

Dominga Grave, 26

Dominga was born in the mountains outside the village of Hoyaba, Quiché in 1982. She was raised in Pacux and began weaving with her mother, Fermina Castro, when she was twelve years-old. She is able to weave on both a backstrap loom and an upright pedal loom and weaves every day when not taking care of her five children.

Dominga has no direct memories of the years of violence, and her textile commemorates her husband's grandfather, Victor Lajuj Chen, who was fifty when he died by lasso and machete in the village of Xococ on February 13, 1982. She designed a scene with mountains and birds for Victor, whose wife survived the massacres along with her husband and lives in Pacux today.

