



## Andria Barnes Ruth

February 17, 1965 - June 29, 2023

Andria Barnes Ruth, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away on June 29, 2023. Andria was born on February 17, 1965 in Salt Lake City, Utah to Tanya Barnes and James Kenneth Barnes. She was raised in Glendale, California and attended Polytechnic School in Pasadena. Andria graduated from Yale University and obtained her medical degree from Harvard Medical School, where she met her husband, Robert Ruth. Andria and Rob were married on October 6, 1990. She completed her residency and fellowship in pediatrics at Boston Children's Hospital.

Andria was a gifted pediatrician who devoted her career to bettering the lives of children. After returning to California, she found a professional home at the Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics, where she worked for 19 years. As a physician, she was known for her keen diagnostic skills as well as her genuine love and concern for the children she cared for. Andria embraced opportunities to support children with complex needs. Her fluency in Spanish allowed her to break down barriers to care and build trust with families in her community. She formed deep and lasting relationships with her patients, remembering small details about their lives and interests. Children left appointments with "Doctora Ruth" feeling understood and knew that she was rooting for them. As the co-chair of the Pediatric Resilience Collaborative (PeRC), she developed community-wide approaches to promoting family resilience. Andria was passionate about training future physicians and was

instrumental in establishing the Cottage Children's Pediatric Residency as the Associate Program Director. In her work with the Thrasher Research Fund, Andria helped allocate funds to support research projects in children's health around the world.

Of all her roles, the closest to her heart were that of wife, mother, and grandmother. Since meeting the first day of medical school, she and Rob grew together and supported each other in every endeavor. Andria raised her three children with love and cultivated in them a desire for learning and individual growth. She joined her children in every one of their passions and cherished their accomplishments. One of her greatest joys was seeing each of her children find their eternal companion and she relished making memories with her grandchildren. As she faced growing health challenges, Andria's tenacious spirit was unwavering and she maintained her commitment to her work and her family. Her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ strengthened her and she faced every trial with optimism. In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children, Corinne Espinoza and her husband, Freddy; Miranda Cameron and her husband, Angus; and Kendall Ruth and his wife, Madelyn; as well as her grandchildren, Michael and Arthur Espinoza and William and Ezra Cameron; and sisters Courtney Ransom and Branden Belford. Andria's legacy of service, courage, and compassion will live on in the hearts of those she taught, those she healed, and those she loved.

Services will be held Monday, July 10th at 10:00am at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 2107 Santa Barbara Street, Santa Barbara, California. Memorial contributions in honor of Andria may be made to the Pediatric Residency Program through the Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital Foundation (IHO Andria Ruth, MD; PO Box 689 Santa Barbara, California 93102; <https://www.cottagehealth.org/donate/>) or to the National Leiomyosarcoma Foundation (<https://nlmsf.org/donate/>).



# Cemetery Details

## Santa Barbara Cemetery

901 Channel Drive  
Santa Barbara, CA 93108

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUL 10. 10:00 AM (PT)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
2107 Santa Barbara St.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

## Burial

JUL 10. 1:15 PM (PT)

Santa Barbara Cemetery  
901 Channel Drive  
Santa Barbara, CA 93108  
(805) 969-3231

# Tribute Wall

CS

“ *Andria and I attended medical school and completed our pediatrics training together. She was an exceptional woman with an endlessly generous spirit. She was a shining example for us all, and it sounds like she continued to be one throughout her life. My condolences to her husband, Rob, and their family.* ”

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**Carla Sguigna** - September 08, 2023 at 04:14 PM

CN

“ *I knew Andria from our high school, Polytechnic. She was in my Marine Biology class, and I could immediately tell how sweet, kind, and smart she was. Even though I was an old Senior and she was a Freshman, we connected. I was so proud of her, seeing over the years that she was a doctor, and knowing how many people she would help. It is so sad, to see that she is no longer with us.* ”

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**Cheryl Nickel** - August 13, 2023 at 11:24 AM

JH

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Andria while she was a resident at Boston Children's and I was a nurse. Amazingly we reconnected when she became my children's pediatrician at CHOP. She was a compassionate and smart doc who said all the right things to an anxious mom. I am so sad to hear of her passing and I'm sending my love and prayers to her family.* ”

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**Julie Hunter** - July 20, 2023 at 01:03 AM

JE

“ Dr. Ruth was an amazing profesional. She was my children's pediatrician for 10 years and will be greatly missed. Our deepest condolences to her family. You are in our prayers.



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**Jessenia** - July 12, 2023 at 01:09 PM

 Angela West

“ We would cross-paths at book club, church, and community workout runs, and Pi-celebrations at the Cooks home. I loved her insight, wisdom and feedback. She volunteered with me to help take care of the nursery age children on Sundays. Her grace and love for children was such an example to me.



*We loved seeing Andria work out with a group of women early mornings at the church with Liz teaching the class. I loved seeing her run on a path to UCSB sometimes.*

*She was so encouraging to me in our move to SF. She sent me info about non-profits I could volunteer and work with. My life has forever been touched by her influence in it. I love her beautiful smile. I hope we remain friends in the next life as well. Sending hugs to her family at this time.*

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**Angela West** - July 10, 2023 at 06:52 PM

BW

“Moreover, we cannot fully appreciate joyful reunions later, without tearful separations now. The only way to take sorrow out of death is to take love out of life.”

*President Russell M. Nelson*

*Looking forward to a joyful reunion with my dear Andria Ruth someday. Eternally blessed by our friendship.*

*Brigitte Wright*

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**Brigitte Wright** - July 10, 2023 at 04:06 PM

NC

“Dr. Ruth was kind and loving. She always gave me good advice for school and a lot more. When I was scared or nervous she would get me calm telling me to take some deep breaths. And I will miss her very much.”

*Chloe C., patient of Dr. Ruth.*

*All my thoughts and prayers to the rest of the family. I respected and admired Dr. Ruth which not only I had the pleasure to work in partnership with but also received great support from as a pediatrician. I am sad but feels lucky I got to know her. Nathalie C., Chloe's mom.*



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**Nathalie Confiac** - July 10, 2023 at 11:17 AM

FR

“Mrs. Ruth was so generous in helping with the band and drumline during my time in high school. I will never forget her kind and gentle nature. Me and my parents send our deepest condolences to the Ruth family.”

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**Felicity Romo** - July 07, 2023 at 08:04 PM

SG

“ It was such a pleasure working with Dr. Ruth one of the best pediatric doctors! More than 19 years ago, but you are remembered with such love and compassion, May you rest in paradise Dr. Ruth ❤️🕊️



Susie Gutierrez - July 07, 2023 at 12:56 PM

FA

“ Fatima lit a candle in memory of Andria Barnes Ruth



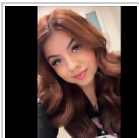
Fatima - July 07, 2023 at 12:46 PM

PR

“ Pauline Rangel lit a candle in memory of Andria Barnes Ruth



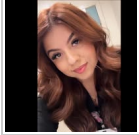
Pauline Rangel - July 07, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ Doctora,

*I have nothing but amazing things to say about who Dr. Ruth was to our community. The passion and dedication she had for her patients was out of this world. It was an honor working with you doctora. Heaven is lucky to have you. ☐☐*

Ana Peña - July 06, 2023 at 09:41 PM



“ *Ana Peña lit a candle in memory of Andria Barnes Ruth*



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**Ana Peña** - July 06, 2023 at 09:38 PM

CF

“ *It is a beautiful experience to have had known and had a friend such as Andria.*

*On this earth she continually provided goodness, unfailing charity, she is a light that will be greatly missed.*

*I am grateful her goodness on this earth will live on through her children and grandchildren, who reflect her love and her values.*

*They will continue to make the world a better place, thus her influence extends through generations.*

*Andria loved/loves her family deeply. We along with your beloved family miss you. Till we meet again.*

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**Cherry Field** - July 06, 2023 at 11:46 AM

EA

“ *I will forever cherish the time I was able to spend working with her. I was able to learn so many things from absolutely the best. She loved to teach others. She was always going out of her way to make sure her patients were ok, from working after hours to checking with them on the weekends. I had never met a doctor with such love to her patients. Such a devoted wife, mother, and Nana to get grandchildren. I will miss sharing memories with you. You will forever hold a place in my heart. Thank you for always being there, for listening, the advice, for our friendship. I will miss you doctora.*

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**Esmeralda Arechiga** - July 06, 2023 at 12:38 AM

CA

“ *Carmen lit a candle in memory of Andria Barnes Ruth*



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**carmen** - July 05, 2023 at 11:25 PM

CM

“ *Cristina Murillo lit a candle in memory of Andria Barnes Ruth*



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**Cristina Murillo** - July 05, 2023 at 10:26 PM

MK

“ *Our family was blessed by Andria's friendship, church association, as well as being our Pediatrician. I observed that she was always so sweet and helpful with all children and youth at church. She was very Christ-like to me and I wished I had her gift of patience and kindness. We send our condolences to her family. I'll always have her beautiful smile in mind as I remember her. With Our love, The Kerby Family*

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**Mary Kerby** - July 05, 2023 at 10:14 PM

DA

“ *Delia Anguiano lit a candle in memory of Andria Barnes Ruth*



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**Delia Anguiano** - July 05, 2023 at 05:30 PM

CH

“ Whenever my kids would visit from out of town and one of their little kids would get sick she graciously and kindly would see them. My daughters and I were always so appreciative of her. Beautiful inside and out! Christi Hansen

christi hansen - July 05, 2023 at 05:25 PM

KR

“ Kathy Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Andria Barnes Ruth



Kathy Reynolds - July 05, 2023 at 05:21 PM

AS

“ Adriana Sarabia lit a candle in memory of Andria Barnes Ruth



Adriana Sarabia - July 05, 2023 at 04:48 PM

MA

“ Marbella lit a candle in memory of Andria Barnes Ruth



Marbella - July 05, 2023 at 01:01 PM

KC

“ I was privileged to work with Andria / Dr. Ruth, an innovative, skilled and caring physician and gracious, kind person. I feel lucky to have met her. Korey

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**Korey Capozza** - July 05, 2023 at 11:41 AM

LS

“ Loved singing in the church choir with Andria. She was a wonderful person.

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**Lenny Swihart** - July 04, 2023 at 08:40 PM

YA

“ I arrived in this country in 11/2005 and my parents took me to SBNC and I was fortunate enough to have Ruth Adria as my pediatrician. I have no words to describe how much she helped us and how much she did for me when I was a teenager. I don't know what she did it but she continued to treat me as a patient until I turn 20 years old. I am now 31 years old , I have about 9 months working for SBNC in the HPS department. On several occasions when the doctora ask me to go and help families with children and tell them about some programs, on several occasions my adult came back as a teenager and I looked at my reflection in those children and it made me nostalgic and happy at the same time. She is an angel ☐

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**Yesenia Alcantar** - July 04, 2023 at 02:51 AM

NM

“ *Andria, I just want you to know how much I have appreciated your friendship and respect. You started as a mentor, cherished colleague, and ultimately, good friend. I will miss sharing stories with you about my children and hearing about yours and theirs. Our community has lost such a big advocate and kind heart. I know your light will continue to shine. I wish I had just one more hug to give you. Rest peacefully Andria may you continue to be a loving spirit and guide to your beautiful family.*

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**Nicole Martinez** - July 04, 2023 at 02:39 AM

Alexa  
Lodolo

“ *Alexa Lodolo lit a candle in memory of Andria Barnes Ruth*



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**Alexa Lodolo** - July 04, 2023 at 12:31 AM

NS

“ *In my 72 years on Earth, I have been fortunate to meet many kind and generous people.  
Then there is Andria Ruth....  
Aside from having a magnanimous devotion to all her child patients, she displayed an unwavering sincere and altruistic attitude to all she encountered.  
We will all miss her* ❤️

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**Neil Sullivan** - July 03, 2023 at 10:13 PM

BW

“ *Bill Kozma & Janice Warden lit a candle in memory of Andria Barnes Ruth*



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**Bill Kozma & Janice Warden** - July 03, 2023 at 09:58 PM

AS

“ *Anu Sharma lit a candle in memory of Andria Barnes Ruth*



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**Anu Sharma** - July 03, 2023 at 09:16 PM

AS

*Peace be with you my dear friend*

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**Anu Sharma** - July 03, 2023 at 09:17 PM

LL

“ *Laura Luna lit a candle in memory of Andria Barnes Ruth*



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**Laura Luna** - July 03, 2023 at 08:50 PM

LG

“ *Laura Gomez lit a candle in memory of Andria Barnes Ruth*



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**Laura Gomez** - July 03, 2023 at 08:43 PM