



## Maria Rachel Rodriguez

June 6, 1961 - November 23, 2014

Maria Rachel Rodriguez (nee Maldonado) age 53 of Hobart, passed away on November 23, 2014. Rachel was a graduate of East Chicago Washington High School, class of 1979. She married her best friend and soul mate on March 13, 1982. She was a member of St. Bridget Church in Hobart. She was a dedicated employee with the School City of Hobart and very active in the community, "Once a Brickie, Always a Brickie". Rachel was an active member of the Calumet Region Striders and the Running Peeps. She was always laughing, smiling and caring for others. She has taught everyone so much about life and love, giving until the very end. She was preceded in death by her father - Juan J. Maldonado, Sr.

Survivors include her husband of 32 years - Manuel Rodriguez III of Hobart; three children - Captain Dr. Manuel (Ashley) Rodriguez IV, currently serving in Hawaii, Michael (Crystal) Rodriguez, PharmD of Hobart, Melissa (fiancée Jacob) Rodriguez of West Lafayette, IN.; one granddaughter, Liliana Raquel Rodriguez; mother, Maria Maldonado of Hobart; brothers and sisters, Lupe (Sam) Adame, Juan (Tere) Maldonado, Blanca (Pancho) Lopez, Carmen (Danny) Barajas, Pablo (Diana) Maldonado, Laz (Carmen) Maldonado, Frank (Myrna) Maldonado, Robert Maldonado, Martin (Shanda) Maldonado, Amparo (Frank) Porras, Edwardo (Lisa) Maldonado, Sylvia (Carlos) Dominguez; devoted mother-in-law Olivia Rodriguez; three loving sisters-in-law; numerous loving nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews; and dear friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, November 29, 2014

at 11:00 a.m. DIRECTLY at St. Bridget Church, 568 East 2nd Street, Hobart. Visitation will be on Friday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th Street, Hobart with a rosary service at 7:00 p.m. Contributions may be made for a scholarship fund being established in Rachel's memory. w  
[ww.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **28**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart  
701 E. 7th Street  
Hobart, IN 46342  
(219) 942-1117  
info@burnsfuneral.com  
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St Bridget Church  
201 Center St  
Hobart,, IN 46342

# Tribute Wall

LD

“ MY CONDOLENCES TO FAMILY RACHEL WAS A BEAUTIFUL PERSON. LUPE DUQUE

LUPE DUQUE - December 02, 2014 at 11:39 PM



“ Let It Snow was purchased for the family of Maria Rachel Rodriguez.



November 28, 2014 at 10:24 PM

KA

“ Manuel, Manny, Michael and Melissa: We are so sorry for the loss of your wife/mother. She was a wonderful friend to many, and will be greatly missed.  
Prayers to you,  
Drew and Kathy Martin

Kathy - November 28, 2014 at 04:07 PM

LS

“ I remember Rachel as a great mother and asset to Ridge View School. Her friendliness and helpfulness will always be appreciated. She will be missed.  
Laura Stephens

Laura Stephens - November 28, 2014 at 12:47 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Maria Rachel Rodriguez.*



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November 28, 2014 at 10:40 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria Rachel Rodriguez.*



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November 28, 2014 at 10:31 AM



“ *Amber Lieneck purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Maria Rachel Rodriguez.*



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**Amber Lieneck** - November 28, 2014 at 08:42 AM



“ *Primas on behalf of the Fraire family we send our love and prayers. We are so sorry for your loss.*  
*Jo Anne Fraire*

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**Jo anne Garvey** - November 28, 2014 at 06:42 AM

GB

“ *Carmen, I'm sorry I will be unable to attend the services. My condolences on your loss.*

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**Greg Bloskey** - November 27, 2014 at 10:18 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Maria Rachel Rodriguez.*



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November 27, 2014 at 10:02 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria Rachel Rodriguez.*



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November 27, 2014 at 08:47 PM

LN

“ *Love, Ricky and Natalie purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Maria Rachel Rodriguez.*



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**Love, Ricky and Natalie** - November 27, 2014 at 08:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Maria Rachel Rodriguez.*



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November 27, 2014 at 11:47 AM



“ *Holiday Homecoming Basket was purchased for the family of Maria Rachel Rodriguez.*



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November 27, 2014 at 11:00 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Maria Rachel Rodriguez.*



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November 27, 2014 at 08:46 AM



“ *May God continue light and guide the Rodriguez Family with love and peace! God Bless Brenda Freeman Winfield and Family*



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**Brenda Freeman Winfield** - November 27, 2014 at 06:59 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Maria Rachel Rodriguez.*



November 26, 2014 at 10:42 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Maria Rachel Rodriguez.*



November 26, 2014 at 04:34 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Maria Rachel Rodriguez.*



November 26, 2014 at 04:08 PM



“ *I remember when you came to Hawaii and met you for the first time, only to find out later you would marry my brother-in-law. My prayers to the family in their time of pain. God bless you and keep you.*

**Jesus Gonzalez** - November 26, 2014 at 01:47 PM

JM

“ Jose and Beth Martinez purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Maria Rachel Rodriguez.



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**Jose and Beth Martinez** - November 26, 2014 at 12:59 PM

LR

“ My condolences to the Maldonado family from the Calderon family

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**Lucy Calderon Rodriguez** - November 26, 2014 at 10:53 AM

JM

“ My Deepest condolences to the Maldonado Family.



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**Jennifer Maldonado-Sullivan** - November 26, 2014 at 10:14 AM

ME

“ Mick And Lisa Ellis lit a candle in memory of Maria Rachel Rodriguez



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**Mick and Lisa Ellis** - November 26, 2014 at 09:53 AM

SL

“ I will miss you Rachel! You are truly an angel!!



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**Sylvia Lafitte** - November 26, 2014 at 09:12 AM

CN

“ What a legacy left. What an example Mannie and Rachel are to all married couples. I will always remember theatre trips to Chicago....will miss my theatre buddy!! Love and prayers to Rachel's family and all the many many many who are grieving her loss. Heaven gained a bright, bright angel.

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**Cathy Nelson** - November 26, 2014 at 08:29 AM

LC

“ My prayers and Condolences are with the Maldonado and Rodriguez Family. RIH Maria



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**Linda Carter** - November 26, 2014 at 07:04 AM

EP

“ I am so sorry for your loss. It truly breaks my heart! She was always so kind and sweet! You are all in my prayers!

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**Elisa Ponce** - November 26, 2014 at 12:19 AM

EM

“ *Elisa Ponce and Frank Munoz purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Maria Rachel Rodriguez.* ”



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**Elisa Ponce and Frank Munoz** - November 25, 2014 at 11:53 PM



“ *Lino Maggio lit a candle in memory of Maria Rachel Rodriguez* ”



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**Lino Maggio** - November 25, 2014 at 11:07 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria Rachel Rodriguez.* ”



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November 25, 2014 at 09:49 PM

JF

“ *Jorge and Nancy Benavente and Family purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Maria Rachel Rodriguez.* ”



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**Jorge and Nancy Benavente and Family** - November 25, 2014 at 09:45 PM

MA

“ So many wonderful memories were shared with you.

One we always laughed about was the night we met when we stole a table you and Manuel were waiting on.

We had no idea until you mentioned it after we started hanging out a few times.

I felt bad but, if it wasn't for that we may have never met and became so close so, I'm glad we did!

I will miss your smile, laugh, sassiness and just everything about you!

Love you so much!



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**Mary Anderson** - November 25, 2014 at 09:39 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Maria Rachel Rodriguez.



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November 25, 2014 at 08:57 PM

CH

“ Rachel was the most beautiful person I ever had the pleasure to meet. Her and Manny were true soul mates, always wanting to help in any way thy could. Her beautiful smile will be missed so much, she always had a smile on her face. It has been a pleasure to have you for such a short time, you will be missed by all, you have been a great friend. You will always be remembered, we love you. I guess God needed that beautiful smile up there.

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**Charlotte** - November 25, 2014 at 08:39 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Maria Rachel Rodriguez.*



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November 25, 2014 at 08:36 PM



“ *Damon And Ronda Velasquez lit a candle in memory of Maria Rachel Rodriguez*



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**Damon and Ronda Velasquez** - November 25, 2014 at 08:28 PM

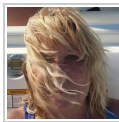


“ *Laure Laco lit a candle in memory of Maria Rachel Rodriguez*



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**Laure Laco** - November 25, 2014 at 07:51 PM



*A new angel in heaven.*

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**Laure Laco** - November 25, 2014 at 07:54 PM

LJ

“ Rachel and Manuel went all the way to Hawaii to witness our marriage license in Kauai. Manuel took all the pictures. As if that wasn't enough Rachel then coordinated all the photos into a beautiful album as a present. This is a wonderful family and it starts at the top with great examples. THANK YOU Rachel and Manuel. Rachel you are in God's hands. We love you and will cherish our memories.

Laurie and Kelly Jones - November 25, 2014 at 07:50 PM

LJ

“ Laurie And Kelly Jones lit a candle in memory of Maria Rachel Rodriguez



Laurie and Kelly Jones - November 25, 2014 at 07:42 PM

Person icon

“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Maria Rachel Rodriguez.



November 25, 2014 at 07:19 PM

MF

“ Mark Carter Family lit a candle in memory of Maria Rachel Rodriguez



Mark Carter Family - November 25, 2014 at 07:15 PM

MF

*Mark Cindy and Family. Such a wonderful person taken much too soon.*

**Mark Carter Family** - November 25, 2014 at 07:17 PM

SG

“ *My condolences to Manuel & children & Maldonado family! MAY YOU ALL FEET THE ARMS OF OUR LORD HOLDING YOU ALL! CHRIST PEACE BE WITH ALL OF YOU! SILVIA & JESSE (CHINO) GARZA*



**Silvia Garza** - November 25, 2014 at 06:43 PM



“ *Brenda Philips Wellman lit a candle in memory of Maria Rachel Rodriguez*



**Brenda Philips Wellman** - November 25, 2014 at 06:30 PM