



Ruth Gonzalez Garcia

December 27, 1920 - February 6, 2010

Because of inclement weather, the Funeral Services will be postponed one day. The Funeral will be held on Thursday February 11, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church with burial in Assumption Cemetery.

Born December 27, 1920 in Omaha, Nebraska and was a resident of Toledo, Ohio area since 1932, passed away on February 6, 2010, surrounded by her loving family.

Ruth retired from the Toledo Board of Education in 1988 from food service management after twenty-six years. She worked for various restaurants and bakeries as well as Willys Overland and the Toledo Box Lunch program in the late thirties and during WW II.

Ruth married Tech-Sergeant, Fred S. Garcia, Sr. U.S. Army at Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission. Ruth was widowed after forty-three years of marriage in 1986.

Ruth Garcia was a long time member of Immaculate Conception Parish where she raised her seven children and St. Charles Parish until residing at the Sacred Heart Home for the last decade.

Ruth was a local, state, and national activist, an advocate for civil rights and voters registration as well as immigration reform. Ruth and her sister founded "La Voz del Barrio". With support base of two hundred Latino families, direct impact influenced South-End city projects ending in the actualization of the Aurora Gonzalez Community Center providing an array of health services for children to seniors. Streets were named Ruth Gonzalez-Garcia Way (from Anthony Wayne Trail to Broadway in South Toledo) and Aurora Gonzalez (her sister) Drive in recognition of community achievements.

In 1977 Ruth was awarded The Lifetime Achievement Award from the Hispanic Leadership Institute.

As recent as 2008 Ruth received the Cesar Chavez Achievement Award for lifetime contribution to the community. In September of 2009 she was inducted into Ohio's Civil Rights Hall of Fame and the end of 2009 received the award: Key to The City of Toledo honoring the Gonzalez family. She was also a proud member of The Catholic War Veterans Auxiliary.

Ruth was preceded in death by son, Richard, brothers, Frank, Manuel, Fritz, Sylvester Jr., sisters, Aurora, Maria Sue, Josephine and Elenore.

She is survived by her children Frederick (Linda), Alice Sutton (James Pemberton), Ruth Ann (Terry) Mohler, Raymond (Cheryl), Ron and John Garcia and niece, Isabel Rojas Dailey, brothers, Peter (Jessie) and Anthony (Irene) Gonzalez, sisters, Sr. Maria Jose, OSU and Salud Cortez. Fifteen grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and was Madrina to many.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home; 1770 S Reynolds Rd on

Monday 5-8 pm and Tues 2-8 p.m. where a scripture service will be recited at 7:30 p.m. The funeral will begin in the mortuary Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in Immaculate Conception Church at 10 a.m. Interment Assumption St. Mary's cemetery. Memorials may take the form of a contribution to the Sisters of The Visitation Monastery, 1745 Parkside Blvd., or the Little Sisters of The Poor.

Tribute Wall



“ I've never met you Ruth, but you lived a life of true obedience. Now you are with God the Father, and you will continued to do his work from the heavens above.##imported-begin##Myrta Gschaar##imported-end##

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“ To the Garcia family: Our deepest sympathy go to your family. Alice you are in our prayers. May you find peace in the fond memories of your childhood and the love of your family.

Nancy McHugh and 1968 Class##imported-begin##McAuley Class of 1968 nanmccor@msn.com##imported-end##

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“ Josie, our deepest sympathy to you and your family on the loss of your aunt Ruth. She left a beautiful legacy. May she rest in peace.##imported-begin##Maria & Bob Ochoa##imported-end##

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“ *Ruth Ann and Terry,*

So sorry to hear of your loss. Your mother was a spectacular woman!

Know that she is at rest and at peace. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.##imported-begin##Larry Haddad larry_haddad@hotmail.com##imported-end##

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“ *What an honor to have known and worked with Ruth. She was a mentor to me when I was in my late 20's and I am now 60. She was there for me when she served on the Board of Directors of the Guadalupe Family Health Clinic. She gave many an insightful suggestion and always was supportive. She will not be forgotten. Thank you for sharing your mom. Maria##imported-begin##Maria Rodriguez-Winter rodwin4@aol.com##imported-end##*

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