



## Jane Ruiz

May 15, 1935 - August 13, 2021

Juanita P. Ruiz, affectionately known to all as Jane, was called to into the presence of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Friday, August 13, 2021 in San Antonio, Texas after a brief illness.

Jane was born May 15, 1935 in Big Wells, Texas to Bernabé and Antonia Ponce.

She graduated from Big Wells High School in 1954 as the class Valedictorian and was very active in sports and social clubs.

Jane attended San Antonio College in San Antonio, Texas where she got her Secretarial Degree. Jane began her working career in the retail area while in college.

Jane met Fred D. Ruiz on a blind date when she was invited to go bowling with some friends in the fall of 1960 and on April 28, 1961 they were married. They remained married for 57 years until the death of her beloved husband in 2018. Their marriage produced 2 sons, Robert, born in 1962, and Richard, born in 1964.

Jane put her working career on hold for 16 years while she raised her family. When her boys entered elementary school she became very active in the

Parent Teacher Association (P.T.A.) at Carroll Bell elementary where she eventually became the P.T.A. President, a position she held for 4 years. Jane then moved on to the P.T.A. at Terrell Wells middle school, where she again held various positions on the P.T.A. board.

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When her boys were finishing high school Jane was asked by Harlandale Independent School District (H.I.S.D.) personnel if she would be interested in a secretarial position with the school district. Jane decided that it was time to go back into the workforce accepted the position.

Jane was able to learn the intricacies of the school board elections policies and procedures and quickly became the “go to person” if there were any questions or concerns about school board elections.

Jane rose through the ranks quickly and after 21 years of faithful service she was able to retire from H.I.S.D. as the executive secretary to the School District Superintendent.

Jane wasn't retired very long and after about 3 months of retirement she received a phone call from the attorneys for the Bexar Metropolitan Water District and asking her to come out of retirement and come aboard as the elections monitor for the water district. She worked with BexarMet for 5 years before officially retiring for good.

During her working years Jane and Fred were able to travel a bit locally and even took a once in a lifetime trip to the United Kingdom where they were able to visit London, England and also saw several small towns and villages in England, visiting ancient castles and other points of interest.

After retiring, Jane and Fred enjoyed spending their free time with their grandchildren and doing some light traveling, visiting places like Las Vegas and the local casinos in South Texas and Louisiana.

Jane is survived by:

Son: Robert Ruiz (wife Eva) and 3 grandchildren, Robert Jacob Ruiz, Richard Jeremy Ruiz (his girlfriend Erica Lynn Traylor) and Erika Noemi Peterson (and her husband Tyler)

Son: Richard Ruiz

Jane is also survived by brothers: Jose (Tina) Ponce, Santiago Ponce and Raul (Victoria) Ponce

Sister: María Elena Fonseca (Juan).

She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews on the Ponce and Ruiz sides of the family.

Jane was preceded in death by:

Her beloved husband Fred,

Parents: Bernabé and Antonia Ponce,

Sisters: Consuelo Rueda and María Alicia Ponce,

Brothers: Manuel Ponce and Victor Ponce

Visitation/viewing will be Wednesday August 18, 2021 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm and Celebration of Life services will be on Thursday August 19, 2021 at 11:00 am at:

Mission Park Funeral Chapel South

1700 S.E. Military Dr.

San Antonio, Tx. 78214

Interment will follow immediately after at  
San Jose Burial Park  
8235 Mission Rd.  
San Antonio, Tx. 78214

Fellowship gathering after the ceremony to be determined.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 18. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 924-4242  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Celebration of Life

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## Interment

AUG 19 (CT)

San Jose Burial Park  
8235 Mission RD  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 923-0272  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ Mom, I really miss you alot. But you're with Dad now, where you belong.

We'll be okay here, until we meet again. Don't worry about us, or any of the rest of the family. We are strong, just like you were. Rob has his family to watch over him.

Tia Lennie, Uncles Joe, Chago and Raul have big families to keep them on their toes.

I guess you're having a good reunion up there right now also. Tell all the family we said hi

and we'll see them one of these days.

My girls keep me on my toes also. Love them all. They keep calling to check on me, and they all miss you a bunch. You were a Mother to many, a Grandmother to more, and a friend to all. We miss you to the moon and back.

*Your Family*

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Rich - August 24, 2021 at 01:18 AM