

Río Negro Memorial Textile

Weaver Profile

Laura Tecu Osorio, 45

On the morning of March 13, 1982, Laura was at home with several children, including her two day old child, Jaime, when the PAC soldiers arrived. She was sick after the birth of her child and obliged to walk with the soldiers toward a central meeting place in Río Negro. Laura simply could not walk, and after 100 yards, she was left behind with Jaime and the other children. She was not raped that morning because of her weak medical condition and returned home.

Once she heard the violence, she fled into the mountains with the children, as difficult as it was for her at the time. Eventually she found her husband, José Osorio Sic, who had been in hiding as well and for more than a year they lived in the small river valleys around Río Negro, returning to their house at night to gather food and necessities for the children when they thought it was safe.

In 1984, the family arrived in Pacux and has lived there ever since. Laura now has eight children, all of whom survived the massacres. Laura's textile commemorates her brother, Jaime, who died at Pak'oxom. Laura's other brother, Jesus, survived the massacre at Pak'oxom and has been an advocate for the Río Negro community ever since, as is Laura.

