



Elena Ponce

December 27, 1944 - July 22, 2013

Elena Janet Ponce, age 68, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, July 22nd, 2013. Born on December 27, 1944, she was raised by her loving parents Francisca and Manuel Garcia in Marysville, California. She later settled in San Antonio and began a teaching career in the Cosmetology Department at G.W. Brackenridge High School which spanned more than 25 years. She loved being a part of her students' lives and encouraged each one to excel in their craft. She was a talented, creative person with an artistic eye and loved making the ordinary beautiful. She is survived by the love of her life, best friend, and husband Jose Ponce. She was a nurturing and loving mother to her daughters, Diane Mills and husband Aaron, Dehann Riou and husband Bernard and Janet Maurer and husband Joseph. She was beloved Nana to her grandchildren: Stefanie Graham and husband Tony, Amanda Ferguson, Henri Riou, Ella Mills, Samuel Maurer, Lydia Maurer and Vivienne Maurer as well as to her great grandchildren: Nathan Disperati, London Graham, Isabella Graham, Zoiee Ferguson and Khloe Graham. She also leaves behind a sister, Diana Mejia of Marysville, California and a brother, Randy Garcia of Los Angeles, California. She was preceded in death by her parents, a granddaughter Annabella Riou and one sister Lydia Luchesse.