



## Crisanto Contreras

November 22, 1940 - February 12, 2023

Crisanto Contreras, 82, passed away on February 12, 2023 surrounded by his family. He was born November 22, 1940 in Jalisco, Mexico to the late Felix and Soledad Contreras.

Crisanto is survived by his loving wife, Leticia Contreras and daughters Yadira (Daniel) Contreras-Meza, Alicia (Christopher) Contreras-Donello, Ofelia (To) Contreras-Dang and his grandchildren Luna, Soleil, Micaela, Natalia and Dominic. He is also survived by his four sisters and several nieces and nephews. Crisanto was known as a loving husband, father, and grandfather and cared dearly for his large extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents Felix and Soledad Contreras, four sisters, and five brothers. In celebration of our father Crisanto's life, we would like to share a bit of his story. As a 17-year-old young man, he left the only home he ever knew, Jalisco, Mexico for the United States.

He arrived in California alone leaving his parents and siblings behind in search of the "American Dream". While in California, he worked the fields picking grapes and did other backbreaking work. Shortly, he returned to Mexico. In his mid-twenties, he decided to make his way back to the United States but this time to Illinois. He met our mother; they married, built a life together, and had three girls.

Fast forward 50+ years since our father first arrived to this country, he became a US citizen, something that he dreamed of for many years. He proudly voted for the first time in the 2008 election. Our father was funny, humble, and a

hardworking man. He sacrificed so much for our family, working two jobs to ensure we had a roof over our head and food on the table, and always made sure “his girls” were taken care of. He set a great example for his children and future grandchildren. Our father only wanted what was best for his family.

He saw his three girls graduate from universities, something he did not know was even possible given that he only received a basic education himself. He was proud to see his girls work toward achieving their own “American Dream”. He saw his beautiful family grow and was proud of the struggle that he and our mother endured to thrive in the United States and make their dreams a reality. He hoped to return to his homeland after retirement but due to health issues, he never did. Our mother kept her promise to care for him until his last day. He passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by his wife and three daughters. He will be missed dearly by his family and friends.

Funeral Mass will be held Friday, February 17, 2023 at 11:30 AM from THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY to St. Nicholas Catholic Church at 12:00 PM.

Interment at Lincoln Memorial Park.

Visitation will be held Thursday, February 16, from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St., Aurora, IL 60506. 630-631-5500.

Please visit our website at [www.daleidenmortuary.com](http://www.daleidenmortuary.com) where you may leave online condolences for Crisanto’s family.

# Cemetery Details

## Lincoln Memorial Park

675 Route 30  
Aurora, IL 60503

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **16**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary  
220 N. Lake Street  
Aurora, IL 60506  
(630) 631-5500  
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com  
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

## Morning Prayers

FEB **17**. 11:30 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary  
220 N. Lake Street  
Aurora, IL 60506  
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## Funeral Mass

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FEB 17. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Nicholas Church  
308 High Street  
Aurora, IL 60505  
1-630-898-8707

# Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Crisanto Contreras



Daleiden Mortuary - February 14, 2023 at 05:00 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Crisanto Contreras.



February 18, 2023 at 07:18 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Crisanto Contreras.



February 16, 2023 at 07:19 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Crisanto Contreras*.



February 16, 2023 at 06:10 PM



“ *Familia Green (Sylvia y Bobby)* purchased the *Gracious Lavender Basket* for the family of *Crisanto Contreras*.



**Familia Green (Sylvia y Bobby)** - February 16, 2023 at 04:42 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of *Crisanto Contreras*.



February 15, 2023 at 07:00 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Crisanto Contreras*.



February 15, 2023 at 06:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Crisanto Contreras*.



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February 15, 2023 at 06:35 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of *Crisanto Contreras*.



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February 15, 2023 at 04:47 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Crisanto Contreras*.



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February 15, 2023 at 03:05 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of *Crisanto Contreras*.



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February 15, 2023 at 02:58 PM

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“ Me acuerdo cuando conocí a Crisanto. Siempre de buen humor y sonriente. Me acuerdo del siempre con su sombrero Tejano. Les dejo bellos recuerdos a todas ustedes. Reciban nuestro más sentido pésame de parte de la familia Aranda. 🥲💔🙏🙏

Martha Lorena Aranda Salas - February 15, 2023 at 02:39 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Crisanto Contreras.



February 15, 2023 at 02:24 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Crisanto Contreras.



February 15, 2023 at 02:23 PM

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“ Isabel Alcaez purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Crisanto Contreras.



Isabel Alcaez - February 15, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Crisanto Contreras.*



February 15, 2023 at 01:47 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Crisanto Contreras.*



February 15, 2023 at 01:34 PM



“ *Familia Contreras, siento la perdida de su papa, esposo y amigo. Aunque no hay palabras para espresar por el vasio que deja tu ser querido, espero los recuerdos de momentos especiales que pasaron con el les traiga consuelo Descanze en Paz !  
Alma Ramirez y Fam .*

**ALMA RAMIREZ** - February 15, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Crisanto Contreras.*



February 15, 2023 at 11:23 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Crisanto Contreras.*



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February 15, 2023 at 06:25 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Crisanto Contreras.*



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February 14, 2023 at 07:47 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Crisanto Contreras.*



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February 14, 2023 at 07:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Crisanto Contreras.*

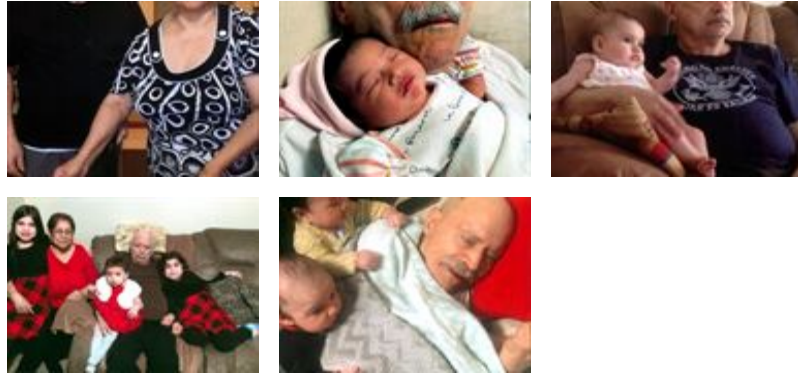


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February 14, 2023 at 06:15 PM



“ 52 files added to the album Life Tributes



Daleiden Mortuary - February 14, 2023 at 05:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Crisanto Contreras.



February 14, 2023 at 04:18 PM



“ Love, LMS Social Workers purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Crisanto Contreras.



Love, LMS Social Workers - February 14, 2023 at 03:34 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Crisanto Contreras.*



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February 14, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Crisanto Contreras.*



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February 14, 2023 at 01:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Crisanto Contreras.*



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February 14, 2023 at 01:36 PM