



Jose Crespín De La Torre

October 25, 1928 - May 15, 2026

Jose Crespín De La Torre passed away peacefully May 15, 2026.

He was born October 25, 1928, in Chanute, Kansas to Refugio and Crescencia (Gonzales) De La Torre. He graduated from Chanute High School in 1947.

Crespín married the love of his life, Margaret (Maggie) Alonzo, on January 8, 1949, and they recently celebrated 77 years of wedded life.

Shortly after graduating from high school, Crespín went to work for Monarch Cement, serving in various positions, and retired after 43 years of employment.

A lifetime member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Crespín was deeply involved with parish life. He was active in the Knights of Columbus, attaining the 4th Degree, and also active in Harvest House. Crespín and his wife, Maggie, were also active in the R.S.V.P., Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Crespín was a very active member of the Chanute Mexican Fiesta Committee for many years, serving as president for two of those years.

He is well known for being a coach for youth baseball and basketball, adult softball, both fast pitch and slow pitch.

A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, Crespín enjoyed family gatherings, especially the Alonzo Family Reunions, the Gonzales Family Reunions, and holiday gatherings. He also enjoyed following the activities of his children and grandchildren. He loved following some of his favorite sports teams including the Kansas City Chiefs, the Kansas City Royals, the

University of Notre Dame, and his two favorites, the Chicago Bears and his beloved Kansas University Jayhawks.

He is survived by his children, Michael (Anita) of Chanute, Phillip (Pat) of Lawrence, Kansas, Steven (Vicki) of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Julie Bright (Eddie) of Derby, Kansas. Eleven grandchildren, Jeffrey De La Torre (Angie), Christopher De La Torre (Diane), Brian De La Torre (Lauren), Edward De La Torre, Danny De La Torre (Meagan), Ryan De La Torre, Isaac De La Torre (Paige), Kylie Grossnicklaus (Whitney), Stephanie Witt (Brian), Allison McDowell (Joe), Emily Conner (Derrick), 17 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his beloved spouse of 77 years, Maggie, and two sisters, Juanita De La Torre and Pauline Florez.

The rosary will be recited at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 20 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Visitation will be held following the rosary until 7:00 p.m. Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, May 21 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, followed by interment at St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to St. Patrick's Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home.

Crespin will be remembered for his devotion to his family and to his church. He will also be remembered for his warm smile, and his kindness and love he shared with everyone.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery - Chanute

926 W. 7th Street
Chanute, KS

Upcoming Events

Rosary

MAY 20. 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

St Patrick's Catholic Church
424 S Central Ave
Chanute, KS 66720
(620) 431-3165

Visitation

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Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Michael, May some gentle memory of the love you shared during happier times hold you In it's warm embrace and bring you peace. My deepest sympathy is with you & your family.*

Penny Dearmon - Yesterday at 05:32 PM

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“ *Love, Tom and MaryAnn Lampo purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Jose Crespin De La Torre.*



Love, Tom and MaryAnn Lampo - Yesterday at 03:47 PM



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jose Crespin De La Torre.*



Yesterday at 03:42 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jose Crespin De La Torre.*

Yesterday at 03:42 PM

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“ I played fast and slow pitch softball with 3 generations of the delatorre family, Chris, Mike and Jeff, the world is a much lesser place now, may the grace of Jesus be with the family ❤️🙏❤️🙏🇺🇸

David Elder - Yesterday at 02:16 PM