

MY MEMOIRES

In 2019 life allowed me to reassess my priorities and undertake projects that I wanted to carry out for a long time. One of them was writing my memoirs. I wanted to leave my children, especially my grandchildren, a testimony of what I am, what I was, and what I am thankful for. This process of reflection took place amid a pandemic that increased my gratefulness for my health, family, friends, and all those people who, throughout my life, have helped me build bridges to overcome difficult circumstances; to connect people; to contribute to the common good, and concrete goals and specify projects.



Photo: My portrait, painting by artist Dana Aerenlund

Below I share with you some of the thoughts of my grandchildren regarding my memoirs:

"I liked his reflection on how to see life always like a glass that is half full and not half empty. The memoirs of my grandfather are not only memories but also life lessons, things that he has learned."

"After reading my grandfather's memoirs, I learned a lot about him, about his past and present. The photos made me emotional. It is a book that I want to pass on to my future children to read".

"My grandfather spent a lot of time at his grandmother Pitita's house, which gave him stability because his family moved a lot from home because his father built new houses and they had to move constantly move. In 1957, when he was fourteen, they finally stayed in one house."

"I liked that throughout his life, my grandfather overcame adversity. As his grandson, I am proud to learn about his personal growth".



Photo: With my father Nicolás Mariscal Barroso, on the left, and my grandfather Nicolás Mariscal y Piña, on the right, 1947

"My grandmother has always supported my grandfather."

"I liked seeing the photos of my grandparents together, it is proof that love lasts."

"I liked how my grandfather presented himself, with his qualities and his challenges, similar to mine."

"The part about the grandchildren portrays the love my grandfather has for us and that he has a very good relationship with everyone."

"My grandfather does not take no for an answer, he continues to fight for what is fair to him and others."

"The memories of my grandfather were a good way to learn about his life, how he grew up, his decisions, his family tree, how he met my grandmother, and his formation."

"I was very impressed by how my grandfather decided to study engineering, I also liked seeing how he made his life alongside my grandmother."