



## Rachel Magana

July 17, 1969 - July 29, 2014

### RACHEL MAGANA

Rachel Magana is now in the hands of Our Beloved Lord. She was born on July 17, 1969 in Kansas City, MO and left this earth July 29, 2014. She leaves her parents Maria Elena and Aurelio Magana. Brothers: Louis Galindo, Martin Galindo and Ray (Leslie) Magana. Rachel was preceded in death by her grandfather: Miguel A. Garcia and this year by her grandmother Juanita Garcia. Visitation will be 5-8 PM., Thursday July 31, 2014 at Maple Hill Funeral Home. Services will be 2 PM., Friday August 1, 2014 at Sheffield Family Life Center. Burial will follow services at Maple Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be sent to The Ovarian Cancer Society in the name of Rachel Magana.

Rachel fought a long battle with cancer. She was a true fighter with a positive attitude. She never let her cancer get her spirits down.

Rachel graduated from William Woods University. She was a varsity volleyball player for William Woods, Penn Valley and Johnson County Community College. She was also a Junior Varsity Head Coach for Mid-America Nazarene University. Through her skills and experience she began her coaching career with Penn Valley Juniors, Olathe Christian School and Springhill High School. She coached for several other regional volleyball clubs prior to founding and becoming Director of "Southwind Rising." Rachel's leadership aimed at promoting Christian values, integrity, self-esteem and developing competitive athletes. Southwind Rising has a track record both

National and Regional Levels. Seven teams were sent to the Junior Olympic National Championships in (2007-on.) Rachel exceeded industry standards in continuing her education and coaching skill with numerous certifications and clinics. Southwind Rising hosted numerous banquets for her players, parents, coaches and staff with an amazing attendance. She traveled with her teams to many cities across the USA for National and Regional competition. Rachel continued coaching and over seeing her "Southwind Rising Volleyball Club," till the very end of her very short life. We were proud of all her accomplishments. Rachel's strong faith in God, and her love for Southwind Rising is what kept her going and her spirits high. This year the Christian Community Organization voted Rachel Magana, Coach of The Year. This was an honor for Rachel.

In her leisure time, which was not very often, she traveled with her mother twice to New York City to take in Broadway Shows and other historical sites. Chicago was one of her favorites. Greece was her most memorable trip. Many thanks to her wonderful teams, coaches and her staff for all their hard work and effort that help build her great organization. SOUTHWIND RISING WILL ALWAYS BE RACHEL'S LEGACY. Again many thanks to the staff at St. Luke's Cancer Center, her prayer group, friends, family and those who were at her side in those difficult times.

She also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles that will miss her genuine smile.

Online condolences may be left on Rachel's website at [www.maplehillfuneralhome.com](http://www.maplehillfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

2301 S 34th St  
Kansas City, KS 66106  
(913) 262-6610  
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 31. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home  
3300 Shawnee Dr  
Kansas City, KS 66106  
(913) 831-3345  
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com  
<https://maplehillfuneralhome.com>

## Service

AUG 1. 2:30 PM (CT)

Sheffield Family Life Center  
5700 Winner Road  
Kansas City, MO 64127

# Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Rachel Magana* ”



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**Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery** - July 31, 2014 at 10:49 AM



“ *Rachel Magana* ”

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October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Rachel Magana* ”

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September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM

ES

“ I only recently learned of Rachel's passing and had to send my thoughts and prayers to her family as I truly believe that she lives on in everyone who came in contact with her. My daughter played on Southwind for one year and I will never forget our meeting at Panera in which she laid out her philosophy of coaching, her expectations and her dreams for my daughter. We believed in her immediately and the year spent with Southwind propelled our daughter to another level of volleyball. Her extraordinary courage is the thing that sticks out most prominently in my memory as she was battling cancer at the time. I had no idea it has recurred and feel awful not to have known until now. Rachel, you left a legacy that positively impacted the lives of so many young women. In so doing, you achieved more than the majority of us will in our longer lifetimes. May your life be a testament to the rest of us of what to do with our short time here on earth. Blessings to your family who misses you more than I can imagine. May they take solace in the feats you achieved, the lives you touched, and God's desire to call you home to live among His angels.

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**Elizabeth Souder** - October 27, 2014 at 06:11 PM

JM

“ *To the Family of Rachel Magana.....  
I was just introduced to Rachel from the AVCA article that was e-mailed to me. I enjoyed the article that Rachel submitted on CORE Flexibility, and plan to forward it to others. I was saddened to learn of Rachel's passing, and offer my prayers to your family. She sounds like she had a wonderful impact on all those that she encountered. I am sure that here Coaching Philosophy was directly linked to her faith in God. I am sure that many of her Points of Lights and now living on ALL those that she touched in coaching circles both players, coaches, parents, friends and family.  
God Bless you. My sincere condolences.  
Joe McCloskey,  
GPS Crush Volleyball  
Telford, Pennsylvania.*

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**Joe McCloskey** - August 02, 2014 at 08:56 PM

MV

“ *My Condolence to the Magana Family. Our prayers are with your Family. God Bless!  
Michael and Debbie Vega*

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**Michael Vega** - August 02, 2014 at 12:59 PM

PF

“ *Rachel, you dedicated your life to hundreds of young women in this city...teaching them confidence, hard work and grace. Thank you for sharing your special gifts with my daughter and so many others.  
You will be missed!  
The Parmenter Family*

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**Parmenter Family** - August 01, 2014 at 01:27 PM

LI

“ To the family of Rachel. May the God of peace grant you comfort. 2 Corinthians 1:3 & 4 in your time of loss.

lisa - July 31, 2014 at 11:02 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rachel Magana.



July 31, 2014 at 09:54 PM

MF

“ Our girls have played primarily basketball for most of their childhood and we decided to explore volleyball, starting with our youngest back when she was in 4th gr., now entering 7th gr. for her first school ball tryouts. Both exposed to and watched dad play rec sand volleyball, so a playful love for the game. We walked into Rachel's JCPRD camp and we could feel her passion for the game, and love for our youth. A genuine spirit who asked to meet with us at the McDonalds in Gardner, KS and she sat with us for an hour or so, that started out as a conversation and interest in our youngest that led to a connection of our hearts and spirits through just down to earth love for our community, we could have talked all night. We just returned from Rocky Mountain National Park, yesterday, and it is ironic that we found out this news. Her spirit and presence will be deeply missed.

Moore Family

Moore Family - July 31, 2014 at 12:29 PM

GO

“ Rachel your smile and great spirit for life will be missed by all that knew you. You will now be with the Lord and join your beloved angels Phillip and Ruben (Benny). Prayers to all the family. God Bless!

Gina Ortega

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**Gina Ortega** - July 31, 2014 at 10:55 AM

WR

“ You will be missed my friend. Your strength, courage, and love for the Lord was and will remain an inspiration to me and those you touched!!!

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**Whitney Rodden** - July 31, 2014 at 08:38 AM

JS

“ To the Magana and Galindo families, Rachel was loving, caring person that made a huge impact on many people. She will be missed. I am sorry for your loss.

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**John Super** - July 30, 2014 at 10:11 PM

JG

“ I am a better person because I knew Rachel Magana. I am very proud to call her a sister and pledge mom (Alpha Phi), a volleyball teammate (William Woods), a roommate, a bridesmaid, but most importantly a FRIEND. Rachel inspired me, as well as many others both on and off the volleyball court. I know you finally have peace and comfort. We will meet again, but that won't stop me for looking for her at all of our big out of town tournaments. It will bring me happiness when I see a little piece of Rachel in every Southwind team that crosses my path. AOE

Love you always!

Julie Gegg-Pardo

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**Julie Gegg** - July 30, 2014 at 09:32 PM

AN

“ *to my cousion rachel florez family is going to miss u alot you was a fighter.love you alot andrew florez*

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**andrew** - July 30, 2014 at 06:49 PM

BP

“ *I have known Rachel through volleyball but her story goes far beyond volleyball. Rachel was a dynamic woman , not afraid to share her faith nor afraid of death. She was an inspiration to her club, all the other clubs Southwind Rising met on and off the court and the parents and grandparents such as myself. I was impressed by her coaching style and patience as she coached the very young in a summer league and visited with her about it. From that point forward I never failed to find her each weekend at whatever volleyball facility we were visiting. Many of those weekends her mom was there in the stands, watching volleyball and the daughter she loved dearly. The love they share was so obvious. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to her mom and other family members. You can be very proud of Rachel and the life long impression she made on many young women in the area.*

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**Bev Pruter** - July 30, 2014 at 06:19 PM

MC

“ To God be the glory for the brief fruitful life of Rachel Magana. We became acquainted with Rachel and Southwind Rising in 2011 when my oldest daughter became interested in volleyball. We immediately saw the strong spirit and faith Rachel exhibited as she patiently taught and encouraged the young girls at her club. Rachel shared her battle with ovarian cancer with us and my daughter immediately came home and added Rachel to her new prayer jar...actually Rachel was the first name in the jar as she had just made it the day before. It is almost as if God had Olivia make this jar just for Rachel. We have prayed for Rachel for all these years and now we will pray for her family and her volleyball family left behind to grieve the loss of her presence here on earth. We are thankful we were able to know her for this short time and look forward to one day playing volleyball with her in heaven. In Christian love, The Copeland Family, Olathe, KS

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**Maria Copeland** - July 30, 2014 at 11:35 AM

DB

“ Rachel was an inspiration to hundreds, if not, thousands of girls in the Kansas City area! Her Christian values and volleyball skills were a perfect combination! She made a huge impact on the KC volleyball community and will be greatly missed! Her memory will live on through her love; Southwind Rising! Peace to her and her loving family!

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**Dana Bart** - July 30, 2014 at 10:55 AM

TM

“ Thank you Rachel for your dedication and leadership. Your values and the love of God was a beautiful example for our young girls to follow. You will be missed but always remembered.

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**Tammy Motti** - July 30, 2014 at 08:19 AM