



## Elena Barillas Flores

September 14, 1961 - December 31, 2018

Elena Barillas Flores, age 57, of Manchester, Michigan, passed away on Monday, December 31, 2018 surrounded by her loving family. Elena was born on September 14, 1961 to parents Guillermo and Caroline (Middleton) Barillas in Flint, Michigan. She was raised in Flushing, Michigan along with her five siblings.

Elena married David Flores, Jr. on August 14, 1993 and they spent thirty loving years together. A devoted mother, she showered their daughter Maya and goddaughter Taylor with unconditional love. She earned a Bachelors of Fine Art from the University of Michigan and moved to the Ann Arbor area to pursue a career as an art teacher. Elena taught for thirty-one years, spending the past fourteen years teaching at Community High School in Kerrytown. She loved her students and the opportunity to pass on her passion for art.

Elena was passionate, vivacious, and appreciated the beauty of each day. She enjoyed being surrounded by nature and loved horseback riding, biking, kayaking, and practicing yoga. Innately creative, she expressed herself through many mediums of art and filled many sketchbooks. Elena had a gentle spirit towards all creatures, and her dogs and horses held a special place in her heart. She also loved to travel and explore new places, Spain and Utah being amongst her favorite places in the world. Her legacy of her family was her greatest passion, and she will be dearly missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Guillermo and Caroline Barillas and her beloved sister, Teresa Barillas-Hinds.

Elena is survived by her husband, David Flores, Jr.; her daughters, Maya Flores and Taylor (Zack) Issa; her siblings, Martin (Alice) Barillas, Carolina Barillas, William (Maria) Barillas, and Michael (Michele) Barillas. She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, and friends from around the world.

A memorial service will take place on Saturday, January 5, 2019, at 10 am at Sharon

United Methodist Church, 19980 W. Pleasant Lake Road, Manchester, Michigan 48158.

Those wishing to honor Elena's memory may make donations to the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) or Planned Parenthood.



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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elena Barillas Flores.



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“ Carolina E. Barillas lit a candle in memory of Elena Barillas Flores



**Carolina E. Barillas** - January 02 at 06:22 PM

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“ Claudia Barillas sent a virtual gift in memory of Elena Barillas Flores



**Claudia Barillas** - January 02 at 02:18 PM

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“ Denisse Leonardo lit a candle in memory of Elena Barillas Flores



**Denisse Leonardo** - January 02 at 01:53 PM



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