



Manuel Esparza Aragon

September 26, 1949 - March 23, 2026

Manuel Esparza Aragon, 76, of Aurora, Illinois, passed away peacefully on Monday, March 23, 2026, at St. Joseph Hospital in Joliet, Illinois, surrounded by the love of his family.

He was born on September 26, 1949, in Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, Mexico, to Pedro Esparza and Soledad Aragon.

Manuel Esparza was known for his love and dedication to his family. As a grandfather, he was truly in his element. He treasured every moment with his grandchildren. Playing, teaching, and simply being present. His love for them was constant, and the memories they shared will live on forever.

Manuel retired from his work as a maintenance professional, and even in retirement, he generously shared his skills, always willing to lend a helping hand without hesitation. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather whose love and dedication to his family were unwavering. Manuel will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Maria Diega Esparza, one son Manuel (Russo) Esparza; his 6 grandchildren, Brianna (Jesus), Esperanza, Angeleeza, Manny, Sergio and Ariella; great grandchildren Jordan, Janelle, Jade, Jaxson, Za'Myra and Za'Keem; sisters Ramona Renteria (Miguel), Velia

Lizalde (Manuel), and Pablo Meza (Luz Elena) many nieces and nephews.

Preceded in Death By: Parents, Pedro Esparza & Soledad Aragon; two sons, Luis Alberto Esparza and Sergio Ruben Esparza, two sisters, Ignacia Rodriguez (Jesus) and Maria Salome (Tomas).

Visitation will be held Thursday, March 26, 2026 from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm at Daleiden Mortuary (220 N. Lake Street, Aurora, IL 60506).

A funeral mass will be held on Friday, March 27, 2026 at St. Peter Church at 10:00 am, Fr. Ruben Herrera will officiate with burial at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Arrangements in the care of Daleiden Mortuary (220 North Lake Street, Aurora, IL 60506 Phone: 630-631-5500).

Cemetery Details

Spring Lake

745 South Lincoln Avenue
Aurora, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 26. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

MAR 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Peter Church
925 Sard Avenue
Aurora, IL 60506
1-630-896-6816

Graveside Service

MAR 27 (CT)

Spring Lake
745 South Lincoln Avenue
Aurora, IL

Tribute Wall

DB

“ Daniel B. purchased the Pink and Cream Roses and Baby's Breath (Silk Cemetery Flowers) for the family of Manuel Esparza Aragon.



Daniel B. - March 27 at 09:57 AM

DB

“ Daniel B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Manuel Esparza Aragon.

Daniel B. - March 27 at 09:57 AM

GJ

“ Lo recuerdo y lo recordaré con mucho cariño Don Manny 😭



Gabriela Juarez - March 26 at 05:29 PM

TF

“ Tus sobrinas y familia purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Manuel Esparza Aragon.



Tus sobrinas y familia - March 25 at 10:20 PM

TF

“ *Tus sobrinas y familia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Manuel Esparza Aragon.*

Tus sobrinas y familia - March 25 at 10:20 PM

AD

“ *Alma Locke Y Kathy Davila purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Manuel Esparza Aragon.*



Alma Locke Y Kathy Davila - March 25 at 07:31 PM

SG

“ *Siento muchísimo no poder estar hoy físicamente con todos ustedes para despedir al tío Manuel. Aunque la distancia me lo impide, mi corazón y mis pensamientos están allá. Me quedo con los mejores recuerdos de su alegría. Les mando un abrazo enorme y mucha fuerza en este momento.*



Sonia Guerra - March 25 at 01:20 PM

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“ *Tio hermoso aunque ya no estes siempre estaras en mi corazon. Eras muy trabajador y me hacias reir mucho cuando ibas a mi casa y yo a la tuya para hacer trabajitos. Me recordabas tanto a mi Madre nunca te voy a olvidar....tu Mija* ❤️🙏❤️

Luz Rodriguez - March 25 at 11:40 AM