



## Crystal Marie Martinez

October 10, 1993 - April 2, 2023

Crystal Marie Martinez, age 29, of Bourbonnais passed away Sunday, April 2, 2023 at her home. She was born October 10, 1993 in Brownsville, TX, the daughter of Herman S. & Mary C. (Dorsett) Martinez.

Crystal was a 6th grade dual language teacher at Kennedy Middle School in Kankakee. She had a passion for children. Crystal's purpose in life was to have a positive impact on others. She enjoyed reading, doing puzzles, and watching movies. Her favorite singer was Daddy Yankee and her favorite books were the Twilight series.

Crystal was a parishioner of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee.

Surviving are her parents, Herman S. & Mary C Martinez of Bourbonnais; three sisters, Casandra Marie Martinez of San Antonio, TX, Nicole Marie Martinez of San Antonio, TX, and Monique Marie Martinez of Bourbonnais; her grandmother, Maria Guadalupe Martinez of Brownsville, TX; paternal aunts and uncles, Araceli Martinez, Jesus & Zulema Martinez, Luis & Angela Martinez, and Dorina Martinez; maternal aunts and uncles, Rosie Dorsett, Maria Guadalupe & Thomas Ayala, Pearl Dorsett, Janie & Josh Hartman, Jesse James Dorsett, James Edward Dorsett III, William Dorsett, Miguel Uribe, and Santos Salgado; and her extended family. Crystal is preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Servando Martinez; maternal grandparents, James Edward & Marcelina (Uribe) Dorsett; maternal uncle, Cheyenne Dorsett; and maternal cousin, Baby Elvis.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of the 4 p.m. funeral service

on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Rev. John Peeters will officiate the service. Cremation rites will be accorded following the service.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 5. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
295 Main St., NW  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

APR 5. 4:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Annette Findlay lit a candle in memory of Crystal Marie Martinez*

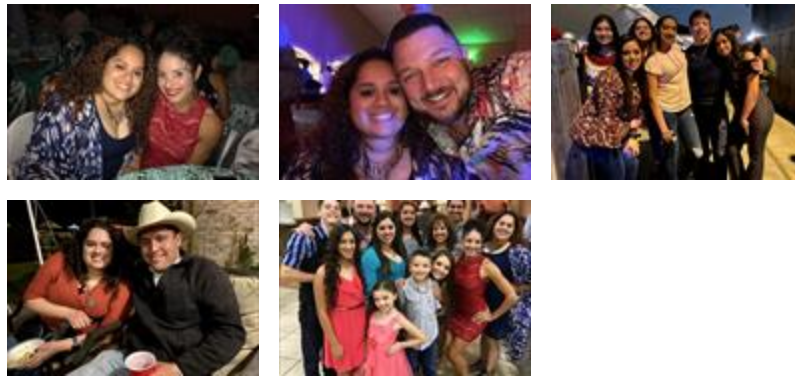


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**Annette Findlay** - April 14, 2023 at 01:25 PM

JJ

“ *5 files added to the album photos*



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**Josh & Janie** - April 05, 2023 at 11:57 AM

JH

“ *Daughter, sister, niece, cousin, friend, classmate, neighbor, teacher, mentor, & in her final months, inspiration. These are all things Crystal was for everyone she knew & she was amazing and wonderful in every capacity.*

*Aunt, Wife, Mom, Grandmother... these are all things Crystal never had the chance to be & I know she would have been amazing at all of them. It makes me smile to imagine her as those things.*

*Angel is what she is now, leaving behind many family & friends who have nothing but beautiful memories of who she was with us here on Earth.*

*Herman, Mary, Cassandra, Nicole, & Monique - We love you all and grieve with you at Crystal's passing. She was always a sweet soul, but over the past months with daily phone calls that would sometimes last hours, we really learned to appreciate her gentleness, kindness, and optimism. As someone who's laid one of my babies to rest, all I can offer you are some words from my own experience.*

*Don't ask yourself or try to figure out why her, there is no answer that will satisfy you. Don't feel bad for grieving, or grieving differently than others. Don't feel like you need to put yourself on a time limit to grieve. We all grieve in our own way, at our own pace, & every way is ok. But for every minute you grieve... spend an equal amount of time reflecting back on Crystal & how she lived. Spend time focused on the good memories. Think about what made her laugh, what made her happy, what made her blush... balance your mind & your time with grief and positive reflection... & I promise in time you'll come to find peace.*

*We love you all, wish we could be up there with you today. We'll be sure to see you as soon as possible!*

*Love,*

*Josh, Janie, & Kids*

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**Josh & Janie Hartman** - April 05, 2023 at 11:49 AM

MV

“ *We can not even begin to understand what you are going through right now. May our Lord bless and comfort you and your family and also give you the peace you and your family seek during this time of grief. May everyone's prayers guide Crystal's soul to our Heavenly Father. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Rest In Peace Crystal. Xoxo*

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**Maria Del Rosario Villanueva** - April 05, 2023 at 10:35 AM

MM

“ *Herman & Family, On behalf of the Meza and Villanueva family please accept our deepest condolences for your unimaginable loss.*

*Crystal was an accomplished and loving person whom we know would have gone on to make a difference in so many children's lives but for reasons we cannot understand God had other plans for her. She is in our Lord's loving embrace now and feeling no pain but Crystal is forever with you in spirit*

*We have been praying for Crystal and your family since we found out she was ill and continue to pray you find comfort in the memories you hold so dear.*

*Xoxo Lourdes Villanueva Meza*

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**Maria Lourdes Meza** - April 04, 2023 at 10:48 AM

TD

“ *From Tia Dora*  
*Crystal you were and will always be my first baby girl. I saw you grow up as a little baby while you were with grandma and grandpa. Crystalito as they would call you.. such great joy and happiness you brought to MANYYY people's lives. I know why God chose you to be by his side sooner rather than later, because of that gentle soul that you have. That heart of gold that you possess .. no one will ever forget you beautiful baby girl. As much as my heart aches as I remember your sweet soft spoken words..hi tia Dora ... I know for a fact you are in such a better place today my love!! Always smiling Beautiful smile of yours ... and with such a beautiful smile you left us. Thank you for loving us the way you did.... Unconditionally.... I love you yesterday , today and always!*



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**Tia Dora** - April 03, 2023 at 10:09 PM

TL

“ *Mi querida y primer nietesita, fuiste los más hermoso que pude disfrutar en tu niñez y como adulta. Eras y eres mi grande tesoro. Escogistes para que reposarás en el mar mi linda niña. Querrias navegar por el mundo, disfrutar otra tierras, y disfrutar del aire marino. Así k cuando yo quiera contemplarte me bastara con ver el mar, sabiendo k tu estarás alli. Aunque también siento tu presencia en el trino de los pájaros, en el aroma de las flores, y en todo lo hermoso k existe en la tierra. Allí estarás tu presente. Gracias a Dios por haberte dado la oportunidad de haber gozado de tu presencia, pero yo se k el te llevo a su lado para ser un ángel más de su corte celestial. Por siempre te amaré mi nina.*

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**Tu abuela Lupita** - April 03, 2023 at 12:51 PM

CM

“ *The First*

*The first baby*

*The first daughter*

*The first grandchild*

*The first niece*

*Although they sound like simple words, in reality they describe your unique and special place in our family. You have, you are, and you will always hold a special place in so many of our hearts..whether it be all our family or your friends. You are very much loved Crystal.*

*We are all so incredibly proud and amazed for your bravery in fighting this awful cancer. We wish things were looking better...but things aren't going as well as we've all been praying and hoping for. We are here today because we love you. You dont want to go, and We don't want to see you go. But God is calling you to his side sooner than you or any one of us wants. One of the most heartbreaking things for you and us to realize is that once again, you'll be the first.*

*You will be the first to leave us.*

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**Celi Martinez** - April 03, 2023 at 12:34 PM