



Magdalena Hernandez

April 9, 1926 - September 25, 2011

Magdalena Hernandez, 85, of Bourbonnais, died Sunday (Sept. 25, 2011) at Bickford House in Bourbonnais. There will be no services. Arrangements are by the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Mrs. Hernandez was a homemaker. She was born April 9, 1926, in Jalisco, Mexico, the daughter of Felipe and Celia Santoyo Diaz. Her husband, Dr. Alvaro Hernandez, whom she married Feb. 12, 1955, died April 9, 2011.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Alvaro and Jackie Hernandez, of Bradley, and Alex and Kiye Sakai Hernandez, of Fairfield Conn.; two daughters, Alma Hernandez, of Kankakee, and Lena Hernandez and Michael Kidney, of Potomac, Md.; seven grandchildren; one sister, Natalia, of Mexico; and one brother and sister-in-law, German and Jose, of Mexico.

She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers and sisters.

Tribute Wall

DC

“ So sorry to hear of both parents passing. Our old neighbors and friend.

Dian Rosen Cornwell - October 08, 2011 at 06:20 AM

DR

Dian Rosen-Cornwell

Dian Rosen - October 08, 2011 at 06:44 AM

DH

“ Dear Alma, Chico, Alex and Lena,

I am so sorry to hear about both your dad and mom--what a year for all of you. They were such helpful and caring neighbors. My warmest thoughts to all of you.

Debbie Hecht-Reier

Debbie Hecht-Reier - October 07, 2011 at 12:54 AM

OR

“ Chico and Alma,
I was so sorry to hear of Magdalena's passing. I remember her fondly, from those early days when we would come from Manteno and visit everyone at Kankakee State Hospital.
My sympathy to you and your family.



Olga Popovich Ryan - October 05, 2011 at 10:20 PM

JL

“ *To the family of Magdalena,
I loved visiting with her throughout the years when we saw one
another. You have my deepest sympathy.*
JoAnn LeVeque

JoAnn LeVeque - September 30, 2011 at 12:21 PM

KM

“ *Dear Alma, Al (Chico), Alex and Lena and the seven Grandchildren,
two of which we shared Grand-Parenting. Our time with Magda has
been limited over the years, but always lovely and an enjoyable
memory. Doctor and Magda created a wonderful family together and
may the children be comforted by knowing this. How nice it is that a
Family Picture was taken on September 17, 2011. Please accept
our sincere sympathy.*
Sending love and hugs to each of you.
Kathy and Jack McArtor

Kathy McArtor - September 30, 2011 at 09:53 AM

TH

“ I have been thinking about her so much over the last few days. So many memories of her and Abo came back to me. i can vividly remember the time she taught me how to braid. I remember going and spending the night over at the VanMeter house and we would eat chicken soup (she taught me how to move the soup from bowl to bowl to cook it down) and rice pudding for dinner. The she would let Laci and I play with all of her pots and pans and kitchen utensils with a flour water mixture on her kitchen table. Her and Abo would come "order" things from our bakery. She showed me that you can flatten out crumpled up foil from a leftover meal with your thumbs and it would actually be pretty.

Everything we did or showed her warranted one of 2 common responses "MIRA! HAY QUE BONITA!" or "AY! CUIDADO!". I remembered when Abo, Aba Alma and I went to DC for 11 days. There wasn't a day that went by that Aba couldn't find her purse before leaving the hotel room. "Mi bolsa! Mi bolsa!" It got to the point that Alma and I would just laugh and laugh. I think misplacing purses is genetic because well...sometimes it MIGHT happen to me. I know that my craving for someone to stoke my hair when i'm sick or sad came from her and her soothing caring and compassionate nature.

I have many more but thought i would share a few.

Tori Linn Hernandez - September 29, 2011 at 03:13 PM

LM

“ I was cooking at the stove at their home last night, and was reminiscing on when we would make rice pudding or something together, how language was always a barrier between us, so we would communicate with our eyes and hands and things. She taught me to always lift the lid of a pan away from me so I didnt burn my face. She was always such a host when we would come over that we would have to BEG her to sit down because she would just be up in the kitchen cooking and cleaning. I will miss her chicken soup, rice pudding, and Thanksgiving Sweet Potatoes.

Laci Marie - September 29, 2011 at 08:40 AM

DS

“ Chico and Alma - I am sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I remember them walking the square around Kennedy and Taft schools....always happy and friendly.

Debi (Kinkade) Schultz - September 29, 2011 at 08:08 AM

MD

“ Very sorry for your loss.

Mike Dionne - September 29, 2011 at 07:14 AM

JH

Mike, thank you for your thoughts. Where are you and what are you doing these days? Chico

Jackie Hernandez - September 30, 2011 at 08:00 AM

DB

“ Dawn Baig lit a candle in memory of Magdalena Hernandez



Dawn Baig - September 28, 2011 at 06:54 PM

DC

“ Very sorry for your families loss. I had hoped to meet her someday. God bless you all.



Debbie Coffman - September 28, 2011 at 06:35 PM

MK

“ Marsha Stephens Kerschke lit a candle in memory of Magdalena Hernandez



Marsha Stephens Kerschke - September 28, 2011 at 05:46 PM

BM

“ Chico, Alma, and the rest of the family - my sincere sympathy on the loss of your mother. I wish you all nothing but the best of memories and God's blessings of Peace and Comfort.

Bill Maass - September 28, 2011 at 05:01 PM

BM

“ *Bill Maass lit a candle in memory of Magdalena Hernandez*



Bill Maass - September 28, 2011 at 04:59 PM



“ *My prayers are with Mrs. Hernandez family in this very sad loss. May God hold you close and bring peace and comfort. May your wonderful memories bring smiles.*

Mary Quiroz Thomson - September 28, 2011 at 12:37 PM

AH

Mary thank you for your comforting words. Yes, I miss my mother already. We have many, many wonderful memories of her to sustain us.

Alma Hernandez - September 28, 2011 at 12:44 PM