



## Mary Claudia Ruiz

November 12, 1958 - October 14, 2014

Claudia Ruiz was born in Mathis, Texas on November 12, 1958. She was preceded in death by her sister, Adriana Zapata, father, Claudio Zapata and her husband, Antonio Ruiz. She is survived by her son, Justin Ruiz, daughter-in-law, Maggie Ruiz, mother, Rosa Dominguez, step-father, Conrad Dominguez, sister, Isabel Flores, brother-in-law, Roy Flores and her niece, Malia Flores.

Claudia worked for Boardwalk Pipeline and was a dedicated employee who had just celebrated 20 years with the company. Claudia loved her work and even more, the co-workers and lifelong friends she made throughout the company. Claudia was active in the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo as a committee member for 3 different committees at the same time. That was her second job when rodeo season came around she loved the rodeo. Claudia touched so many lives as a committee member for the Gatekeepers, Go Tejano, and Carnival Ticket Sales.

Claudia was one of the most courageous, uplifting and Godly women placed on this earth. She never met a stranger and would give you the shirt off her back and her very last penny to help others. If you ever had the pleasure of meeting Claudia then we know that you were touched by her heart and her spirit. "Do you need anything?" This was a constant question out of Claudia's mouth. She would never go anywhere without asking what she could do or

what she could bring. Even when others would say “Just bring yourself,” she managed to bring something they lacked. Her Mary Poppins purse held anything and everything a person would need.

Claudia loved her family and friends unconditionally. Each and every day Claudia would call her mom, Rosa, her niece, Malia and sister Isabel. There was always enough time in the day for Claudia to be with her family. If friends needed her in the middle of the workday she would be there with them as soon as she could get out of the office and stay as long as they needed her. She always made sure others were happy and made sure no one ever worried about her. Claudia had a heart of pure gold and would give anything to anyone in her life, just for others to be happy.

Claudia had just celebrated the marriage of her only son, Justin. She was one of the bride’s biggest supporters in making the decisions to making the table pieces. Never once did she bat an eye on lending a helping hand. Maggie, her daughter-in-law loved Claudia with all her heart and was beyond grateful to have found a man with such a loving and giving mother. She was beaming on the day she got to watch her son marry the love of his life. Claudia lived for her son and all he accomplished. So many people would constantly say how proud she was of him. During the past five years Justin was Claudia’s rock after the passing of her husband, Tony. There was never an instant she didn’t think or talk about him and couldn’t wait to be back with him.

Finally, after five years of waiting, Claudia is with the love of her life, Tony.

The Ruiz family will be present to receive friends Tuesday, October 21, 2014 from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM with a Vigil service beginning at 7:00 PM at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77079. The Funeral Mass will commence Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 10:30 AM at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail, Houston, TX

77079. A reception will follow holy mass on the church grounds. Graveside services will take place at a later date at VA Houston National Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## VA Houston National Cemetery

10410 Veterans Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77038-1502  
[http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/houston.as  
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# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **21**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home  
14094 Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77079  
(281) 497-2121  
[david@dettlingfuneral.com](mailto:david@dettlingfuneral.com)

## Vigil Service

OCT **21**. 7:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home  
14094 Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77079  
(281) 497-2121  
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## Funeral Mass

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OCT **22**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail  
Houston, TX 77079

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Claudia Ruiz*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Mary Claudia Ruiz*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Mary Claudia Ruiz*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Mary Claudia Ruiz*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Claudia you will be missed dearly. Claudia was was a great friend to us, when ever we needed something Claudia was always there for us. No matter if she had plans that day or night she would all say it's ok I can go another day, and just keep on smiling away. Justin there was not a time that she would not talk about you, she was so proud of her Justin she loved you so much. But she now with her love of her life Tony having a good time. Love Ricky Rachel and Adrianna Casarez*



RachelCasarez - October 21, 2014 at 05:39 PM

SH

“ *My sincere sympathies. Claudia was a long-term employee who was well thought of by her fellow employees. Her Boardwalk family will miss her!*

*Stan Horton  
President & CEO  
Boardwalk Pipeline Partners*

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**Stan Horton** - October 21, 2014 at 04:54 PM

HR

“ *HILDA RAMIREZ lit a candle in memory of Mary Claudia Ruiz*



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**HILDA RAMIREZ** - October 21, 2014 at 03:07 PM

DS

“ *May God's grace comfort and keep your family close to one another during this loss. Before we met, Claudia's reputation as a cheerful giver preceded her, when we finally did meet, she was covering a booth one year for my employer's United Way campaign! With sympathy, Deb Stewart, BWP*

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**Deb Stewart** - October 21, 2014 at 02:38 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Claudia Ruiz.*



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October 21, 2014 at 12:10 PM

AA

“ Art, Sherry and Alicia purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mary Claudia Ruiz.



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**Art, Sherry and Alicia** - October 21, 2014 at 12:00 PM

SC

“ Claudia was my sister Kathy's friend who I was lucky enough to get to know thru her. She was such a dear sweet person. My sincere condolences to her family and friends.

*Susan Cadigan*

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**Susan Cadigan** - October 20, 2014 at 07:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Claudia Ruiz.



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October 20, 2014 at 02:26 PM

BH

“ Barbara Howard lit a candle in memory of Mary Claudia Ruiz



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**Barbara Howard** - October 20, 2014 at 01:28 PM

DE

“ We are so saddened by your sudden loss. You were a ray of sunshine in the office and will be missed beyond measure. The office will never be the same without you.



*With Deepest Sympathy ~Your Friends and Family at Boardwalk Pipelines*

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**Diane Emerson** - October 20, 2014 at 12:33 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Claudia Ruiz.



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October 20, 2014 at 08:21 AM

JO

“ Jani Hughes Overgoner lit a candle in memory of Mary Claudia Ruiz



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**Jani Hughes Overgoner** - October 20, 2014 at 07:12 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Claudia Ruiz.



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October 19, 2014 at 06:14 PM

BW

“ *Bill and Sue Wallace purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mary Claudia Ruiz.*



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**Bill and Sue Wallace** - October 19, 2014 at 04:15 PM

JM

“ *Claudia was one of the first members of the Carnival Ticket Sales Committee that I met 7 years ago upon joining this wonderful group. Her radiant smile and helpful attitude inspired me to do better than expected and I will miss her when the rodeo season begins. I had not seen Claudia for the past 2 years and assumed she was just busy and our paths were not crossing, little did I realize she was ill and now I wish I'd searched for her more. She will be greatly missed; my thoughts and prayers are with her son and family. God gave us this special lady for such a short time.*

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**Janet Misamore** - October 19, 2014 at 10:02 AM

SL

“ *Always great times with Claudia at my sister's and brother in law's house, Anabel and Michael Houlihan She was a good friend to them and ours. So sorry for your loss. She will be missed dearly. Justin, She was so proud of you Prayers at this time. Larry and Sylvia Lacy ,Bandera Texas*

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**Sylvia and Larry Lacy** - October 18, 2014 at 09:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Claudia Ruiz.* ”



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October 18, 2014 at 09:21 PM