



## Pierrette (Fluet) Riou

January 26, 1928 - December 1, 2019

Pierrette (Fluet) Riou, beloved mother, 91, went to be with our Lord on December 1, 2019. Born in Québec, Canada, Pierrette grew up on the family dairy farm as the eldest of nine children. After discerning whether she had a religious vocation, she taught in Catholic schools in Québec as a lay teacher. She and her good friend, Rhéa became pen pals with Jean and Joseph Riou, respectively, who had immigrated to San Antonio from France. After a year of exchanging letters, and a good report from a priest they knew (Curé Hudon, who had recently met the two brothers during a trip to Texas), Pierrette and Rhéa traveled by bus to meet their pen pals in San Antonio. During that visit, Jean and Pierrette became engaged, as did Joseph and Rhéa. Three months later the two couples were married in a double wedding ceremony and returned by train to San Antonio. They made their first homes on the grounds of Mount Sacred Heart (where John and Joseph were employed), and both couples were soon blessed with children. Pierrette later earned a degree from UTSA and taught in Catholic and public elementary schools for many years until retiring, prior to Jean's passing in 2006. She enjoyed time with family and friends, traveling, camping, art, sewing and gardening, and was an active parishioner at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, including the Altar Society, children's liturgy, and eucharistic adoration. In her later years, she made new friends at The Village at Incarnate Word where she resided for two years, first in independent living and then in assisted living and, after a hospitalization, at St. Francis Nursing Home, where she joined Rhéa, who had already been

living there for a month or two. Pierrette resided at St. Francis Nursing Home for nearly four years, until her passing. At both The Village at Incarnate Word and St. Francis Nursing Home, Pierrette was blessed to have access to the Sacraments, including daily Mass. Those who preceded Pierrette in death include infant children Maryvonne, Daniel, and Marie-Claude, parents Alfred & Antoinette, siblings Raymond, Denise, Jean-Claude, and Émilien, and in-laws Raymond Dubé, Joseph & Rhéa Riou, and Pierre & Marie Riou. She is survived by sons Pierre and Charles, siblings (and spouses) Gérard (Yvette Desjardins), Andrée Dubé, Micheline (Louis Desmeules) and Gilles, and many dear nephews, nieces, and friends. Pierrette's sons wish to thank all of the loving family, friends, neighbors, clergy and religious who were a blessing to Pierrette over her long and joyful life as well as her doctors and dentists and their staffs, the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word and staff at The Village at Incarnate Word, and the Seraphic Franciscan Sisters OLS and staff at St. Francis Nursing Home, for the compassion and excellent care that they all provided to her. Visitation begins at 5 PM, with Rosary recitation at 7 PM, Sunday December 15 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Drive, San Antonio. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 AM Monday, December 16 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 758 Ramsey, San Antonio. Interment will follow at San Fernando Cemetery II, 746 Castroville Road, San Antonio. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to St. Francis Nursing Home, The Village at Incarnate Word, Holy Spirit Catholic Church, The Parkinson's Foundation, or the charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## San Fernando Cemetery #2

746 Castroville Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78237

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 15. 5:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78230

## Rosary

DEC 15. 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78230

## Mass of Resurrection

DEC 16. 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
8134 Blanco road  
San Antonio , TX 78216



# Tribute Wall

CG

“ *Nos sincères sympathies, chers cousins Pierre et Charlie, nos pensées sont avec vous. Nous garderons un bon souvenir de ma tante Pierrette. Catherine Dubé et Daniel Grondin*

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**Catherine Dubé et Daniel Grondin** - December 13, 2019 at 09:00 PM

SD

“ *Toutes mes sympathies, aux cousins Charlie et Pierre. J'ai de bons souvenirs de tante Pierrette quoique je l'ai peu rencontré souvent. Son souvenir vous habitera toujours❤️ Au plaisir Cousine Sylvie*

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**Sylvie Dubé** - December 09, 2019 at 01:11 PM

EF

“ *Au revoir ma tante Pierette. Condolences a Pierre et Charlie. Ma famille se joint à moi pour vous souhaiter nos sincères sympathies.*

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**Eric Fluet** - December 09, 2019 at 11:27 AM

DP

“ *My deepest sympathy goes to my friends Charlie and Pierre, and for the extended family. I will always remember Pierrette as a wonderful person and mother.*

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**David Plutowski** - December 09, 2019 at 10:45 AM

AD

“ À Pierre et Charles, mes pensées sont avec vous. Je me téléporte de coeur auprès de vous pour vous serrer dans mes bras et faire un dernier au revoir à votre mère que j'appréciais beaucoup. Chacune de ses visites représente un bon souvenir pour moi et puisse-t-elle reposer en paix. Avec affection, votre cousine Anne Dubé xx

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**Anne Dubé** - December 09, 2019 at 09:49 AM

MD

“ To Pierre and Charles, our deepest sympathies for the loss of your mother.  
We are with you all in these saddest time, may the joyouest moments you shared with here help you go through.  
She was a dear friend of our sister's Rhea, every time we would visit our sister, she would receive us with a nice smile and was interested on how we were doing, such a very compassionate person.  
All the family join me in sending their thoughts and prayers to you and all the Riou family at this difficult time.  
We wish you comfort and peace, with caring thoughts.

*Monique Doyon*

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**Monique Doyon** - December 08, 2019 at 05:36 PM

GD

To Pierre, Charles and all family's Pierrette, I wanted to send you all my deepest sympathy at the loss of your dear Pierrette.

*I will be thinking and praying for you all during this difficult time.*

*Sending thoughts and prayers for peace.*

*Ginette Doyon*

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**Ginette Doyon** - December 08, 2019 at 07:23 PM

LK

*Pierre & Charlie and Riou family & friends,  
We extend to you our most sincere sympathy as we remember our dearest and most kind Pierrette who found joy in the simplest pleasures of life. She loved talking about picking apples from a tree on her family farm, playing with her dad and siblings in the lake nearby, helping her mom with her 8 brothers and sisters after she was unable to be assigned to Africa, telling her mother's advice to eat fruit instead of dessert after dinner, laughing whenever I reminded her she was speaking French I could not translate. But most of all, Pierrette radiated happiness at the mention of Pierre & Charlie, in telling of the children from the nearby school playing music for Saint Francis residents, in or tasting a bite of dark chocolate. We thank you, Charlie & Pierre, for your generosity in sharing your mom all these years. My grandson's tutor, upon hearing about Pierrette, advised Matthew, "Now you have another saint you can pray to", your dear friend Pierrette who taught Matthew's daddy and aunt as well as 60+ admiring children every Sunday at Holy Spirit's Children's Liturgy of the Word. We love you, Pierrette and know God will bless you eternally.  
Lydia & Charles Kendrick*

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**Lydia Kendrick** - December 09, 2019 at 02:19 PM

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*Condoléances à Pierre et Charly . Nous garderons dans notre coeur le souvenir d'une femme généreuse , gentille . maintenant elle est au paradis . Elle était belle à l'intérieur comme à l'extérieur . Nous n'oublirons jamais Pierrette .. Marie France et René AME*

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**AME Marie France René** - December 11, 2019 at 06:43 AM