



Gloria Otero

March 16, 1945 - March 24, 2026

Gloria Otero, 81, died on Tuesday, March 24, 2026. She was preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, Manuel Otero-Penas. Loving mother to Jorge Alberto Velasquez, and Francisca Isabel Otero; grandmother to Jared Alexander Velasquez, Garrett Nicholas Velasquez, and Mason Rourke Velasquez; great grandmother to River Ashland Velasquez, Boaz Alexander Velasquez, Estelina Grace Velasquez, Ariaiah Klaire Velasquez and Rosalie Isabella Velasquez.

Gloria was born in Honduras, Central America, and in a courageous leap of faith and an act of self-reliance, Gloria left her homeland in search of greater economic opportunity for herself and her young son after a divorce. In Roanoke, Virginia, she met her beloved husband, Manuel, and eventually settled down in Alexandria, Virginia.

Gloria's primary purpose in life was to take care of people. As the oldest of nine siblings, she was immersed in an early caregiver role and helped care for her younger siblings. Gloria and Manuel placed high importance on family, and their home was always a welcoming place for extended family members and friends. She was always willing to help friends and family. Gloria adored her children, grandchildren, and nieces and nephews, and she lovingly cared for them all. Professionally, she also was devoted to serve, and she concluded her professional career as an early childhood intervention specialist working

with the Latino community.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Dr. Alexandria, VA. The funeral service will be at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 3, 2026, at Jefferson Funeral Chapel. Interment following at Mt. Comfort Cemetery, 6600 S. Kings Hwy., Alexandria, VA 22306. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to GoPink!DC, American Cancer Society, or Alzheimer's Association.

Cemetery Details

Mount Comfort Cemetery

6600 S Kings Hwy
Alexandria, VA 22306
(703) 765-3800

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 2. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Drive
Alexandria, VA 22315
(703) 971-7400
info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com
<https://www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com>

Funeral Service

APR 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

APR 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *I will always remember Ms. Gloria's cheerfulness and kind spirit. Keeping the family in my thoughts and prayers.* ”



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