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Abstract: **George Morales, Jr.**

Mr. George Morales, Jr., grew up in Mayfield Park and Stafford during which time his dad worked for Imperial Sugar Company for 61 years. His father owned a family-friendly tavern for mainly Hispanics. George was the oldest of 6 children with a fun, but strict upbringing. He shares many stories about his father's work at Imperial Sugar, his dad being a reserve Deputy Sheriff for 35 years, his family living in Sugar Land and Stafford, walking to school, and the activities and adventures growing up in the community.

Education was important in the Morales family. So was regular gatherings with family and friends. Now there are 5 generations of his family still enjoying life in the community.

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Interview Summary

People (in order mentioned in interview)

Mary Morales – spouse
 Mrs. Hightower – teacher
 Mr. Hightower – football coach
 Ken Hall – famous Sugar Land football player
 Chuzzy Jenkins – track coach
 Mr. Neal – land developer
 T. C. Rozelle – Imperial Sugar manager
 Walter McMeans – Mayor of Sugar Land
 Lydia Mendoza – entertainer
 Fred Kielman – Sperry-Sun manager
 Connie Morales – sister
 Logene Foster – highway patrol officer
 Curtis Hall – friend
 Dr. Slaughter – local physician
 Dr. Kuykendall – local physician
 Dr. Deatherage – local physician
 Carol Morales – daughter
 Marty Morales – son

Places / Businesses

Sugar Land, Texas
 Mexico
 Imperial Sugar Company
 Stafford, Texas
 Mayfield Park community

Events

George was born in Sugar Land and was raised in the company town as well as Stafford. He was the oldest of 6 children.

His father worked for Imperial Sugar for 61 years and as a reserve deputy with the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office for 35 years.

Sugar Land School
 Lakeview Elementary
 Dulles High School
 Sugar Land High School
 Missouri City, Texas
 Baker Field – Baseball Park
 Vietnam conflict
 US Army
 Leesville, LA – military basic training
 Huntsville, AL – military ammo training
 Massey Business School, Houston
 Indianapolis, Indiana
 Fort Bragg, North Carolina
 Springfield, North Carolina
 Fort Bend County
 Covington Woods – subdivision
 New Mexico
 El Paso, Texas
 McAllen, Texas
 Fort Bend County Sheriffs Office
 Sperry-Sun Corporation
 Halliburton
 The Merchantile – local furniture store
 Houston, Texas
 Bellaire, Texas

George and his siblings enjoyed life in the community with family and education being high priority. He worked after school at his parents' family-friendly dance hall in Stafford. His dad required kids and customers to walk a straight line.

After retiring from Halliburton, George, his wife Mary, and 5 generations of the Morales family reside in Sugar Land. He shares many stories about growing up in a Hispanic community but never experiencing discrimination.