



Norma R. Fontes

Surrounded by love and care, Maria Teresa Norma Rios Fontes, (Mrs. Leonardo Fontes), peacefully entered eternal rest Friday, July 13, 2007, at St. Mary's Carondelet Hospital in Tucson, Arizona. She is lovingly survived by her four children, Monica Fontes and J. Leonard Fontes, Jr. Lionel Fontes and Alma Fontes Moloney and son-in-law, Dr. Brian Moloney. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, Shiloe, Marcela, Alejandro and Nicholas Fontes, Aissa Pesquera and Ryan and Megan Moloney; brother, Cesar G. Rios; sisters, Alma Carter, Margot Millett, Lillian Depka (Jon), Maria Luisa Rios Derman (Rick) and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonardo D. Fontes; her parents, Margarito C. Rios and Refugio Cano Rios and daughter-in-law, Patricia Fontes.

Mrs. Fontes was educated during her elementary school years in Nogales, Arizona and in various schools throughout Mexico, where she received a Masters of Science with honors in Chemistry, Biology and Pharmacology from the Universidad Autonoma de San Luis, Potosi in San Luis, Potosi, Mexico in 1947.

During her business career, she was employed as a Medical Technologist by several clinical laboratories and the Department of Economic Security. In addition to being a loving wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, cousin and aunt, Norma (Mrs. Fontes) was member various organizations, including the Nogales Women's Club, the Court Santa Cruz of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas and Altrusa International. She was honored as an Outstanding Volunteer in 1993 by Holy Cross Hospital. She was a devoted member of Sacred Heart Parish, and during the formative years of her four children, she was active in the Parent Teacher Associations, Boy Scout Program and the Nogales High School Band Boosters.

The family would like to thank the associates of Carondelet St. Mary's Hospital and Carondelet Holy Cross Hospital, staff of Mariposa Community Health Center and Drs. Eladio Pereira, Lloyd Coaker and Alan Cohn for their compassionate healthcare. She will be greatly missed by the numerous relatives and friends who truly loved her!

Funeral services are Friday, July 27, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Nogales, Arizona. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church Building Maintenance Fund, 272 N. Rodriguez St., Nogales, AZ 85621.

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