

*In Loving Memory
Of
Jenny A. Mora Galvan
Muwékma Ohlone Tribal Elder
Muwékma Miččiš
February 8, 1936 – February 26, 2014*





Memorial Service
For
Jenny A. Mora Galvan



Wednesday, March 5, 2014

Santos-Robinson Mortuary
160 Estudillo Ave. San Leandro, CA 94577

Visitation - Noon to 8:00 P.M.

Vigil Service - 7:00 P.M.

Thursday, March 6, 2014

St. Leander Church
550 W. Estudillo Ave. San Leandro, CA 94577

Funeral Liturgy - 10:30 A.M.

Interment

Immediately Following Funeral Liturgy

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery
1051 Harder Road, Hayward, CA 94542
(Corner of Mission Blvd and Harder Road)

Reception

Concluding the Interment

BJM Hall
21160 Ocean View Drive, Hayward, CA 94541
(Off Foothill Blvd & Ash Street)



On February 26, 2014, Jenny A. Mora Galvan, Muwékma Ohlone Tribal Elder - Muwékma Miččiš, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family. Jenny was 78 years old.

Born in Oakland on February 8, 1936, Jenny was a middle daughter of Muwekma Elder Mary Muñoz and Jose Mora. Her older and younger brothers and sisters include Joseph Mora, Lupe Mora Massiatt, Margaret Mora, Alice Mora, Frances Mora Smith, Virginia Mora Massiet, Louis E. Medina, Edward Medina and Jesse Ramos. Jenny was married to Muwekma Elder Michael F. Galvan (Ben) in the early 1950s and lived in the Oakland area. Her five children are Theresa A. Laudani, Katherine J. Galvan, Ramona Robins, Michael F. Galvan Jr., and Albert B. Galvan.

When Jenny was growing up in the 1940s, she remembered visiting many of her Ohlone relations, including spending time with Madrina Maggie Piños Juarez in Newark. She also remembered going to Niles along Alameda Creek and playing in the little stream.

During the early 1960s, the Ohlone families gathered and worked under the principal efforts of their great-aunt Dolores Marine Alvarez Piscopo Galvan and Ben's sister, Dottie Galvan Lameira, in order to protect the Ohlone Indian Cemetery in Fremont from destruction. Jenny, her mom Mary Muñoz, and her extended family attended various meetings and barbecues that were held near Mission San Jose. She also worked cleaning up and weeding the cemetery. Jenny was also listed as a Member of the "Ohlone Chapter, American Indian Historical Society."

By 1984, the Muwekma Ohlone Tribal leadership formed a formal Tribal government in order to articulate with Federal, State and local agencies about legal and cultural issues confronting the disenfranchised Muwekma Ohlone Tribal community. A few years later, Jenny's son, Albert Galvan joined the Muwekma Tribal Council. As the Tribal Council developed policies and political strategies to deal with legal issues, Jenny and her family had been introduced to the effort by the Tribe to obtain Federal Recognition



from the U.S. Government. Jenny's niece JoAnn Brose and nephew Richard Massiatt are presently serving as Tribal Council members, while her older sister Lupe Mora Massiatt was on the Elders Council.

By the time the Tribe sent in its letter to petition the Federal Government for Acknowledgement in 1989, Jenny's family got involved with both archaeological issues and the Tribe's efforts to attain Federal Recognition. Jenny participated as a Tribal Elder at Tribal Council meetings; Tribal sponsored events and educational workshops. During the Tribe's response to the BIA's negative proposed finding, Jenny's mother along with several of Jenny's siblings provided critical oral histories that helped reverse some of the negative findings and disprove some of the negative assumptions that the BIA had previously determined about the continuous existence of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe

Jenny Galvan, following in the footsteps of her mother Mary Muñoz Mora, continued to serve as a cultural bridge between two worlds – the post-transitional world of the neglected Federally Recognized Verona Band of Alameda County – to the incipient Ohlone Indian Tribe, Incorporated to which her husband Benjamin Galvan became the president of in 1971 – and the revitalized and organized Muwekma Ohlone Tribe to which she was indeed a Tribal Elder of distinction. Soft spoken, loving and caring mother, grandmother and great-grandmother she fully knew and understood her Ohlone Indian identity.

Jenny lived to see a potentially bright future for all of the Muwekma Ohlone families. She also saw history being made when the title of the Ohlone Indian Cemetery in Fremont passed from the Catholic Church to the American Indian Historical Society and then to her husband's family whom made up the Board of Directors of Ohlone Indian Tribe, Inc. Jenny lived to see the Muwekma obtain a formal determination by the BIA of previous unambiguous Federal Recognition, a successful lawsuit against the Department of the Interior, and a positive determination that 100% of the enrolled membership is directly descended from members of the previously recognized Verona Band, which was also



determined to be a historic tribe. Jenny also lived to see U.S. District Judge, Ricardo Urbina state:

“The Muwekma Tribe is a tribe of Ohlone Indians indigenous to the present-day San Francisco Bay area. In the early part of the Twentieth Century, the Department of the Interior (“DOI”) recognized the Muwekma tribe as an Indian tribe under the jurisdiction of the United States.”

Jenny represented the sixth generation of a line of Ohlone Indian women whose lives were disrupted by the expanding Hispanic Empire and the American Conquest of California. All of Jenny’s maternal Ohlone ancestors came into the Mission San Jose. Jenny’s lineage is descended from her great-great-great-grandmother Efrena Quennatole who was born in 1797 and was of the Karkin Ohlone/Napian Tribe of the North Bay and her great-great-great-grandfather, Liberato Culpecse who was born in 1787 and baptized at Mission Dolores and who was of the Jalquin/Saclan Tribes of the East Bay. She was further descended from Liberato’s parents Faustino Poylemja who was born around 1764 from the Saclan Tribe (Walnut Creek/Concord/Lafayette area) and Obdulia Jobocme who was born around 1766 from the Jalquin Tribe from the greater San Lorenzo/San Leandro/Hayward region.

Efrena and Liberato’s daughter was Maria Efrena Yakilamne. She was born in 1832 and was baptized at Mission San Jose and buried at the Ohlone Cemetery. Maria Efrena married Panfilo Yakilamne (Ilamne Tribe) and their daughter was Avelina Cornates. Avelina was born in 1863 and was baptized in 1864 at Mission San Jose and she died in 1904 and buried at the Ohlone Cemetery. Avelina Had married Rafael Marine and one of their daughters was Victoria Marine who was born on May 9, 1897 on the Pleasanton Rancheria and was baptized at Mission San Jose and buried at the Ohlone Cemetery in 1922 at the young age of 25. Victoria had married John Muñoz and they had two surviving children, Mary who was born in 1910 and Flora who was born in 1917.



Following in the footsteps of her mother Mary Muñoz, grandmother Victoria Marine, great-grandmother Avelina Cornates, great-great grandmother Maria Efrena, great-great-great grandmother Efrena Quennatole and her female Ohlone ancestors, Jenny carried herself with a quiet dignity and an upbeat and loving personality.

She is survived by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and by her relations of the Marine lineage and Tribal members of the other lineages enrolled in the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe.

Jenny's Ohlone Tribal ancestors and families have been waiting since 1906 for their **rights** to be recognized and honored by the United States Government. Jenny had been waiting her entire 78-year life span for full Federal rights to be accorded to her Tribe. In her own quiet way, Jenny had made major contributions towards the reaffirmation of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe and she leaves that legacy for the future generations of the Tribe.

Jenny passed away within her Tribe's ancestral territory. Go with peace and join your sisters, brothers, cousins, aunts, uncles, relations and ancestors and know that you made this world a better place for your Tribe. **'Útaspu Méene Jenny - Mak 'Aččo, Mak Suyya, Mak Miččiš. Hemmen Heyešmin Meene Hišmet. Good Bye Jenny - Our Friend, Our Relation, Our Elder. May the Great Creator Bless You.**



**Sunuuniy makiš 'em-suyya tušwiikne, makiš kaayi makhinnan makkam rokét 'ayye 'em-suyyakma.
Makkam kam mak sai-tak.**

*We are sorry your family member has passed, our hearts
are very sad for you and your family.
You all are in our prayers.
Aho!*



Jenny Galvan's Muwekma Ohlone Ancestral Lineage

Mission San Jose and Mission Dolores Records

Faustino Poylemja -- **Obdulia Jobocme**

(b. ca. 1764/Chaclanes/Saclanes) | (b. ca. 1766/Jalquin)

Liberato Culpecse -- **Efrena Quennatole**

(b. 1787/Jalquin/Saclan) | (b. 1797/Karkin/Jarquín/Napian)

Maria Efrena -- **Ponfilo Yakilamne**

(b. 1832) | (baptized 1835?, Ilamne Tribe)

Avelina (Cornates) Marine -- Rafael Marine

(b. 1863/d. 1904 buried at the Ohlone Cemetery) |

Victoria Marine -- John Munoz

(b. 5-9-1897/d. 11-27-1922) |

Mary Munoz -- Jose Mora

(b. 8-28-1910/d. 11-23-2002) |

Jenny Mora -- **Michael F. Galvan**

(b. 2-8-1936/d. 2-26-2014) |



California Indians

Ohlone Indian (East Bay)

Plains Miwok (Sacramento Delta)



Jenny with her Mother Mary on Easter





*Ben
and
Jenny
1969*



*Jenny
1976*

*Jenny
1987*



*Jenny with Grandkids, Niece &
Nephew, Dec. 1989*



Jenny with Her Children



Mural at Ohlone Park



*Jenny with Siblings at Their Mother
Mary's 90th Birthday*



Camping 2012



Jenny December 2013

