

**Louise T. Casanova**  
 77, died peacefully in her home on Friday, December 3, 2010. Louise was born in Zanesville, Ohio on November 5, 1933. She was preceded in death by her parents, Elbert S. and Helen A. Towt; sisters, Barbara Williams and Helen Towt. She is survived by Richard, her husband of 54 years; children, Richard, Jon, Sara of Tucson, Daniel Wolf of Chugiak, Alaska; grandchildren, Ian of Tucson and Nicholas of Waco, Texas; nephew, Thomas Nottingham Williams III of Potomac, Maryland. Louise was a 49 year resident of Tucson during which time she touched the lives of many people both professionally and as a community issues advocate. She was the first Pima County Emergency Medical Services Coordinator and ushered in the Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic Programs and played a role in the early development of the Tucson Hospital Trauma System. She also helped to upgrade rural fire department capabilities through the acquisition of federal and state grants for training and equipment. Louise was active in local party politics and was involved in various election initiatives and campaigns of several local officials from 1962 until her retirement in 1987. As a strong education supporter, she served as President of Rogers School PTA, President of The Tucson PTA, Montezuma Council and was a life member of the Arizona PTA. She was a tireless advocate for the developmentally disabled and was a five year member of the Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities. A staunch supporter of local law enforcement, she was always available to fight for the retention of their programs and services. One of her most notable accomplishments in this area was her success in securing the support of the Tucson City Council for the retention of the School Resource Officer Program after the initial pilot program was ending and funding became an issue. She also helped improve Emergency Preparedness statewide and was a past President of the Arizona Emergency Service Association. The list of her accomplishments might fill a novel, but in short, Louise was a dynamic mover and shaker of her time who cared about her community and the well being of its people and did something to make it better and safer. Private Funeral Services are pending. Remembrances may be made to Carondelet Hospice and Palliative Care. Arrangements handled by **ADAIR FUNERAL HOMES, Dodge Chapel.**  
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