together and at peace with each other. She loved her grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. They might not have always visited her but when they did her face would glow. She would tell me that her heart was happy because they came to see her and she saw them. She never forgot them. Whatever they might need she would try to give whether it was food or even a dollar. She gave because she cared, she will go to heaven when the Lord calls her because she was a good person, a very hard working woman, good mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt and had a good heart.
Children, Grand Children and Great Grand Children

Mom's Children: 3 Daughters and 3 Sons

Rosario Isabel Zapata Charo

Rumaido Zapata Charo

Trinidad Zapata Charo

Carlos Zapata & Wife: Socorro Portillo Zapata

Patricia Zapata Cadena

Juanita Zapata Cadena Sharkey & Husband: Robert

Grand Children

Grand Children: 8 Girls and 5 Boys

Christopher John Z. Charo, Antonio Trinidad Charo, Michael Charo, Charlie and Anthony Zapata.

Deborah Ann White, Liza Charo, Yvette Poe, Cynthia Robinson, Michell

Muzquiz, Magdalene Parobek, Janell Sharkey, Bianca Stroud

Great Grand Children: 12 Girls and 23 Boys

Total in all: 20 Girls & 28 Boys 48 Grand & Great Grand Children