



## Louise Parra Moreno

August 19, 1933 - December 1, 2024

Louise Parra Moreno (nee Mendoza), 91, of Tinley Park, Illinois, passed away peacefully December 1, 2024.

Born Luisa Parra Mendoza in Chicago, Louise graduated from Immaculata High School and went straight to work downtown as a Dictaphone transcriptionist, a career she held for over two decades at several corporations including Brunswick Corporation and Vienna Beef.

Louise married her beloved boyfriend Paul in a civil ceremony in the mid-1950's, after he enlisted in the U.S. Army. She summoned all of her courage to fly alone to Europe once her new husband secured military housing in a suburb of Frankfurt, Germany. A lovely neighbor lady helped Louise learn functional German and also how to navigate her new life. Louise told her family that she was often looked upon as exotic in her new home. The couple returned to the U.S. after his service duty and settled in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood to start their family. In 1972, Paul earned his Associate's Degree and retired from his mailman career to start Moreno Construction Company, with Louise as his administrative partner and officer. Together they broke barriers, becoming the first Hispanic general contractor to build a Chicago Public Library (the Rudy Lozano Public Library in Pilsen).

Over the years the family moved from Lincoln Park to Buena Park to Albany

Park to Peterson Park to Lincolnwood. Louise encouraged her children to become independent adults. The Morenos enjoyed vacations at Disneyland and Disneyworld and visiting family in California. In retirement, the Morenos traveled to Paris, Italy, and back to Germany where they visited old friends, including that helpful neighbor. They also owned Grand Palace Bowl and Banquet Hall in Cicero, which Louise continued to run after the death of her husband in 2004.

Beloved wife of the late H. Paul Moreno (born Hipolito Paul Martinez Moreno).

Devoted mother of Monica Louise (Peter) Pirih, Michael Paul (Peggy) Moreno, and Michele Marie (Alex Sokoloff) Moreno.

Loving grandmother of Jennifer (Luis) Juarez, Steven (Shannon) Pirih, Marisa Moreno, Kristen Moreno, and Anton Sokoloff. Great-grandmother of Nathaniel Juarez. Dear sister of Juanita "Jennie" Mendoza and the late Ignacia, Raymundo "Ray", Tomasina "Tommie", Emeterio "Teddy", Gerardo "Jerry", Martina "Marty", Russell, and Elvira "Vera".

Daughter of the late Narcizo and Macedonia (nee Parra) Mendoza.

Visitation Friday, December 6, 3-8pm (prayer service and eulogies 7pm) at Palos Gaidas Funeral Home, 11028 SW Hwy, Palos Hills, IL 60465. Burial Saturday, December 7, 11am, Irving Park Cemetery, 7777 Irving Park Rd. Chicago, 60634.

Please note that the visitation and celebration of life with prayers and eulogies will occur Friday evening in Palos Hills (South Side). Burial will occur Saturday day at Irving Park Cemetery (North Side). Please meet inside the front gate of the cemetery by 10:45am, for procession to graveside.

Floral expressions of sympathy are welcome, or please donate to your favorite charity in Louise's name.

Arrangements by Inclusive Funeral Care, 773-370-2959 or [www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com](http://www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Irving Park Cemetery

7777 Irving Park Rd  
Chicago, IL 60634  
[https://www.dignitymemorial.com/funeral-homes/illinois/chicago/irving-park-cemetery/6238?utm\\_source=google\\_my\\_business&utm\\_medium=organic](https://www.dignitymemorial.com/funeral-homes/illinois/chicago/irving-park-cemetery/6238?utm_source=google_my_business&utm_medium=organic)

# Previous Events

## Visitation followed by Prayers

DEC 6. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home  
11028 SW Highway  
Palos Hills, IL 60465

*7pm prayer service*

## Burial

DEC 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Irving Park Cemetery  
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*Please meet inside the front gate by 10:45am. We will drive in procession to the gravesite*

# Tribute Wall

NL

“ I loved my auntie Lou. She was so very nice to me and I loved her beautiful Chicago accent. May you rest in peace auntie. You lived a very full life. I love you. Nora

Nora Lucero - December 05, 2024 at 09:57 PM

EM

“ Our deepest condolences to Lou's family. She and Paul opened their home to us as a family when we first moved to Chicago upon Paul's encouragement. She was so loving, gracious and helpful. Three days after arriving, I got a job interview.. She carefully gave me detailed instructions on how to get to that interview at Cook County Hospital- Crippled Children Dept. Paul also connected us to a friend who was wanting to sell a small apartment, which we bought. Both were always helpful, and encouraging all the time and embraced us during the whole time. Lou would invite us to celebrate holidays with them. We shared moments of laughter and joy with her and family. We have nothing but great loving memories of her which will always remain in our hearts forever. She has left this world and gone to start her eternal life in heaven. Lou we miss you but hope to see you again someday. With Love, Elena (Helen) Moreno and sons - Xavier and Chris

ELENA MORENO - December 05, 2024 at 01:43 PM

LM

“ In this time of grief, may you find peace and comfort.  
With deepest sympathy to the family,  
Diane(Nacho and Rose daughter)and Mike  
Martinez



Linda Diane Martinez - December 05, 2024 at 12:32 AM

KB

“ *Lou, thank you for all the good memories and many prayers sent to you 3 from us 3*

kathy m beltran - December 04, 2024 at 10:12 PM

MM

“ *MARGIE MORENO, KATHY&STEVE planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Louise Parra Moreno.*

MARGIE MORENO, KATHY&STEVE - December 04, 2024 at 09:59 PM

MM

“ *MARGIE MORENO, KATHY&STEVE purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Louise Parra Moreno.*



MARGIE MORENO, KATHY&STEVE - December 04, 2024 at 09:59 PM

TF

“ *The Lucero and Meraz family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Louise Parra Moreno.*



The Lucero and Meraz family - December 04, 2024 at 09:03 PM

PP

“ I was her son in law. She always liked me for some reason. Even toward the end she always had a smile when I showed up and remembered who I was . We brought her a Portillos hot dog which she asked for all the time and that made her day. She'll be missed ,but at least she's at peace .

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**Pete Pirih** - December 04, 2024 at 06:53 PM

EO

“ Every time we visited Aunt Louise from out of town she always had such a beautiful, pleasant smile & demeanor that I will never forget. Her mannerisms & kindness always reminded me of my mother & extended Chicago family. My sincere condolences to the entire Moreno family.  
Evan O'Rourke

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**Evan O'Rourke** - December 04, 2024 at 03:14 PM

LM

“ With our deepest sympathy to all the family  
Larry and Luci Moreno

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**Larry Moreno** - December 04, 2024 at 12:16 PM

MA

“ I have very fond memories of Christmas dinner at Aunty Louise and Uncle Paul's home. It was always a celebration of family filled with love, delicious food and lots of laughs. My deepest sympathies are with her entire family. She was a very special person and will be missed dearly. Cousin Matt

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**Matt** - December 03, 2024 at 11:27 PM

LB

“ Love, The Bellagambas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Louise Parra Moreno.

Love, The Bellagambas - December 03, 2024 at 11:20 PM

LB

“ Love, The Bellagambas purchased the Pretty Ple  
ase for the family of Louise Parra Moreno.



Love, The Bellagambas - December 03, 2024 at 11:20 PM

EL

“ Your mother's love and kindness were felt by everyone who knew her. Auntie Lou's kind words of encouragement still resonates with me till this day. May the cherished memories of your beloved mom bring you peace. She was a wonderful person, and her memory will live on in our hearts forever. May God give you strength and comfort during this sorrowful time.  
Our deepest sympathies are with you and your family and may God bless you all.

Edward & Cecelia Lucero  
Amanda & Aaliyah Meraz

Edward & Cecelia Lucero - December 03, 2024 at 09:19 PM

DM

“ My condolences to the Moreno family.....  
I have so many great memories of being a brother-in-law of Louise.  
She would write out my checks when I worked for the Moreno  
Const. Co.  
She would pay me right up to the hour and right up to the penny.  
She was always so fair and square with me and my family.  
She is in heaven now because she was a great person.  
Thanks be to God.  
David Moreno

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**David Moreno** - December 03, 2024 at 09:43 AM

YM

“ Aunt Lou always had a quiet sophistication about her that I admired.  
When I traveled to Chicago as a teenager with my grandmother,  
Aunt Lou made us feel so welcomed. She immediately began  
planning activities for us (museums, shopping, the beach, etc.) She  
trusted Michele and me to navigate our way around the city which  
was so empowering. I returned to New Mexico inspired by my trip  
and feeling empowered by my Aunt Lou.

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**Yvonne Montes** - December 02, 2024 at 08:48 PM

LF

“ Lorenzo Moreno Family purchased the Emerald  
Garden Basket for the family of Louise Parra  
Moreno.



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**Lorenzo Moreno Family** - December 02, 2024 at 08:24 PM



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**Team Inclusive Funeral Care** - December 02, 2024 at 02:03 PM



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**Team Inclusive Funeral Care** - December 01, 2024 at 12:40 PM