



## Margarita Maria Alvarez

November 9, 1924 - October 11, 2014

Margarita Maria (Maggie) Alvarez-Dorta Duque was born November 9, 1924 in Havana, Cuba to two wonderful people, the late Dr. Manuel and Carmen Dorta-Duque. She was the third of seven children. Her father was a well-known and well respected lawyer, law professor and legislator. He was a co-author of the 1944 Cuban Constitution. He was a generous, religious, moral and very intelligent man.

Maggie was educated at The Ursuline Academy and then proceeded to attain her bachelor's degree and Doctorate in Law degree from The University of Havana. She was able to practice law for several years while living in Cuba. She met her future husband Dr. Ulises C. Alvarez at a Knights of Columbus picnic and after 3 years of courting they were married on December 9th, 1951. She loved her husband very much and they were married for 62 years! While still in Cuba, Maggie and Ulises had three children; Helena (who preceded her in death), Ulises and Juan. Soon after the Cuban Revolution they realized that the government was going to change towards communism so they left and immigrated to the United States in June of 1960. They moved to Belleville, Illinois where Dr. Alvarez had a job opportunity. Maggie could not practice law in this country so she became a Spanish teacher at The Academy of Notre Dame in Belleville and the Ursuline Academy in East St. Louis for several years. She was loved by her students and she tutored anyone who needed help. She was one of the first husband and children, her community and her courage to embrace the challenges throughout her life,

will always be remembered by her family.

She will be missed but we are comforted knowing that she is no longer suffering and will be praying for us in Heaven.

Margarita Maria Alvarez, 89 of Florissant. Preceded in death by Parents Manuel and Carmen (Ortiz) Dorta-Duque and Daughter Helena M. Alvarez, Siblings Carmen Cano, Manuel Dorta-Duque, and Father Francisco Dorta-Duque. Left with cherished memories are her husband Dr. Ulises Alvarez, Sons Ulises M. Alvarez and Dr. Juan (Patti) Alvarez. Grandchildren Ana Alvarez, Cristina (Jon) Broska, Francisco (Natalie) Alvarez, Elena (Travis) Shively, Maria Alvarez, Johnny Alvarez, Great Grandchildren Caitlin Broska and Nora Grace Shively, Siblings Father Juan Dorta-Duque, Jorge Dorta-Duque and Maria Elena Fernandez de Cossio. In lieu of flowers please give memorials to The Maria Przada Leap of Faith Fund at Incarnate Word Academy. 2788 Normandy Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63121.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

6901 MacKenzie Road  
St. Louis, MO 63123

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Archway Memorial Chapel  
111 Taylor Road  
Hazelwood, MO 63042  
(314) 895-3900  
[info@archwaychapel.com](mailto:info@archwaychapel.com)

## Funeral Mass

OCT 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Norbert Catholic Church  
16475 New Halls Ferry  
Florissant, MO 63031

# Tribute Wall

JA

“ *Juan Alvarez sent a virtual gift in memory of Margarita Maria Alvarez*



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**Juan Alvarez** - October 24, 2014 at 07:49 PM

JA

*Thanks to everyone who sent their love and memories!*

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**Juan Alvarez** - October 24, 2014 at 07:50 PM

MD

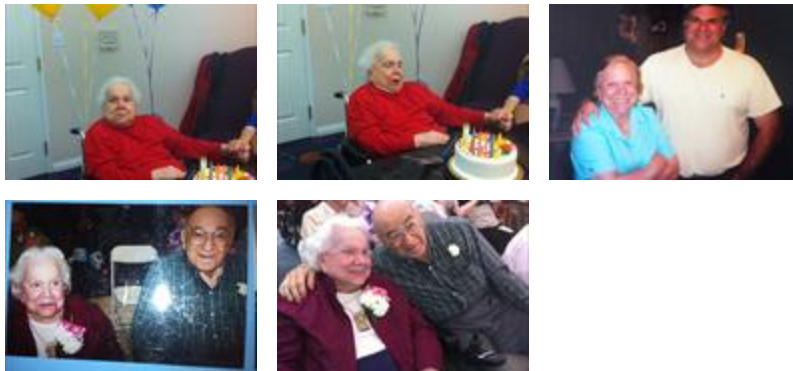
*We were very good friends. Three of us with the same name: "Margarita" She, Margarita Collazo & I: Margarita Blanco de Barzaga (now, since many years: Meaghan D'Otazzo).the "Three Maggies" Lost track of her since I came to USA -60 years ago-August 25/2018 at 8:33am*

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**Meaghan D'Otazzo** - August 25, 2018 at 08:35 AM

JA

“ *18 files added to the album New Album Name*



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**Juan Alvarez** - October 24, 2014 at 07:20 PM

LS

“ Lydia Solernou purchased the Red & White Standing Wreath for the family of Margarita Maria Alvarez.



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Lydia Solernou - October 17, 2014 at 07:26 PM

LS

“ Lydia, Danny, And Kristy Solernou lit a candle in memory of Margarita Maria Alvarez



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Lydia, Danny, and Kristy Solernou - October 17, 2014 at 07:10 PM

LS

“ I met Tia Maggie on the day of my wedding to her nephew Rafa. She will always have a special place in my heart because she treated me always as one of the family. I will always remember the stories she told me of when she was a young woman in Cuba. I even have a picture of her wedding day in my family album. We will miss you Tia Maggie, and we will all be sad for awhile, especially Tio Ulysses. You showed everyone what a true and loving marriage means. And for awhile the sadness will be great, but wonderful and loving memories will eventually make those who love you, all smile again . You are in heaven now with my Rafa and I am sure he is happy to see his loving Aunt. Love you and miss you always Tia Maggie

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Lydia Solernou - October 17, 2014 at 07:01 PM

RC

“ Raymond Cano  
*I will never forget when my aunt Maggie came to miami on summer vacations and her generosity, and when she took us to see the sound of music.*



*I will never forget her*

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**Raymond Cano** - October 17, 2014 at 04:33 PM

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**Raymond Cano** - October 17, 2014 at 04:33 PM

HF

“ Tia Maggie....such a special aunt. Thinking back to all the fun summers in Miami and cold winters up there. Memories I will always cherish. You will always have a special place in my heart. Besitos.. Hildita.

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**Hilda Fluriach** - October 17, 2014 at 10:11 AM

HF

“ *Hilda Fluriach. purchased the Cherished Memories - All White for the family of Margarita Maria Alvarez.*



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**Hilda Fluriach.** - October 17, 2014 at 10:06 AM

MS

“ *When I went to St. Louis to meet Maggie and Ulises for the first time 50 years ago, Lourdes said that Maggie was her "favorite aunt" and she became mine as well. Without really knowing me, they opened their hearts and welcomed me at their home as if I was their own nephew.*

*I still remember Maggie's smile as if it was today, when she gave me a surprise... she was taking me to see the St Louis Cardinals at the Busch Stadium. She knew how much I wanted to see them...like a fairy godmother...she granted my wish! Not only that, but she actually bought baseball caps of the Cardinals for every member of my baseball team in Miami, She had such a generous heart. This gesture, I will never forget.*

*Maggie, goodbye to you, "my favorite aunt."*

*Mayito*

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**Mario Sovedia** - October 17, 2014 at 08:32 AM

JB

“ *Jana Barthold lit a candle in memory of Margarita Maria Alvarez*



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**Jana Barthold** - October 16, 2014 at 04:41 PM

JS

“ I will always cherish the many good memories I have of Tia Maggie.

Jose Luis "Pepito" Solernou - October 16, 2014 at 01:29 PM

LS

“ Lourdes And Mario Sovedia lit a candle in memory of Margarita Maria Alvarez



Lourdes and Mario Sovedia - October 16, 2014 at 09:58 AM

LS

“ In this short space I would like to thank Maggie for her unconditional love, for embracing my dreams and always being "there" for me. I think of Maggie and her "smile" comes shining through. I remember all the happiness she gave throughout my life...and for a brief moment, I am a child again, I feel her holding my hand and telling me, "Come on Lourdes, let's dance... this is how you do it, You put your right foot in, you put your right foot out, you put your right foot in and you shake it all about... you do the Hokey Pokey and you turn yourself around... that is what is all about." Life is really that simple ... Live, Love, Smile and Dance it away. Maggie, thank you for the memories, You will live in my heart for as long as I live,

Lourdes

Lourdes Sovedia - October 16, 2014 at 09:55 AM

HF

“ *Hilda Fluriach lit a candle in memory of Margarita Maria Alvarez*



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**Hilda Fluriach** - October 16, 2014 at 07:29 AM

TS

“ *Terry, Denise & Brittany Shollar lit a candle in memory of Margarita Maria Alvarez*



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**Terry, Denise & Brittany Shollar** - October 15, 2014 at 10:11 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Margarita Maria Alvarez.*



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October 15, 2014 at 10:13 AM

PA

“ *Patti Alvarez lit a candle in memory of Margarita Maria Alvarez*



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**Patti Alvarez** - October 14, 2014 at 08:54 PM

MA

“ *Maria Alvarez lit a candle in memory of Margarita Maria Alvarez*



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**Maria Alvarez** - October 14, 2014 at 07:47 PM

TE

“ *Tish Edwards lit a candle in memory of Margarita Maria Alvarez*



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**Tish Edwards** - October 14, 2014 at 01:15 PM

TE

*I didn't have the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Alvarez, but if she was anything like her son, Dr. Juan Alvarez, whom I've had the pleasure of working with for the past several months, then I know for sure that she was a wonderful person & an absolute delight to be around. My heart goes out to the family and most importantly my prayers are with you. May God continue to comfort you, bless you and keep you. Tish Edwards*

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**Tish Edwards** - October 14, 2014 at 01:22 PM

LT

“ *Maggie was a wonderful woman! She was my neighbor and dear friend for years. Maggie put a big smile on my face every time i spoke with her! She will be missed very much! Prayers and thoughts are with Ulises, Juan and Dr. Alvarez! Hugs to you all! Love Lynda and family*



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**Lynda Tanner** - October 13, 2014 at 09:03 PM

DB

“ *Mrs. Alvarez was always very open and responded well over the years visiting with her at Delmar Gardens North each week. I always looked forward to her smiles as she saw me coming down the hall. May God now bless her and be with her family as they say their goodbyes until they all meet again at the table of Plenty.*

*Deacon DJ Barbero  
Alliance For Senior Ministry Inc.*

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**Deacon DJ Barbero** - October 13, 2014 at 06:04 PM

KS

“ *Ken & Archway Staff lit a candle in memory of Margarita Maria Alvarez*



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**Ken & Archway Staff** - October 11, 2014 at 03:53 PM