



Mary Margaret "Maggie" De La Torre

September 16, 1928 - January 21, 2026

Margaret (Maggie) De La Torre, passed away peacefully January 21, 2026. She was born September 16, 1928 in Chanute, Kansas to Nicolas and Leonor (Villasenor) Alonzo. She graduated from Chanute High School in 1947 and was the class salutatorian.

Maggie married Jose Crespín De La Torre on January 8, 1949, recently celebrating 77 years of wedded life.

Maggie worked different jobs, but the two jobs she loved most and the ones she is best known for were being the secretary at St. Patrick's School for eight years and then secretary at Lincoln School for 18 years before retiring.

A lifetime member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Maggie was deeply involved with parish life. She was very active in the St. Patrick's Altar Society and Harvest House. She was also active in R.S.V.P. and a member of the VFW Auxiliary.

A devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, Maggie enjoyed family gatherings especially the Alonzo Family Reunions and holiday gatherings. She also enjoyed following the activities of her children and especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 77 years, Jose Crespín De La Torre, Chanute; her 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 (Megan), 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.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, Ralph, Tony, Refugio, and John; seven sisters, Cuca Marquez, Juanita Cabrera, Grace Alonzo, Belen Savedra, Tillie Gonzalez, Mary Gobeia, and Victoria Quintana. Maggie is the last of the original Alonzo family that has meant so much to St. Patrick's School and Church and the city of Chanute.

The rosary will be recited at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 28th 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 on Thursday, January 29th. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, followed by interment at St. Patrick's Cemetery.

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

Maggie will be remembered for her devotion to her family and to her church, her wonderful smile, and the kindness and love she shared with everyone, especially the children at St. Patrick's School and Lincoln School when she served as secretary.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery - Chanute

926 W. 7th Street
Chanute, KS

Previous Events

Rosary

JAN 28. 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

JAN 28. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



Countryside Funeral Home - January 29 at 03:10 PM

MW

“ *Crespin,*
I am so sorry for your loss. Mary was married to my grandfather, Tony Alonzo. Growing in the 70's my grandparents, Tony and Sara, who raised me, took me to Chanute, KS to meet family members. Even though I was very young, I always felt the love of such kind, caring people. Recently, since my mother's passing last year, I have reconnected with Mary Gonzalez and several other family members and it has been a wonderful experience.
Michael and Lil Wunderly

Michael Wunderly - January 29 at 09:10 AM

JU

Thank you Michael for reaching out. I am Maggie's daughter. We were blessed to have so many wonderful aunts and uncles surround with love. I am so glad you have connected with Mary. I hope someday our paths will cross. Take care. Cousin Julie

Julie - February 01 at 06:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret "Maggie" De La Torre.*



January 28 at 03:57 PM



“ *Roger and Janet clark planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Margaret "Maggie" De La Torre.*

Roger and Janet clark - January 28 at 03:57 PM



“ *Matt, Nicki, Marlee Ware and Carl Ware purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mary Margaret "Maggie" De La Torre.*



Matt, Nicki, Marlee Ware and Carl Ware - January 28 at 12:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret "Maggie" De La Torre.*



January 28 at 11:46 AM

HF

“ HF Sinclair Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Margaret "Maggie" De La Torre.

HF Sinclair Family - January 28 at 11:46 AM

SG

“ Steve Nagy & Gayla Green purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Mary Margaret "Maggie" De La Torre.



Steve Nagy & Gayla Green - January 27 at 10:22 PM

TC

“ The Girl Chat purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Margaret "Maggie" De La Torre.



The Girl Chat - January 24 at 08:32 PM

LR

“ Love, The Cabrera Families (Aster Rd-PA) purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mary Margaret "Maggie" De La Torre.



Love, The Cabrera Families (Aster Rd-PA) - January 23 at 11:40 AM

BR

“ *Becky Roles lit a candle in memory of Mary De La Torre*



Becky Roles - January 23 at 11:20 AM

BR

“ *Crispin, know that are thoughts and prayers are with you and your family!! Maggie will be missed she was a beautiful woman inside and out!! The Mendez, Roles, Farris families!!*



Becky Roles - January 23 at 11:18 AM

JB

Thank you Becky. And to all your families.

Julie Bright - January 26 at 09:08 PM

ML

“ *Mrs. Maggie was just a sweet gentle soul! She will be missed by all who knew her. Julie my dear friend praying and thinking about you and your dear Family. Love Tom and MaryAnn Lampo*



Maryann Lampo - January 23 at 10:48 AM

JU

Thank you dear friends. Your thoughts and prayers and kindness have meant so much. The basket was beautiful.

Julie - January 29 at 11:45 PM

LL

“ Love, Tom and MaryAnn Lampo purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Mary Margaret "Maggie" De La Torre.



Love, Tom and MaryAnn Lampo - January 23 at 10:42 AM

KB

“ Sometimes we feel like we are part of this family. Mary Gonzales keeps us up to date with what's going on throughout the year. Aunt Maggie & Uncle Crespin visited us at my mother's house outside of New Orleans and we laughed so much. We served coffee in Demitasse cups (French for small cup). Uncle Crespin couldn't understand why he didn't receive a full cup of coffee. We all laughed. What a beautiful couple of 77 years of marriage! And at Mary Gonzales and Joe Rogers wedding, we danced with cardboard faces of the two of them. What wonderful memories! Aunt Maggie will be missed.
Karen Brewster of Madisonville, Louisiana
Mary Gonzales' Lifelong Friend

Karen Marie Brewster - January 23 at 09:14 AM

JD

A friend of Mary Gonzales who is family to us. She makes your family feel like our family. I had the honor to visit with Aunt Maggie and Uncle Crespin when Mary lived in New Orleans. My fondest memory was the love they showed to my beloved Shi Tzu, Bentley. He was a puppy and it brought me so much joy to see the smiles on their faces as they held and played with him. I wish your family comfort and peace during this difficult time and hope that your memories of Aunt Maggie will bring you comfort. She will remain alive in your heart and in your thoughts. I know she has her wings and is flying high looking down at all of us.
She will be missed.
Jill DeLuca - DiMarco

Jill DeLuca DiMarco - January 23 at 11:29 AM

JB

Thank you Karen and Jill for sharing your beautiful memories. Got a little chuckle as well. Appreciate your kind words. ❤️

Julie Bright - January 26 at 09:07 PM

KB

“*Karen B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Margaret "Maggie" De La Torre.*

Karen B. - January 23 at 08:44 AM

LB

“*Linda Burger lit a candle in memory of Mary De La Torre*



Linda Burger - January 22 at 11:24 PM

CF

“*Capt. Frank Hernandez and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Margaret "Maggie" De La Torre.*



Capt. Frank Hernandez and Family - January 22 at 07:16 PM

KC

“*I offer sincere condolences to the family and everyone that Maggie touched. She was such a special lady and will be dearly missed.*
Karen Clouch

Karen Clouch - January 22 at 07:05 PM

TF

“ *The Trevino Family purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Mary Margaret "Maggie" De La Torre.*



The Trevino Family - January 22 at 06:41 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret "Maggie" De La Torre.*



January 22 at 06:09 PM

TF

“ *The Disbrow family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Margaret "Maggie" De La Torre.*

The Disbrow family - January 22 at 06:09 PM