

# MY GRANDMOTHER

*Mario Martinez Noguero*



*Maria del Carmen is my grandmother, she was born on October 13, 1931 in Vilagarcía de Arousa, daughter of Carmen and Mario lived a hard childhood, but happy. She played rope, billiards, roulette... Her father was a carpenter and her mother took care of the house and her 4 daughters; she was the second of her sisters. Her parents spoke to him in Galician and at school he learned the Spanish. She loved school and her favorite subject was math.*



*She married at age 21. At that time she moved to her husband's village, in Ourense. She had her first child and had to emigrate to Germany. She later had two more daughters. In total she had three children, one son and two women.*



*She spent her life in the village dedicating herself to taking care of her children, her house, agricultural tasks and helped her husband in a mill they had, where the neighbors went to grind the grains of corn and rye to make flour, necessary for the feeding of the animals and also to make bread. Her greatest passion was playing chess with her father and going to collect stones and shells in summer at the beach, to paint them and decorate the house.*



*She is now 80 years old, has three children, a daughter-in-law and three grandchildren. She looks with sorrow that, over the years, the town where she lived became empty, only a few neighbors go on weekends and holidays. Her life was marked by her return to the village from Germany. She always dreamed of leaving again. Also her children were very important in her life. She remembers with great affection her childhood with her parents, grandparents, sisters, aunts, cousins and the whole family.*



*One of my best memories with her is when in summer we went to the Island of Arousa and every morning, we went out by bicycle to the beach and we crossed paths with all the neighbors and friends we had, she is the best grandmother in the world. I love her very much and I would not change her for absolutely nothing.*