



Omaira Alcira Cortes-Valdes

June 13, 1945 - March 16, 2018

Omaira Alcira Cortes Morales Kester passed away on March 16, 2018 in Salt Lake City, UT. She was born June 13th, 1945 in Santiago de Veraguas in the Republic of Panama to

Abigail Valdes and Adonai Cortes. She married Alberto Morales and then William Van Kester.

Omaira was one of the leading pioneers of the of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter

Day Saints in her home country Panama. Leading to the construction of the first formal church

building. She served many church callings for the Bella Vista Ward and Stake such as a

teacher, visiting teacher, Sunday School teacher, Primary President and Relief Society

President. No matter the calling, Omaira always gave her best effort to love those she served

and with her great sense of humor, those she served loved her as well. She was devoted to

sending two of her children on their missions, which led them to becoming a part of the first

generation of missionaries in Panama, Panama.

Twelve years ago she made the decision to migrate to the United States of

America to
reunite with her only grandchildren. In this country she found many lifelong
friends. Many
considered her to be their family even referring her to be their "Abuela".
Omaira always believed
strongly in the power of education, hard work and faith in our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ.

She was survived by: her husband William "Bill" Van Kester, her children
Omaira Scott
Aguayo (spouse Ernesto Aguayo), Alcira Morales Alba (spouse Ramon Alba),
and Alberto
Morales. Her grandchildren Jose R. Bonilla and Evelyn E. Sanchez. Her
siblings Dr. Adonai
Cortes (Spouse Doris Cortes), Lobelia Roman, Elda Cortes (spouse Everardo
Arosemena),
Idalia Cortes and Alsina Cortes.

She was preceded in death by: Her parents Abigail Valdes and Adonai Cortes,
her

ex-husband Alberto Morales, and her sister-in-law Ines Morales

Her memorial services will be March 24, 2018 at 10:30am at the LDS chapel,
Holladay

2nd Ward 2065 East 4675 South, Holladay UT 84117. We extend a thank you
to the nurses

and CNA's of Inspiration Hospice and Home Health. Specifically to Dr. Steve
Scoville and Nurse

Natalie Evans and her hospice aid Val for their extraordinary care and help.

And everyone at

Cascades at Riverwalk who spoiled Omaira with love and care. A big thank
you to our adopted

family, the Samayoas, Roxana Quituinto-Fernandez, Francisco and Daily
Linares, Maira

Morales, Ernesto Aguayo, Jose, Evelyn, Alex and Bishop Roger Beardshall
for always being
there through thick and thin.

Please share memories and condolences at www.serenityfhs.com

Previous Events

Memorial

MAR **24**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

Holladay 2nd Ward
2065 East 4675 South
Holladay, UT 84117

Tribute Wall



“ *Omaira Alcira Cortes-Valdes*

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“ *We came to love Omaira as we worshipped with her at the Holladay 7th Branch. She was a very faithful sister, mother, friend. Her kindness and humility new no bounds. We will dearly miss her sweat ways!*

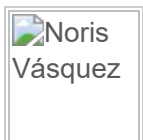
Morgan and Tina Andersen

Tina Andersen - March 21, 2018 at 08:59 AM



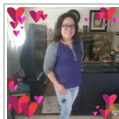
“ *I knew Omaira in the Holladay 7th Branch. She is truly an amazing person and I'm glad I have learned about her pioneer past in Panama. She is a humble, good, true Christian woman.*

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“ *Sentimos profundamente la partida de tía Omayra. Dios le dé paz y un descanso eterno y mucha fuerza a toda la familia. Paz a su alma.*

Noris Vásquez - March 17, 2018 at 01:58 PM



Mil gracias

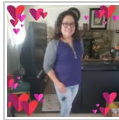
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“ Desde Santiago de Veraguas , República de Panamá. ..si prima Xenia Ramos Valdés de Ureña y familia. Se une a toda la familia Cortés Valdés por el fallecimiento de Omaira y expresa su certeza cristiana en la Resurrecion de su alma a la Gloria Eterna. ..RIP



Xenia F. Ureña Ramos - March 17, 2018 at 01:50 PM



Mil gracias por sus palabras Mama sienpre ttuvo en su memoria sus primos de Santiafo los Ureñas y le recordaba a mi Hija Evelyn sobre los talentos de musica y pintura que venian de ustedes ...besos

Omaira Scott - March 20, 2018 at 04:00 AM

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