



## Pauline Florez

April 8, 1932 - December 3, 2024

Pauline Florez, 92, of Fredonia, KS., passed away on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at her home. Pauline was born on April 18, 1932, in Chanute, KS. The daughter of John Lopez and Ruby Moody, at an early age Pauline was adopted and raised by the loving family of Refugio and Crescencia De La Torre.

Pauline was a beloved matriarch to her family, a devoted daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandma, and great-grandmother. Pauline cherished her family. Her home was a sanctuary filled with warmth, laughter, and the irresistible aroma of her legendary Mexican dishes. You could usually find her rolling tortillas or perfecting her enchiladas. Her food symbolized her devotion and enduring tradition to pass down through generations to come.

Pauline operated an in-home daycare for more than 35 years, taking care of numerous children and providing a second home to many who needed her love, guidance, and a sense of belonging. She had a gift of giving advice, wisdom, and humor for all of life's lessons.

Pauline was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Fredonia, the Altar Society, and the Fredonia Senior Center. She loved spending time with her family and friends, going out to eat, cheering on the Kansas City Chiefs, visiting casinos, and playing games at the senior center. Most importantly, she

loved teaching her children and grandchildren the traditional way of cooking.

On December 13, 1952, in Kansas City, MO., Pauline married Thomas Florez. Pauline and Tom were married for almost 69 years until his death on June 30, 2021. Her legacy lives on from her gentle spirit and the love she instilled into her family.

Survivors include:

Five Children:

Teresa Apollo and husband Logan of Fredonia, KS

Elizabeth Cox and husband Tim of Iola, KS

Thomas Florez Jr. and wife Melissa of Fredonia, KS

John Florez of Fredonia, KS

Ann Huser and husband Roger of Fredonia, KS.

Four Siblings:

Crispin De La Torre of Chanute, KS

Richard De La Torre of Ottawa, KS

Robert De La Torre of Chanute, KS

Juanita Lopez of Kansas City, KS

19 Grandchildren 31 Great Grandchildren and 3 Great-Great Grandchildren

Pauline was preceded in death by her parents, husband Tom, grandson Camron Huser, brothers: Richard Lopez, Paul Lopez and Paul Saragosa. Sisters: Margaret Villagomez and Mary Reyes.

Mass of Christian burial will be held on Friday, December 13, 2024, at 10:30 AM at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Fredonia, with burial to follow at the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Fredonia. Rosary will be recited at 10:00 AM. A visitation will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2024, from 4-7 PM at Countryside Funeral Home in Fredonia. Memorials have been suggested to either the Sacred Heart Catholic Church or Diaper Heaven of Fredonia and

may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com) Services are under the direction of Countryside Funeral Home 420 S. 20th St., P.O. Box 247, Fredonia, KS 66736

# Cemetery Details

## Sacred Heart Cemetery

Fredonia, KS 66736

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **12.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Fredonia  
420 S. 20th St.  
P.O. Box 247  
Fredonia, KS 66736  
(620) 378-2882

## Rosary

DEC **13.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
1224 Madison St  
Fredonia, KS 66736

## Mass of Christian Burial

DEC **13.** 10:30 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
1201 Madison  
Fredonia, KS 66736  
(620) 378-3658



# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



Countryside Funeral Home - December 13, 2024 at 04:37 PM

CO

“ Theresa, Liz, Tom, John, Ann,

*The times that I called your mother, I always told her that she was my favorite aunt, she was kind and gentle. You were all blessed to have such a wonderful loving mother and I, a very special aunt. I will miss her greatly, but I know that she and your father are now rejoicing together in the Glory of God The Father.*

*Your Cousin, Carolyn Ortega*

carolyn ortega - December 11, 2024 at 11:43 PM

BG

“ *My heart goes out to the Florez family for the loss of your beloved Mom. She was a kind and lovely woman - and her tortillas were the best thing ever!*

Barbara G. - December 11, 2024 at 03:25 PM

JG

“ *Joe, Belynda & Jerald Gutierrez purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Pauline Florez.*



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**Joe, Belynda & Jerald Gutierrez** - December 10, 2024 at 07:38 PM

TF

“ *The Helm Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Pauline Florez.*



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**The Helm Family** - December 10, 2024 at 10:15 AM

AM

“ *anita martin lit a candle in memory of Pauline Florez*



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**anita martin** - December 10, 2024 at 09:40 AM

DC

“ Theresa, Liz, Tom, John and Ann and families,  
I'm so sorry for your loss. Losing your parents is never easy. It's a chapter in your book of life that is now closed. Your folks loved you all and as you all know, parenting is not easy. Through it all, they were there for you, supporting your decisions and helping when they could. I have many fond memories of good meals, family time and gatherings in the kitchen. I know they are together, waiting for the time you all can be together again. V my thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
Sincerely, Dorothy Culbertson

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**Dorothy culbertson** - December 09, 2024 at 12:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Pauline Florez.



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December 09, 2024 at 12:10 PM

NF

“ *Neices and Nephews of the Reyes Family* purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Pauline Florez.



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**Neices and Nephews of the Reyes Family** - December 09, 2024 at 09:21 AM

JF

“ Dec 13.72 yrs of never giving up.Happy anniversary to you in Heaven.

John florez - December 08, 2024 at 09:58 PM

JF

“ I am very proud of my parents raising us in a small-town. Alot of minority family's struggle to support My dad left my mom within ought she didn't do without.my parents struggled but in the end I think they did. The best a couple could do.72 yrs of loving each other thruun conditional love.no matter what.we will always love you.thanks mom and dad for doing such a good job.i love you.

John florez - December 08, 2024 at 09:53 PM

JF

“ John florez lit a candle in memory of Pauline Florez



John florez - December 08, 2024 at 09:47 PM

LO

“ Linda @marshall Ogle lit a candle in memory of Pauline Florez



Linda @marshall Ogle - December 08, 2024 at 07:02 PM

MD

“ *Mark Fairman & Stephen Davis purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Pauline Florez.*



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**Mark Fairman & Stephen Davis** - December 06, 2024 at 10:43 AM

MD

“ *Mark Fairman & Stephen Davis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pauline Florez.*

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**Mark Fairman & Stephen Davis** - December 06, 2024 at 10:43 AM