



## Teresa "Terry" Folgate

January 6, 1938 - September 26, 2025

Teresa (Terry) Folgate was born in Lima, Peru on January 6, 1938 and passed away on September 26, 2025 in Sherwood, Oregon. Terry grew up in Peru and after completing high school began work for an American company located in Lima. During this period, she learned and perfected her English by listening to American pop music. After several years of working and studying English she moved to Washington D.C. in 1962. She worked for the Organization of American States as a secretary and editor of conference documents until retiring in 1997.

Terry met her husband, Hank in Washington D.C. in 1967 through a mutual friend after he had returned from Vietnam where he had served in the Marine Corps. They were married in December 1968 in Peru. They lived in Falls Church, Virginia until April 2022 with 48 years in the same house. Her declining health due to Alzheimer's required their relocation to Oregon to be near relatives.

During the 53 years of living near our nation's capital she became friends with a wide range of people from different countries from Latin America and Europe. She was an introvert, but she seemed to attract a wide variety of people. Many of those friendships endure to this day. Terry loved to travel, and had many opportunities to do so. Terry was interested in languages and was proficient in Italian, French, Spanish and English. She retired in 1997 and

spent time taking classes in languages, French and Italian. She also loved to cook and had a large collection of cooking books from several countries. One of her great joys was cooking with children in our neighborhood and our godchildren. Her other interests included Ikebana flower arranging and going to the movies, sometimes more than one movie a day with her friends.

In accordance with her wishes, I invite all of you to remember her in a celebration of her life, on  
Wednesday, November 12 from 2:30 to 4:00pm at The Springs of Sherwood,  
15677 SW Oregon  
Street, Sherwood, Oregon. Dress is business casual. In lieu of flowers,  
memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, PO Box  
97394, Washington D.C. 20077-7967.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 12. 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

The Springs in Sherwood  
15677 SW Oregon St  
Sherwood, OR 97140

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ Teresa, " la hermana mayor", la recuerdo como tal toda la vida. Cuando aprendí a leer a mis 4 años, ella fue pronta a comprarme libros para aprender inglés para niños, luego me regaló un diccionario inglés-español ilustrado a mis 7 años. Siempre cariñosa con una mirada limpia, atenta y con una callada forma de ser amorosa con sus actitudes. Recuerdo que aún siendo niño íbamos a misa los domingos y luego antes de regresar a casa pasábamos por la panadería y pastelería La Romana en la avenida Larco, mi bocado preferido era una empanada de carne. Recuerdo cuando viajé a los Estados Unidos, nos escribíamos cartas frecuentemente, cuando había oportunidad me enviaba discos de las nuevas canciones. Recuerdo en mi viaje a Italia pasé por New York y estuve un día, en esa oportunidad pude conocer a Hank; paseamos mucho y hasta muy entrada la noche. Recuerdo también la boda de Teresa y Hank en Lima, fueron unos días de alegría familiar. Ya cuando me casé estaba muy atenta para enviarme regalos a mis hijos, igualmente como olvidar sus visitas por un mes a veces anuales y otras un año si y otro no. Eran días de mucha alegría y poder departir con ella y con Hank. Verdaderamente me queda el cariño y todas las vivencias compartidas en un ambiente de calidez y las oportunidades de re expresarnos el afecto gestado a lo largo de la vida. Cómo no agradecer a Dios por su vida. Con amor por siempre, Juan

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Juan Rodriguez - November 12, 2025 at 11:48 AM

GB

“ I have so many memories of Tia Tere that bring a smile to my face. I knew her since I was a baby, she was a wonderful godmother, my parents and I were very close to her and Tio Hank when I was growing up. They were like my third grandparents to me and taught me many things that have been formational to who I am today. I could go on and on about the memories I have with Tia Tere, from baking cardamom cookies and sharing them with her neighbors, to making blueberry pancakes together on Saturday mornings and going to the farmers’ market after, to listening to stories together on cassette tapes from the library, to teaching me about plants and getting herbs from her garden to cook with, to going to see movies together and going to museums in DC, so many beautiful memories. Every Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve my parents and I would spend with her and Tio Hank, they were such a joy to spend the holidays with. She was someone who was full of so much happiness and light and taught me to appreciate the little things in life, enjoy as much as you can, and show people love and respect. She was always active and doing something, encouraging me to try new foods, pick up new hobbies, and enjoy so many things there are to do in the dc area. I grew up in Virginia learning Spanish first from my parents, Tia Tere taught me English by having me speak to her in English growing up, which helped me so much when I started school. She took me to several doctor’s appointments, picked me up from school, and was always there for me. I enjoyed cooking with her so much as a child that I wanted to become a chef growing up! She showed me so much love and I will always remember her for that, I am so grateful for having had her in my life, she was an amazing person. Rest in peace Tia Tere, love you always.

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**Giorgio Barchitta** - November 11, 2025 at 07:47 PM

SR

“ Aunt Teresa was always present in my life, ever since I was a child. I remember with great affection how she made me feel through her thoughtful gestures, her gifts full of love, and that suitcase filled with beautiful things she brought each season.

As her goddaughter, I always felt a very special affection that accompanied me throughout the years. At every lunch and every family dinner, you could feel her joy, her generosity, and her constant desire to bring us all together.

I remember how she always wanted to take me on a trip to the United States, although for different reasons I was never able to visit her there. Still, I was fortunate to see her every year and enjoy her company. I hold with special fondness the trip we shared with her and Uncle Hank, an opportunity to get to know each other better and spend meaningful time together.

Today, I feel deep gratitude for everything we shared, for her affection, for having been such an important part of my life, and for always showing me her love and care.

Her presence will continue to accompany me in every memory and in every lesson she left within me.

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**Silvia Rodriguez** - November 11, 2025 at 11:45 AM

LA

“ Guardo los más bonitos recuerdos de una tía amorosa, de corazón generoso y mirada alegre. Siempre me llamó la atención esa mirada amable que tenía de los demás.

Recuerdo con ternura el cariño tan especial que le tenía a la mamá Lola, una muestra viva de lo que significa ser “familia”. Con la tía Teresa todo era sencillo: compartir una comida, conversar, reírse de algo cotidiano. Su compañía siempre se sentía ligera y llena de afecto.

Guardo en el corazón el más bonito recuerdo del viaje al Cusco con la tía Teresa y el tío Hank, unos días bonitos generados por ella, lo que valoro aún más.

Gracias, tía Teresa por todos los regalos que desde niños recibimos, pero sobre todo por tu manera tan genuina de hacer sentir a todos importantes.

Tu cariño sigue aquí, y seguirá acompañándonos siempre.

Laura

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Laura - November 10, 2025 at 06:34 PM

SR

“ Nuestra Querida Tía Teresa, siempre se encargó de demostrarnos su cariño desde niños, a pesar de no vivir en la misma ciudad, llegaban cosas lindas desde USA, sin pedírselas.

Tengo recuerdos de las revistas de National Geographic que recibí mensualmente durante años, lo que me acercó al mundo antes de internet, me mostró un mundo que veía lejano, pero tan cercano a la vez por tenerlo a la mano.

Los momentos que venía al Lima con mi tío Hank, siempre eran fijas reuniones familiares.

Durante los años fuimos conociendo tantos restaurantes juntos y compartiendo.

Creo que toda la familia va a recordar la felicidad que veíamos en ella y mi tío por venir a Perú a visitarnos.

Y como les contaba al principio, durante los años no sé cómo hacía, pero cuando se daba cuenta que algo estaba mal siempre nos ayudaba, demostrando esa gran empatía propia de ella.

Gracias tía por tantos años de tu cariño,

siempre estarás en nuestros recuerdos.

Sergio Y Mateo.

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**SERGIO RODRIGUEZ** - November 10, 2025 at 03:47 PM

PR

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**Paulo Rodriguez** - November 09, 2025 at 04:14 PM

PR

“*Aunty Tere or as we used to call her in Spanish “Tia Teresa”, was the typical American aunty in my imagination as nephew living in Europe.*

*When I visited her and Uncle Hank , during the 80’s, at their home in Falls Church, I discover a wonderful person who help me to become more mature , engaging me in her activities such as visiting the state and going to some antiques markets with her friend Maizi and learning to cook American food such as pancakes and Chili con carne.*

*I will always remember our monthly call over the phone of different topics and her kindness towards everyone*

*She has been a very helpful person on my development and supporting my change from childhood to adult . I will have always good memories of the time spent together.*

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**Paulo Rodriguez** - November 09, 2025 at 04:12 PM

GR

“ I have always been impressed by her joyful character and those big black eyes. She was generous and truly open-minded. I hold many memories of her—some from my childhood, when she would return to Peru with Hank. The days before their arrival were always a bit frenetic; the whole family prepared to welcome them, and happiness filled the air.

We kids were so excited! She always brought a sweetness we rarely found in Peru (or that our parents hid very well). We were eager, mostly for the dizzying candies. I recall her tenderness with Mama Lola and how deeply they loved each other.

She loved her family; she stayed close to us even with an ocean between us. I was deeply touched when she came to Milano to meet Gabriel. I share with him who she was and tell stories from my memories, so that he can understand how special she was to all of us.

Tía, gracias por todo. Un abrazo

Georgia (el soprano del Tucán), Gabriel and Filippo

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Georgia Rodriguez - November 08, 2025 at 11:35 AM

MA

“ Dear Terry, I miss you a lot! So many years have passed since we met and became good friends. We shared so many good and happy times, just talking or going on our expeditions to discover new ways to enjoy our spare time. I remember specially our outings in Pennsylvania, it was so much fun to spend the day in the beautiful country side choosing small items to buy in the antique stores. You were a great friend, I will always remember you as a good person with a big heart, who knew how to enjoy life. Always my friend, querida Terry💕

Maizi

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Maizi - October 18, 2025 at 04:39 PM

ME

“ Terry was a truly special person to me. When I first arrived in the DC area, she welcomed me with open arms and supported me wholeheartedly. Her warmth and affection were constant, and I could always count on her without hesitation. She was a self-made woman—curious, always eager to learn, a devoted reader, an art enthusiast, and an exceptional cook. Her encouragement gave me strength during difficult times. She was always cheerful, with a smile that could brighten any day. I will carry her in my heart always. She was, and will remain, a true role model.

*Goodbye, my dear friend. Your light, your kindness, and your strength will stay with me forever. I will miss you deeply, but I will always be grateful for the time we shared.*

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**Melisa** - October 17, 2025 at 03:57 PM