

# The Olibarria Family's Contribution to Peoria High School

One of the things that Peoria High School is known for is its sense of community and the involvement of the community with its local school. Such is the case with the Olibarria family which has a distinguished history in the community and the school.

- On September 24, 1916, Emitterio Olivarria entered the United States as part of the Bracero program. It is a program where they could come and work in the United States, be model citizens, and then in return for that and serving in the army, Emitterio was allowed to remain in the United States.
- If you are wondering why the family name is Olibarria and not Olivarria (the original name), it is because in the military they made a mistake and used the b instead of the v. It was on legal papers so Emitterio accepted it as Olibarria.
- In the 1940s Emitterio met his future wife Maria Rosa Cota and they married on July 5, 1942.
- The Cota's at that time owned the land where Varney Tract is located today. Because Maria's mother had cancer they were forced to sell part of it to cover medical expenses. However, the family continued to live in the area and kept some of the best properties.
- The family had 9 kids – all of which attended and graduated from Peoria High School. As did their grandchildren and their great-grandchildren. See the chart:

## Olibarria's

- **Carlos Olibarria: Class of 1963**
- **Ruben Olibarria: Class of 1965**
- **Joey Olibarria: Class of 1967**
- **Rosalinda Olibarria (Gilbert): Class of 1969**
- **Jerry Olibarria: Class of 1971**
- **Leo Olibarria: Class of 1972**
- **Yolanda Olibarria: Class of 1976**
- **Gloria Olibarria (Zaragoza): Class of 1979**
- **Martha Olibarria (Gomez): Class of 1982**

## Olibarria Grandchildren

- **Lucy Olibarria: Class of 1985**
- **Marcelo Olibarria: Class of 1988**
- **Joey Olibarria Jr.: Class of 1989**
- **Francisca Olibarria: Class of 1989**
- **Michael Kroll: Class of 1990**
- **Michelle Olibarria (Stoffey): Class of 1992**
- **Steven Kroll: Class of 1996**
- **Jerry Olibarria Jr.: Class of 1998**
- **Robert Zaragoza: Class of 2003**
- **Alisandra Zaragoza (Pena): Class of 2004**
- **Adriana Zaragoza: Class of 2007**
- **Xavier Olibarria:**
- **Julian Olibarria**
- **Mari Felix**
- **Mari Rosa (year attended)**
- **Francesca Gomez (years attended)**
- **Alexandria Gomez (years attended)**

**Olibarria Great Grandchildren:**

- **Jacob Castro: Class of 2013**
- **Lukas Castro: Class of 2014**
- **Micah Castro: Class of 2015**
- **Mason Stoffey: Class of 2015**
- **Julia Olibarria: Class of 2017**
- **Jeremiah Olibarria: Class of 2019**
- **Madison Stoffey: Class of 2022**
- **Matthew Stoffey: Class of 2029**

**Thirty-two members of this family have gone through Peoria High School and this family is not done yet. QUITE AN ACCOMPLISHMENT!**



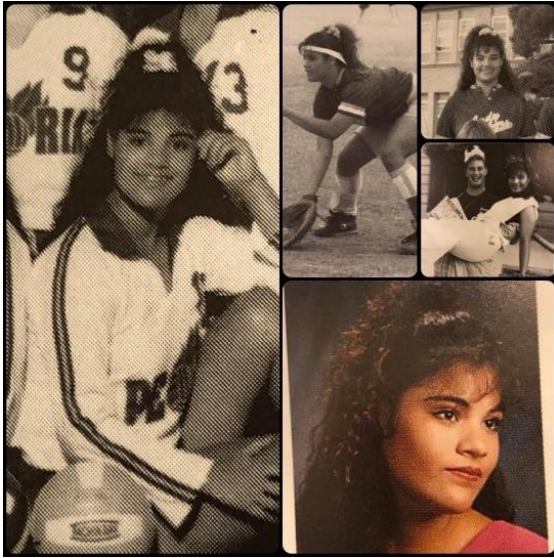
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**Joey Olibarria**



**Lucy Olibarria**



**Michelle Stoffey (Olibarria)**



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**Olibarria Athletes and PHS**