



## Amalia Fernandez Murguia

September 21, 1923 - August 25, 2017

Amalia Fernández Murguía, 93, of Kansas City, Kansas, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, August 25, 2017.

Amalia was born September 21, 1923, in Tangancicuaro, Michoacán, Mexico. Amalia was the eldest of 16 children. She shouldered great responsibility at the age of 14 by ending her formal education to take care of her younger five siblings when her mother passed away. She never let her difficulties impede her positive attitude. Even then her humble, strong, caring personality was evident. A sincere Catholic who lived her faith, Amalia never stopped being the one people came to for advice, a kind word, or a little encouragement. She sacrificed willingly for her family and she made sure they prayed the rosary together every night in May and October. She radiated an irrepressible enthusiasm for life among family and friends.

Amalia lost her first husband before her daughter, Martha was born in 1943. When she married Alfred O. Murguia in 1952, she emigrated to Kansas City, Kansas, where they raised seven children. She remained steadfast in her attachment to her neighborhood, Argentine in Kansas City, Kansas and to her birthplace, Tangancicuaro, Michoacán, which she visited annually.

Amalia was known for her cooking and her charm. She made piles of flour tortillas on a daily basis. When a neighbor came to talk with her, she listened

while working in the kitchen. Often the neighbor ended up staying for dinner. Though she would make sure everyone else had eaten before she sat down, when she did sit down, she would begin with, “Me acuerdo cuando...” Everyone would perk up to hear another anecdote from her youth. It was always told with enthusiasm, often included a clever sense of humor, and usually provided some bit of wisdom for her children.

Amalia believed in the power of education. She made sure all her children attended school and did their homework while she provided a stable environment. In later years, she celebrated her maternal success in her children's achievements. She endowed her children, grandchildren and all who knew her with the eloquent, wordless message that a life of integrity, selflessness, joy, diligent work, and caring relationships makes the world a better place.

Amalia Fernández Murguía is now reunited with family, comadres and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband of fifty years, Alfred O. Murguía; her parents Herminio Fernández Zamudio and Carmen Delgado Manrique; her siblings Rigoberto Fernández, Herminio Fernández, Sr. Carmen Fernández, Rodolfo Fernández and Angelina Fernández. Her surviving family includes her siblings Ofelia Vazquez, Luis Fernández, Miguel Fernández, Josefina Alfaro, Soledad Briseño, Jose Maria Fernández, Guillermo Fernández, Dolores Ruiz, Hilda Torres and Dr. Antonio Fernández, all residing in Mexico; her children Martha Hernandez, Alfred Murguía, Jr., Rose Mary Murguía, Hon. Carlos (Ann) Murguía, Ramón (Sally) Murguía, Hon. Mary Helen Murguía, Phoenix, AZ, Janet (Mauro Morales) Murguía, Washington, DC; her grandchildren Ryan (Claudia), Nicholas (Fi. Trini), Kelly (Christian) Sandoval, Miguel, Amalia, Wyatt, Thomas, Isabella; and one great grandchild, Valentina.

Family visitation will be held on Monday, September 4, from 3:30 pm to 8:00

pm. The recital of the Holy Rosary will begin at 7:30 pm. Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:00 am on Tuesday, September 5. Both held at St. John the Evangelist Church, 2910 Strong Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas.

The family is deeply grateful for the loving care provided by her dedicated caregivers in her final years, Angelina Barajas, Elvira Ibarra, and Imelda Magaña. Fond memories and condolences for the family may be left at: [maplehillfuneralhome.com/obituaries](http://maplehillfuneralhome.com/obituaries). In lieu of flowers, any who wish to make a memorial gift in honor of Amalia may contribute to the Alfredo & Amalia Murguia Scholarship at the Greater Kansas City Hispanic Development Fund, c/o GKCCF, 1055 Broadway, Suite 130, Kansas City, Missouri 64105.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary

Kansas City, KS

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 4. 3:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. John Evangelist  
2910 Strong Avenue  
Kansas City, KS

## Rosary

SEP 4. 7:30 PM (CT)

St. John Evangelist  
2910 Strong Avenue  
Kansas City, KS

## Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John Evangelist  
2910 Strong Avenue  
Kansas City, KS

## Burial

SEP 5 (CT)

Mt. Calvary Cemetery  
Kansas City, KS

# Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Amalia Fernandez Murguia*



**Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery** - September 03, 2017 at 07:53 PM

DI

*What precious memories of Doña Amalia. Our heart goes out to the entire Murguia family in this time of loss. Diana remembers fondly the warm and gracious reception received from your parents at their home in Argentine when a group of foundation professionals came by for dinner. And our family remembers with much appreciation our visit to Tangancicuaro and the stream of relatives and friends who would stop at the Murguia home to pay homage to Doña Amalia. She was truly a special and beloved person. Our deepest condolences.*

*Diana, Anthony, Clarisa & Sofia  
Bermudez-Eredia Family*

**Diana** - September 08, 2017 at 04:33 PM



“ *Amalia Fernandez Murguia*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Amalia Fernandez Murguia*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM

AA

“ Dear Janet and Murguia Family,

*We are very sorry for the loss of Doña Amalia. We know she was the heart of the great Murguia family, but the Murguia children and grandchildren will continue the legacy of Doña Amalia. Marisa and I are in thought and prayer in this very hard time.*

*Best Regards,*

*Angela Arboleda and Marisa Demeo*

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**Angela Arboleda** - September 11, 2017 at 01:20 PM

MC

“ Thank you for sharing Amalia's remarkable legacy. I send sincere condolences to the entire Murguia family in this time of loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Morgan Christen*

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**Morgan Christen** - September 05, 2017 at 01:37 PM

FP

“ Murguia Family: My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during the loss of your dear mother Amalia. What a wonderful person she was for your family and for the Argentinian community and thr parish of St. John the Evangelist. May the Lord reward her greatly with the joy of the new life. Peace be yours with un fuerte abrazo.  
*Fr. Peter M. Jaramillo SSA*

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**Fr. Peter** - September 04, 2017 at 02:02 PM



“ 3 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery** - September 03, 2017 at 10:18 PM

FF

*Dear Janet and all the Murguia Family,*

*"Celebrating a life well lived!"*

*We join with you in prayer and loving memory of a life so very well lived, and in recognition that Amalia's legacy will live on through each of you for generations to come!*

*Through Janet, and many of you, we know of her wonderful heart, unending spirit, and loving commitment to all the members of her very close family! We know her because of you. You each are the joyous reflection of Amalia's many contributions and impact of her long life on this earth.*

*As we join you in honoring her memory, we wish for you to be uplifted by the love Amalia held for each of you. Be uplifted by the many memories she created and shared with you. Be uplifted by the knowledge that she was well aware that her love was returned many time over because of your individual caring acts and expressions over her lifetime. These are the true measures of a life well lived, and Amalia had them because of each of you!*

*Our thoughts will be with you as you as you impart Amalia's spirit to the house of the Lord.*

*Fred Fernandez & Irma Rodriguez*

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**Fred Fernandez** - September 04, 2017 at 03:19 PM



“ 178 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery** - September 03, 2017 at 06:45 PM



“ Janet, my prayers are with you and your family. *Tina Aguirre / Shell Oil Co.*

**Tina Aguirre** - September 02, 2017 at 03:14 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Amalia Fernandez Murguia.*



September 01, 2017 at 04:36 PM

SO

“ *Dear Family of Amalia*

*I wish to extend my condolences on the loss of your Mom & Grandma. I remember her from my childhood while living in Argentine.*

*I want you to know that my prayers reach out to each of you. May your memories of your kind and beautiful Mom bring you much joy through the sadness of her departure. May Amalia now receive her reward in the arms of our Blessed Mother and Her Son, Jesus.*

*In Jesus ~*

*Sister Ruth Oropeza*

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**Sister Ruth Oropeza** - September 01, 2017 at 12:55 PM

WN

“ *With love Mark, Roxana, Renee, Markitos and Nilda purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Amalia Fernandez Murguia.*



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**With love Mark, Roxana, Renee, Markitos and Nilda** -  
September 01, 2017 at 03:02 AM

MW

“ For Mary H and all of the lovely Murguia family. I met your mother once, maybe twice (and your father). I was so amazed with her strength, courage, dignity, composure, humor and kindness. She made such an effort to cross the boundaries of language and culture with her eyes, laughter and graciousness. If I was a friend of Mary's, I was warmly welcomed in her home. I never forgot it.. I know her spirit and her love shines in each of you. Siento mucho tu perdida

Mary Wade

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Mary Wade - August 31, 2017 at 10:55 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Amalia Fernandez Murguia.



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August 31, 2017 at 07:41 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Amalia Fernandez Murguia.



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August 31, 2017 at 04:14 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Amalia Fernandez Murguia.*



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August 31, 2017 at 04:01 PM



“ *Our heart goes out to the entire Murguia family. Amelia's legacy will live on forever in your hearts. I can only imagine the pride she carried in her soul as a result of so many fine children. To Carlos, Ramon, Mary and Janet whom we know personally, please accept our deepest condolences in your time of grief. To the remainder of the family, may you find peace in the joy that she brought to this earth.*

*Charly Young  
Sandy Coleman*

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**Charly Young** - August 31, 2017 at 03:32 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Amalia Fernandez Murguia.*



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August 31, 2017 at 01:32 PM

AC

“ Janet ,

*Your Mother left a tremendous legacy with such a beautiful and large family. Deepest sympathy on your loss. You and your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Alma Crossley*

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**Alma Crossley** - August 31, 2017 at 11:41 AM



JJ

“ *Murguia Family: Rita and I extend our condolences and sympathy upon the death of your mother, and grandmother. We will keep her in our prayers. Rita and John Jurcyk*

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**John Jurcyk** - August 31, 2017 at 09:29 AM

LO

“ *Linda Orndoff lit a candle in memory of Amalia Fernandez Murguia*



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**Linda Orndoff** - August 31, 2017 at 08:50 AM

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*You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Linda Orndoff** - August 31, 2017 at 08:50 AM

VQ

*My heart goes out to you, Janet and your family during this difficult time. Un abrazo muy fuerte.*

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**Veronica Quincy** - August 31, 2017 at 04:13 PM

R.

*Janet and the extended Murguia, Sylvia and I send our deepest condolences and prayers for your loss. Roldan and Sylvia Trujillo*

**R.Trujillo** - September 05, 2017 at 10:31 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Amalia Fernandez Murguia.*



August 29, 2017 at 04:08 PM

CL

“ *On behalf of my family and I we extend our heartfelt sympathy to Ramon and family of Amalia Murguia. May God richly bless you during this time of bereavement.*  
*Clarence & Darlene Small*

**Clarence** - August 29, 2017 at 02:14 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Amalia Fernandez Murguia.*



August 29, 2017 at 01:31 PM

KD

“ *Karen Schreier and Tim Dougherty purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Amalia Fernandez Murguia.*



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**Karen Schreier and Tim Dougherty** - August 28, 2017 at 03:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Amalia Fernandez Murguia.*



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August 27, 2017 at 03:16 PM