



## Eva J. Cruz

June 16, 1949 - August 23, 2013

Eva J. Cruz, Age 64, passed away peacefully Friday, August 23, 2013 at Rush Presbyterian St. Luke Medical Center, Chicago, IL. She was born June 16, 1949 in San German Puerto Rico.

She is survived by her parents, Ladislao and Efigenia Cruz; three children, Daniel, Angela, Jose (Alicia) Ortiz; three sisters, Iris (Tim) Davis, Maria (John) Larabee, Lydia Cruz; a brother, Junior (Alice) Cruz; six grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, cousins and many, many friends. And one very special cousin, Aileen Cruz who was like a sister to her.

Eva was a wonderful, caring, and loving person, always helping others, even in death she was a donor. Eva was very active in church ministry at St. Mary's Catholic Church and previously at Sacred Heart Church in Aurora. She spent many volunteer hours working with the homeless at Hessed House as well as the many hours she devoted to the women at Mutual Ground. Her love of God, family and friends was amazing.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, August 29, 2013 at 11:00 at St. Mary Catholic Church 430 East Downer Place, Aurora IL 60505 (630) 892-0480. Fr. Timothy R. Piasecki will officiate with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

In State Visitation will be held Wednesday, August 28, 2013 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM at St. Mary Catholic Church; with a vigil for the deceased at 7:00 PM.

Arrangements are being handled by THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 North Lake Street, Aurora. Please visit our new interactive website at [www.daleiden](http://www.daleiden)

mortuary.com to leave condolences for Eva's family or sign the guest book.  
In lieu of flowers Memorial contributions may be made to her family for charity  
of their choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

278 Ashland Avenue  
Aurora, IL 60505

# Previous Events

## In State

AUG **28**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary Church  
430 East Downer Place  
Aurora, IL 60505  
1-630-892-0480

## Funeral Mass

AUG **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Church  
430 East Downer Place  
Aurora, IL 60505  
1-630-892-0480

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Eva and I were classmates at St. Joseph grade school. My condolences to her family, she was a one of a kind person. I will keep her in my prayers.*

*Larry Braun*

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**Larry Braun** - July 16, 2023 at 07:48 PM

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“ *During the years my family has known Eva we all grew to love her very much, personally for myself her voice is what drew me in to her and when I finally met Eva I knew she was a very special person.*

*Los Tijerina's*

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**Alberto Tijerina** - August 29, 2013 at 09:31 PM



Marievy Roman

“ *Eva was a wonderful loving mother. She accepted everyone in her home as if they were her own children. I have many memories of her growing up especially when Angie and I would get yelled at in Spanish...lol*

*She had an amazing faith and commitment to God. To this day I can still hear her voice singing at Sacred Heart..."and He saw that it was good" never will forget that.*

*She will be missed but there is NO doubt in my heart she is next to the Lord watching over her loved ones, blessing them all.*

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**Marievy Roman** - August 28, 2013 at 10:36 PM

DG

“ To Eva's loving family: We are deeply saddened to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Jeff and Debbie (Mudry) Gengler*

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**Debbie Gengler** - August 28, 2013 at 07:45 PM

JO

*Thank you for your post.*

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**Jose M. Ortiz-Cruz** - September 05, 2013 at 05:25 PM

JB

“ To Angie & Family we send our love and deepest sympathy. We share your loss and you will always be in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless.

*Joan, Karin & Joiell*

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**Joan Brown** - August 28, 2013 at 05:40 PM

JC

“ To all the loved ones of Eva: Jerry and I send our deepest love and sympathy. We share in your loss; Thanksgiving will not be the same. God has Blessed you with this fine woman. Thank you for sharing. Love and prayers, Jerry and Judy (Piasecki) Clark

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**Judeanne I. Clark** - August 28, 2013 at 10:27 AM

 Estee  
Gillespie

“ *Rest in Peace Mom,*

*Once upon a time an angel held my hand,  
She wiped away my tears and helped me understand.  
Our time on earth is brief, there's lessons to be learned,  
Each precious day God gives us another page is turned.  
Every chapter full of memories, times of joy and tears,  
Triumphs and defeats, through every passing year.  
She loved us unconditional, always by our side,  
When no one else would listen, in her we could confide.  
With gentle words of wisdom she led us on our way,  
Down the paths of righteousness if ever we did stray.  
She saw the light in everyone and gave with no regrets,  
Always from her heart let's us not forget.  
Angels come in many forms, for me it is my mother,  
With love I cannot say in words there'll never be another.  
Every day I turn the page in my heart will ever remain,  
Everything she taught me as I stroll down memory lane.  
Thank you God for giving me the most priceless of all treasures,  
Help my Lord to keep alive her memory here forever.  
I pray that I can some day be everything she hoped I would,  
That's she smiling down from heaven knowing she did good.  
As we gather here today there's no ending to her story,  
Another chapter has begun full of grace and glory.  
Gods called her to his heavenly home, part of his great plan,  
Although it may be hard, we all must understand.  
Faith is what is hoped for, things we cannot see,  
Heaven is promised to all of us if only we believe.*

*Love Estee*

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**Estee Gillespie** - August 28, 2013 at 09:43 AM

KL

“ Jose, my thoughts go out to you and your entire family. Your mother was a very nice woman who loved her family very much. I remember her working at Sacred Heart while you went to school there. She was close by you then and is close by you now. God bless you. God bless your mom.

*Karen Langley (former 4th grade teacher @ Sacred Heart)*

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**Karen Langley** - August 27, 2013 at 07:21 PM

JO

*Thank you for your post.*

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**Jose M. Ortiz-Cruz** - September 05, 2013 at 05:21 PM

AC

“ Eva,  
I have loved you like the sister I never had. You have been there for me at my darkest hours and lowest moments of life. You never judged me. You were so patient with me. I have trusted you like no other. We enjoyed so much together. Dinner and a movie was our Thursday girls night out thing. We both looked forward to it. If it was raining out, or bad weather, we cooked in. Then your sister Maria would join us in winter when she would spend the night. The three of us would be talking about something and suddenly we would be laughing so hard we couldn't even breath. Maria asked me the other day, Aileen, what are we going to do? What are we going to do? I couldn't answer her because I knew my life would never be the same. I'm sending you a big kiss and hug that you would give me every Thursday when we would meet. Until we meet again mi Hermana, God has you back in His arms again. You made me be a better human being just by being you.

*Aileen Cruz*

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**Aileen Cruz** - August 27, 2013 at 03:26 PM

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“ MI AMIGA Y VECINA QUE DESCANCE EN PAZ.UN FUERTE ABRAZO A JOSE,DANIEL Y ANGIE, SABEN QUE LELY LOS AMA Y VIVO EN LA MISMA CASA,GUA ESTO FUE FUERTE,MI FAMILIA,DIOS LOS CUIDE.

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**DELIA FIGUEROA (LELY)** - August 27, 2013 at 03:18 PM

JO

*Gracias Lely*

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**Jose M. Ortiz-Cruz** - September 05, 2013 at 05:23 PM

JC

“ *Jose Angel Cruz lit a candle in memory of Eva J. Cruz*



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**Jose Angel Cruz** - August 27, 2013 at 09:45 AM

JC

“ *I am so heartbroken about this. The legacy she has left behind speaks volumes of the type of person she was. Just reading what all she did in life, inspires me to do more with mine. Thank you Eva, God bless you. I love you and will miss seeing your beautiful face on this side of Heaven. Jose A. Cruz*

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**Jose Angel Cruz** - August 27, 2013 at 09:40 AM