



Ruth Naomi Ponce

August 5, 1938 - September 3, 2018

Ruth Naomi Ponce, age 80, of Chanute, KS, passed away on September 3, 2018 at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri. She was born on August 5, 1938 in Chanute, Kansas the daughter of Manuel C. and Savas (Minjarez) Martinez.

Ruth was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She worked as a nurse, obtaining her Registered Nursing degree in 1978. She retired after 50 years, most of which were spent working at Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center in Chanute, but lived her life caring for others whether working, or not. Ruth enjoyed long conversations on the phone, outings with her sisters, car rides, cooking and baking. In her spare time she loved watching her "Men in Blue," the Kansas City Royals, Oklahoma City Thunder, and local sports including the Chanute High School Comets and Neosho County Community College. She especially enjoyed spending time with all of her grandchildren, and supported them in their sports and activities. Ruth will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Ruth is survived by:

Harley Ponce of Chanute, kS

Daughters:

Patti Ponce of Olathe, KS

Cynthia Clark of Chanute, KS

Diana Cole and husband, Chad, of Chanute, KS

Brother:

Samuel Martinez

Sister:

Esther Quirarte

Grandchildren:

Cara Ponce

Cameron Jesseph

Zach Jesseph

Bethany Franke

Adam Cole

Chase Cole

Zane Clark

Great-Grandchildren:

Mason Jesseph, Cohen Cole, Nathan Grogan, Quinnlyn Naomi Jesseph

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Junior Martinez, Ishmael Martinez, and Ruben Martinez; and sisters, Elvira Mendez and Rachel Martinez.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, September 6, 2018 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church-Good News Center in Chanute, Kansas. Funeral service will be held on Friday, September 7, 2018 at First Baptist Church-Good News Center at 10:00 a.m. Online condolences may be left at: www.countrysidefh.com. Memorials have been suggested to First Baptist Church and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Arrangements have been entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

E.. 14th St.
Chanute, KS 66720

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church Chanute
118 N. Forest
Chanute, KS 66720

Service

SEP 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SW

“ I have such fond childhood memories of spending time with the Ponce family, though it's been years since our paths last crossed. I remember Ruth as a nurturing woman and an incredible cook -- every enchilada and chile relleno I've eaten in the last 40 years has been compared to Ruth's benchmark. Sending prayers for comfort for Harley, Patty, Cindy and Diana, and the rest of Ruth's grieving family. -- Stacey Walsh, daughter of Pat Walsh and Sharon Steeves Walsh, Vancouver, BC Canada

Stacey Walsh - September 11, 2018 at 10:06 PM

EE

“ I will sure miss my Ruthie as I always called her. I got the pleasure of working with Ruth at nmh and heritage nursing home we had fun times when it snowed us in. She was dear to my heart. My mom and sisters also got to work with her at the hospital. She will be missed I am sure glad God let me see her one more time and gave her a hug.

Evelyn Bowker ewing - September 08, 2018 at 02:39 AM

MC

“ I worked with Ruth at NMRMC. She was a very caring nurse. My sympathy to her family. She will be miss greatly.
Myrna Castle

Myrna Castle - September 07, 2018 at 06:17 PM

DS

“ I worked with Poncie for 23 years at NMRMC. So sorry to hear of her passing. She was a caring nurse and a lot of fun to work with.
Donna Spillman

Donna Spillman - September 05, 2018 at 06:42 PM

MC

“ *condolences to all her extended family. Maria Dolores (Lola) Cruz*

Maria Dolores (Lola) Cruz - September 05, 2018 at 02:02 PM

CA

“ *Heaven definitely gained an angel. Her smile and pure kindness will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. I'm sorry we can't be there for you all. Much love and many hugs from your family in PA.*

Michael Cabrera and family

cabrera - September 05, 2018 at 07:56 AM

SM

Many condolences to Patti and the rest of Ruth's family. Prayers are sent your way. Shay

Shay M - September 06, 2018 at 12:00 PM

RA

Ruth was such a sweet , wonderful lady! She helped teach me how to administer insulin to myself and made me feel at ease when I was scared to death when I was diagnosed with diabetes. She also was my dads nurse many, many times when he was a patient at NMRMC....he loved and respected her very much. I also remember your enchiladas . so, so good. You will be truly missed Ruthie. Cynthia , Diana, Bethany, Cara, Zane and all of the other family...you had a wonderful mother, grandmother and friend. She is at peace now...watching over all of us making sure we are all ok.

REYNA ALMOND - September 07, 2018 at 09:10 AM

AR

My thoughts and prayers for the Ponce and Martinez family.

Ana Pedroza Ramirez - September 22, 2018 at 09:58 PM