



Monica A. Ruiz

August 3, 1972 - June 14, 2022

Monica A Ruiz, age 49, was called home to our Lord on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at Methodist Hospital in San Antonio, Texas. Born August 3, 1972, to Fidencio and Sylvia Ruiz. She was a 1990 graduate of Harlingen High School and received a Bachelor of Science from Texas A&M Kingsville, Texas in 1996. She worked as an Elementary school teacher for 24 years. She devoted her life to her students, family, and friends. She was a caring person and an inspiration too many. She touched the lives of all who knew her. She is survived by her parents, Fidencio & Sylvia Ruiz; partner, Terri Rodriguez; sibling, Roland Ruiz (Terry); nieces, Ashley de Leon (Marcos) and Samantha Casarez (Jesse); great-niece, Alaina Casarez; Godsons, Vincent Roel, Ethan Roel and Samiel Moreno. A viewing will be held beginning at 1:00 pm- 5:00 pm on Saturday, July 9, 2022 with a service at 2:00 pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries, 3401 Cherry Ridge Dr, San Antonio, Texas 78230.

Previous Events

Memorial Rosary

JUL 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Monica A. Ruiz.*



July 09, 2022 at 11:26 AM



“ *I miss you so much and my heart hurts as if it wants to tear open. You were someone I had prayed for to love with all my heart and someone to love me for me. Monica, thank you for loving me as much as you did for 20 1/2 years. I wouldn't have wanted to spend all those years with anyone else but you. You are now walking in Heaven with Peanut at your side. Love you. Rest in peace, until we meet again Boo.*



Terri - July 09, 2022 at 01:59 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Monica A. Ruiz.*



July 08, 2022 at 09:38 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Monica A. Ruiz.



July 08, 2022 at 08:11 PM



“ Rest in peace, Momo. 🙏💜

Connie - July 06, 2022 at 04:36 PM



“ Monica always did last minute crafts for me. I would show her a basket I had fixed for a school auction and she would have to fix it because it needed to be more enticing. She always made it look fantastic and beautiful, even if it was a last minute craft. Terri, you know. Every t-shirt, cup, pen, craft she made had to be perfect. I never had the honor of watching Monica teach, but I know she was the best advocate her students could have in their corner. A teacher knows when another teacher is in it for the kids. Monica was dedicated to her students. I read this the other day and thought of Monica. Robin Williams said it. " I don't know how much value I have in this universe, but I do know I've made a few people happier than they'd have been without me, and as long as I know that, I'm as rich as I ever need to be." I miss her and will miss her forever.

Connie - July 06, 2022 at 04:31 PM

ML

“ Monica was a bright light who helped her students futures' shine. She always made me feel welcomed into her classroom. I will miss her. ❤️🙏



Mary Ann Lopez-Barragan - July 05, 2022 at 05:03 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Monica A. Ruiz.



July 05, 2022 at 02:16 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Monica A. Ruiz.



July 05, 2022 at 01:36 PM

MC

“ Dedicated to her students y una buena Amiga. Descansa en paz Amiga.

Maris Diana Calvillo - July 02, 2022 at 11:27 AM

MC

“ *Maria Diana Calvillo lit a candle in memory of Monica A. Ruiz*



Maria Diana Calvillo - July 02, 2022 at 11:22 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Monica A. Ruiz.*



July 01, 2022 at 12:09 PM

SM

“ *She's was very kind person she loves her work as a teacher and did everything she could or more for them. She will be missed by those that new her and loved working with her. RIP ☐*



Stephanie Martinez - June 30, 2022 at 04:47 PM



“ *Maria Maldonado sent a virtual gift in memory of Monica A. Ruiz*



Maria Maldonado - June 30, 2022 at 12:23 PM

YV

“ I remember a visit to Monica's classroom. I was working on a story and needed photos. She welcomed me and allowed me to sit in during her class time. The love of teaching came through so vividly as she spoke to the little ones and explained their lesson that morning. I took my photos and listened to her as she instructed her lesson. She was funny and witty. She was so creative. She was loved by her students and friends.
She will be missed by all who knew her.
I pray for peace and strength for her family, friends, and her partner, Terri.



Yvonne - June 30, 2022 at 02:01 AM

CL

I have so many great stories I can say, and all the advice she would give me. I especially loved how she would just sit there and listen to me vent. But the one of many crazy things she would do is, I remember going over and my guy friend called me and I wanted to play a prank on me, so of course Mona as I called her answered my phone and just like that changed her voice to a guy name Martin. Lol. We both laughed so hard. So from that day on when I would go over and ask for Martin. Oh Mona how I feel this just a dream but it's not. We miss you so much.. RIP Mona fly high my friend.

Cissy Rodriguez / sister in law - July 01, 2022 at 11:51 AM

CR

Rip Mona miss you.

Cissy Rodriguez - July 03, 2022 at 06:07 PM

SB

“ *Susan Borrego sent a virtual gift in memory of
Monica A. Ruiz*



Susan Borrego - June 28, 2022 at 04:00 PM

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Monica A. Ruiz*



Susan Borrego - June 28, 2022 at 04:00 PM

LC

“ *Leslie Canales sent a virtual gift in memory of
Monica A. Ruiz*



Leslie Canales - June 28, 2022 at 12:37 AM

LC

“ *Leslie Canales sent a virtual gift in memory of
Monica A. Ruiz*



Leslie Canales - June 28, 2022 at 12:35 AM

VA

“ Vanessa Aguilar sent a virtual gift in memory of Monica A. Ruiz



Vanessa Aguilar - June 27, 2022 at 09:11 PM

LC

“ Ay Monica...
It's still so hard to believe, that you are gone. You have been a part of my life, for about 30yrs!!! No matter where we were in our lives, we were always there for each other. There are so many amazing memories and stories that I will forever treasure, in my heart. Love you, always Monica. 💔💔💔

Leslie Canales - June 27, 2022 at 08:50 PM

NH

“ Noemi Hernandez sent a virtual gift in memory of Monica A. Ruiz



Noemi Hernandez - June 27, 2022 at 08:34 PM

TE

“ Terri sent a virtual gift in memory of Monica A. Ruiz



Terri - June 27, 2022 at 08:32 PM

SB

“ Ms.Ruiz,
How do I thank you for the patience, understanding, guidance and love you gave my daughter Sophia. You helped me see that what I knew Sophia was capable of being she could be. And for that I'll always be so grateful. You are an Amazing Teacher, you gave of yourself without barriers. I always knew that you were a God sent...Mija's angel.Now my beautiful friend, my loving Teacher we honor your gift of love and education you gave your students and the encouragement you gave us parents. Rest in peace and you will always be in our hearts. We love you tremendously!
Susan Borrego

Susan Borrego - June 24, 2022 at 09:43 PM

SP

“ Sophia B. Perez sent a virtual gift in memory of
Monica A. Ruiz



Sophia B. Perez - June 24, 2022 at 08:58 PM

SP

“ Ms. Ruiz was my first grade teacher at Roosevelt Elementary School, and I am incredibly grateful to have had her in my life during my first year at school. She taught me to not be afraid to try new things, has instilled a love of learning and immense curiosity in me, made me laugh on many occasions, made me feel that my creativity was my biggest strength... and most of all, she taught me that being different is a great thing and that my disability shouldn't deter me from getting a quality and valuable education and especially fitting in with society without changing who I am and embracing my quirks. And also, one more thing... POPEYEEEEEESSSS!!!!

Sophia B. Perez - June 24, 2022 at 08:57 PM

SP

To those who don't get the Popeye's reference:

When I was in first grade (2005-2006), I was obsessed with, of all things, a commercial for Popeye's Chicken. In that commercial, a pair of googly eyes pop out of the Popeye's logo and a cartoon voice says "POPEYEEEEESSSS!"

<https://youtu.be/jBHYqbmaTgw>

I made this a running joke in the classroom, and I literally had all of Ms. Ruiz's students yelling "POPEEEYEEESSS!!!" The icing on the cake is when I made a Thanksgiving placemat that had a hand-drawn Popeye's logo, complete with the bulging eyes, a drumstick, and actual coupons for Popeye's! If anyone remembers this placemat (or even better, still HAS it), please let me know!

Sophia B. Perez - June 24, 2022 at 09:13 PM