



Ruth Del Cueto

September 17, 1941 - August 23, 2020

Ruth Esther del Cueto went to be with our Lord on August 23, 2020. She was born in San Antonio, Texas on September 17, 1941. She is preceded in death by her mother, Henriqueta Ortiz Garza, and her father, Josue R. Garza. She is survived by her loving and faithful husband, Charles del Cueto, her older brother, Alfonso “Poncho” Garza, her two sons, John Charles and Andrew Raymond del Cueto, and her two Grandchildren, Madelyn Ruth and Joshua Andrew del Cueto. Ruth or “Ruthie”, as she was known amongst her friends, graduated from Thomas Edison High School in 1959. She then furthered her education at Southwest Texas State University where she earned a Bachelor’s of Science in Education in 1963. It was at that University that she fell in love and eventually married her devoted and loyal husband, Charles, on August 25, 1962. She later returned to Southwest Texas State University to earn a Master’s of Arts in Spanish in 1973. That same year she became a professor teaching Spanish at San Antonio College. She taught there for thirty-two years and eventually headed its Foreign Language Department as its Chairperson from 1989-1993. She received many awards and recognitions including, but not limited to, the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Award and the Teaching Excellence award from the University of Texas at Austin. On August 31, 2005 she was bestowed Professor Emeritus for her long, outstanding, and distinguished service and contributions to San Antonio College.

She had a long, fruitful life that included travel to more than twenty different

countries for both work and pleasure. Ruth had a deep love for our Lord. Whether she was participating in prayer meetings, teaching children's church, supporting vacation bible school, or instructing an adult Bible class known as the Wesleyans, she never tired of deepening her faith. She exuded love, devotion, loyalty and compassion on a daily basis. She gave of herself freely to make this world a better place because that is who she was. Even as she struggled physically in the last years of her life, she never wavered in her faith. In the end, however, she came to realize that as much as she had on this Earth: her family, her career and her travels and friendship – nothing was more important to her than “going home”. You have fought the good fight, you have finished the race, you have kept the faith...you are home momma. There are no words to express the sense of loss and grief that we feel at this moment, but know that this is not “adiós”, but merely “hasta que nos encontremos de nuevo”. Siempre estarás en nuestros corazones.

There will be a viewing held at Mission Park (<https://webcasts.lifetributes.com/1086239>) (3401 Cherry Ridge Dr.) from 5pm to 8pm on Friday – August 28th Homegoing service will be held on Saturday – August 29th at Oxford United Methodist Church (<http://oxfordumc.org>) (9739 Huebner Rd) starting at 10am. Social distancing, and mask wearing will be observed.

If you are unable to come in person, we hope that you will connect on-line through Oxford's Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/oxfordumcsa>) or YouTube channel (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gaJ1aD_xMxl&feature=youtu.be) where the service will be live-streamed.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial gifts can be made to The San Antonio Food Bank.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **28**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Service

AUG **29**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Oxford United Methodist Church
9655 Huebner Rd
San Antonio, TX 78240

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Ruth Del Cueto*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - August 28, 2020 at 06:02 PM

CC

Mi más sentido pésame! Siempre admire a la su mamá por su fortaleza! Que dios los bendiga y ayude con su dolor. 🙏

Catalina Cruz - August 28, 2020 at 07:20 PM

PM

“ *Ruth managed the C.A.S.S. (Cooperative Association of States Scholarships) program for many years. Our family got to know Ruth through the Central American and Caribbean exchange students that we hosted including Lidia, Raquel, Hope, Sarai, Jael, Marie, Claudia, plus all of their friends that we got to know through them.*

Ruth's mission in life was to bring people together. And she did just that.

She will be missed.

-Peter & Marguerite Myers

Peter J Myers - September 17, 2020 at 05:12 PM

CS

“ We will miss our friend and sister in Christ. Prayers to Charlie, John, Andrew, Araceli, and the grands. She is now “home”! Rest In Peace.
Al and Corinne Saldaña

Corinne Saldana - September 02, 2020 at 01:17 PM

LW

“ I knew Ruth from our many exercise classes and birthday celebration lunches. So sorry to hear of her passing. She was a wonderful person. Praying for the family.
Laura White

Laura white - August 31, 2020 at 07:42 PM

LS

“ Charles, John, and Andrew, I’m so sorry for your loss. Felix and I send our heartfelt condolences.

Linda Grace Solis - August 30, 2020 at 08:45 PM

BE

“ On behalf of the John and Carmelina Esquivel family, I extend our heartfelt condolences on the passing of Ruth. She often sang in my father’s choirs and contatas. Now she sings in heaven. Praying for the family during this difficult time. 🙏🙏🙏
Bertie Esquivel-Juarez



Bertie Esquivel-Juarez - August 30, 2020 at 11:50 AM

JD

“ *JAMES DOWELL lit a candle in memory of Ruth Del Cueto*



JAMES DOWELL - August 30, 2020 at 10:39 AM

JD

Even tho it's been 61 years since we've seen each other I still remember our friendship in high school. May God bless you and rest in his arms.

JAMES DOWELL - August 30, 2020 at 10:44 AM

CJ

Charlie , I am so sorry . I know how you feel and want y you to know I am praying for you and family. If you need anything old friend give me a call.....Sonny

Cecil M Gregg Jr. - August 30, 2020 at 05:19 PM

LS

“ I first want to give my most heartfelt deep condolences to Charles and sons John and Andrew. I am deeply heart broken with her passing. “Del” like I use to call her after many many years of knowing her at SAC, she first was my Spanish teacher. After that we became close friends cause with Del it was inevitable not to become friends with her. I even babysat her boys so that Charles and her could attend evening events. We kept in close contact for years because I too worked there at SAC in the Library, until she moved to the district offices. She was my mentor and good friend. She was a beautiful person inside and out. I lost touch after I retired from Sac nine years ago although a couple of months I did try getting in touch with her by looking her up on FB. I guess our “heart” connection was already telling me she wasn’t doing well. “Del” it was a pleasure to have known you and forevermore I will hold all those beautiful memories of our friendship and San Antonio College days. Rest In Peace, beautiful angel, Ruth del Cueto.

Lupe Galvan Serna - August 30, 2020 at 10:37 AM

JR

“ My now wife and I, were international Exchange students back in 1998, and she was a very important pillar in our transition, and had very positive influence in our educational life, my condolences to the family. From Lidia and Julio Ramírez from Guatemala

Julio Ramírez - August 28, 2020 at 11:39 PM

HT

“ My deepest condolences to the family. I knew and worked with Ruth for several years. Ruth and I worked on several international initiatives for Alamo Colleges in the 1990s and and between 2000-2005. She was a true professional. RIP Ruth. 💜 Helen Torres, Former Director of Distance Education—San Antonio College

Helen Torres - August 28, 2020 at 02:16 PM

GG

“ I send condolences from my family, St. Philip’s AAS Degree Radiography Program and Women of St. Paul United Methodist Church. Ruth Del Cueto performed services as an Advisor and taught ENGL (ESL) to Students from Central America, Haiti and Jamaica as a part of a National Peace Scholarship Grant written by yours truly, her colleague from St. Philip’s College in 1995. The grant was for students to major in Radiography (X-Ray) and public health studies. Ruth also assisted with curriculum and housing for those students. She was a phenomenal woman who will be sorely missed. Humbly submitted, her friend and colleague, Gaynell Gainer, Professor Emeritus, Retiree ACCD

Gaynell Gainer - August 27, 2020 at 03:49 PM