To A Transplant Nurse"

Hello, my name is Yvonne Candelaria, on March 18th, 2006 my husband Alfred Candelaria passed away in my arms. We were at a 50th Birthday party for a couple from our church. We ate, talked, laughed and danced. About 10 minutes before his last breath, he shared with our friends that he was doing what he loved the most, "he was dancing with his wife" that was me. I felt a hedge around me the moment the heart attack happened. I remember he started to slump over the chair he was sitting in and I got up and grabbed him in my arms. People were yelling maybe it was me, I haven't asked yet, there were 2 nurses that were at the party and they laid him down and began CPR. The firemen finally got there and took him to the hospital. It seemed like it took us forever to get to the hospital. My friend Angie drove me, we found every STOP sign, and RED light on the way. When I got there our daughter Jennifer (19 yrs old) was there with our Pastor. She was just full of questions. She said she saw when they came with her daddy. The doctor finally came out to let us know what happened. I thought it was a heart attack, stroke, but that he died that was the furthest thing on my mind. It knocked me back into the sofa we were on. The person I spoke to from One Legacy was very caring and they just knew what to say. Al wanted to donate everything they could use. When I needed a moment they gave it to me. I have participated in the Run/Walk for the last two years. We borrowed a quilt to display at our church to get sign-ups for the Run/Walk. Next year we will borrow the quilt that has the square we made in honor of Al. I have been really Blessed with Peace the Peace that Surpasses all understanding. If my Al was here he would be in pain with his bad back. I thank the Lord that he is not suffering anymore. On his way to be with the Lord he Gave Life to others. I'm so proud of him and proud of have been his wife. We were together for 27 years and married on 9/20/1986. We live in Moreno Valley, CA
 Thank you for all that you do.

Yvonne Candelaria