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EMELINA  
TORROELLA  
ORDOZGOITI

Emelina Torroella Ordozgoiti was born on October 18th, 1917 and died on February 25th, 2016, at the age of 98. She departed just as she lived most of her life, surrounded by all her children and grandchildren. We feel privileged to have had her with us. As my niece Mariela observed, “She was the oak that kept our family together.”

She was the ideal companion for my father, always at his side, supporting and encouraging him.

She was a cheerful person, always ready and willing to travel, even in the last stage of her life. She traveled with us or with her siblings, Julio and Piti.

We also remember our mother for her sayings, that still live on in our family, like “Titiribú Mandinga,” “Figúrate tú” and “Lo sabes tú, así yo.”

The love we feel for our brothers and sisters is mostly due to our parents’ upbringing and the faith and values they transmitted.

Our mother left us a legacy of faith, fortitude, family bonding and a large descendance: six children, 21 grandchildren and 46 great-grandchildren.

I asked each one of my siblings to write about what my mother meant to them.



My mother was a very special woman who knew how to love my father, always be there for him and help him. Her example in this respect proved invaluable to me

Furthermore, her approach to my upbringing was extremely comprehensive in regard to the values, culture, education and faith that fundamentally define who I am. The most priceless gifts she bequeathed to me are love and loyalty to my family and the fortitude to forge ahead despite all adversities.

Nicolás

My mother was always present, ready and willing to keep us company.

She loved attending daily mass. She also enjoyed going out and having me sing to her. Her presence bound us together and served as an anchor for all of us.

José Ignacio

### María Teresa:

I regard my mother as a "grande dame" in the full sense of the word. A pious, intelligent woman, she was always involved in her children's education and in the well-being of her family.

Throughout my life she was my guide and my best friend. We laughed a great deal and enjoyed making up jokes about different situations.

She was well-known for her personal integrity and profound humanism.

She will always live in my heart.

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In behalf of my sister Emelina, may she rest in peace, her children wrote the following:

Thank you so much, grandma, because your life gave life to my mother. Your presence always provided us with so many gifts: your affection, your self-restraint, your disposition and your priceless love.

We love you, grandma,  
Alfonso, Emelina and Mariela Garcia  
Bringas Mariscal

### María Guadalupe:

I remember my mother whose deep-rooted Catholic values stemmed from her Jesuit training and her contact with them.

In this regard, she left me with an indelible example that I try to fulfill day after day. The prudence she exhibited throughout her life always filled me with joy and a sense of security.

She was and is a great woman.

Marilú

### María Eugenia:

My mother was a great role model for me. The values that were important to her were the precepts she chose to follow all her life. She was a strong woman with extraordinary class. One of the greatest legacies she left us was a close family. I am very grateful to her for the family she gave me and for teaching me that candor and fortitude come from within.

Ananda

