



Beatrice Rocha

November 5, 1930 - July 3, 2021

Beatrice Rocha, 90, Topeka KS, passed away at her home, surrounded by her family, Saturday, July 3, 2021.

Bea was born November 5, 1930, the daughter of Jose and Felicitas Gordillo Ramirez. She grew up in El Reno OK and traveled to Topeka to visit cousins. One such trip included a blind date with Rudolph Rocha, which led to their marriage on September 18, 1948, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. They enjoyed over 31 years together before his death March 4, 1979.

For years, Bea worked for USD 501 as a paraprofessional at Lafayette School. She helped the Mexican community with Project Ayuda, assisted at Our Lady of Guadalupe School in teaching English to immigrants and preparing the children for First Holy Communion. Bea had complete faith in God and as her body grew weaker, her prayers grew stronger. The mother of ten, Bea loved her family, especially the grandchildren and especially the babies. She was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include her children, Phyllis Rocha, Elizabeth Leighty, Rudolph Rocha, Jr. (Rosemary), Joseph Rocha (Martha), Martha Gomez (Joey), Patrick Rocha, Lisa Shermoen (Jim), Valentina Taggart (Joseph), Christopher Rocha (Patricia); son-in-law, Louis Hidalgo; 42 grandchildren; 84, great-grandchildren; 17 great-great-grandchildren; and her sister, Marie Piazza,

Gloversville NY.

Bea was also preceded in death by her daughter, Nicholasa "Nicki" Hidalgo and her siblings, Florence, Secundino "Sam", Rita, Thomas, Amalia "Molly" and Joseph, Jr. "Nick".

Family will greet friends from 4 until 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Church and will be streamed on the funeral home Facebook page. Burial will follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Birthright of Topeka or the Alzheimer's Association and sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
227 SW Van Buren Street
Topeka, KS 66603

Rosary

JUL 7. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Beatrice Rocha



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - July 08, 2021 at 10:20 AM



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Beatrice Rocha



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - July 06, 2021 at 07:29 PM



“ Beatrice Rocha

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

KT

“ Chris-
I remember your mom quite well. She always was so kind to cook for us, and put up with us kids just hanging out in your room. Very sweet lady. So sorry for your loss. May you and your family find peace in your memories, and her devout faith in our Savior.
Kelly Trygg

Kelly Trygg - July 07, 2021 at 10:57 PM



Thank you, Kelly!

Chris N Patricia Rocha - July 17, 2021 at 09:08 AM

JB

“ Awww what a wonderful lady! I have very fond memories of her back in the 1980's when Chris & I hung out together. Lovely person whose absence will definitely leave a void. ❤️

Joanna (Wright) Brady - July 07, 2021 at 04:55 PM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Beatrice Rocha.



July 07, 2021 at 04:00 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beatrice Rocha.*



July 07, 2021 at 10:35 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Rocha Family. Aunt Bea was a beautiful person and she will be missed, dearly...rip Tia!*

Mario & Loretta Escobar - July 07, 2021 at 10:13 AM



“ *Rocha Cousins,*

Aunt Bea was a true blessing to have in our lives. I will always keep the good memories that of her. Keeping all the Rocha family in my prayers.

Martin (Marty) Gutierrez, Fort Worth, Texas

Martin J Gutierrez - July 06, 2021 at 10:10 PM

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“ Anthony Hidalgo
11 hours ago

You were a wonderful teacher of life. Thank you for raising my mom to be a beautiful mother and teacher everyday of her life. Both of you played such important roles in my life and the lives of many others. Please give mom, grandpa Rudy and my brothers Martin and Louie a hug for me. I love you Abuela.

Anthony and children

Anthony Hidalgo - July 06, 2021 at 06:29 PM

AL

“ Elizabeth and family, I'm sorry to learn of your mom's passing. You and all your family are in my prayers. Amy Ledom

Amy Ledom - July 06, 2021 at 08:08 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beatrice Rocha.



July 05, 2021 at 09:55 PM

LO

“ Our Aunt Bea.....a beautiful and kind lady. Matriarch of the Rocha family. We will miss you. Sending our love to our Rocha cousins.

John and Lydia Ortiz

Lydia Ortiz - July 05, 2021 at 09:37 PM

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Anthony and children

Anthony Hidalgo - July 06, 2021 at 07:27 AM