

Río Negro Memorial Textile

Weaver Profile

Florinda Canahui Coloch, 28

Florinda is originally from the village of Vegas Santo Domingo, Baja Verapaz. She met and married Gilberto Tecu Osorio in 2000. Florinda lives with her extended family in Pacux and weaves, beautifully, in her spare time when not taking care of their three children.

For The Advocacy Project, Florinda wove a textile for her husband's aunt, Juana Tecu Osorio, who died at Pak'oxom with her two children on March 13, 1982. Juana was only eighteen years-old at the time of her death, and three of her then- living siblings died at Pak'oxom with her as well. Her younger brother, Jesus, was enslaved at Pak'oxom by PAC soldiers from the nearby village of Xococ, and her older sister, Laura Tecu Osorio, survived as well, hidden in the mountains.

