



Alice "Kitty" Hernandez

July 27, 1937 - August 1, 2020

Alice "Kitty" Hernandez – daughter, sister, aunt, wife, mother, granny, boss, mentor, friend, role model and of course, one heck of a Spurs fan – made her final "transformation" from this earth on Saturday, August 1st, 2020 at the age of 83.

Kitty was born July 27th, 1937 in San Antonio, TX. Anyone who knew Kitty, knew her fondness for birthday celebrations. And in true Kitty-fashion, she left this earth on a high-note after celebrating her 83rd birthday with a full-blown parade, complete with friends, family, obnoxious honking and fire trucks (not just one but THREE).

She leaves behind the most loving and loyal husband of 65 years, Roy B. Hernandez; three beautifully devoted children and their spouses, Ric and Carmen, Kathy and Judy, and Angie and Zeke; eight extraordinary grandchildren and four spirited great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers, Richard and Rudy and two angels Little Roy and Patricia.

Kitty had many careers during her life and she loved telling stories about each and every one. From a secretary at Immaculate Heart of Mary to a manager at JC Penney's, Kitty spent her younger years building quite the collection of skills.

Kitty and Roy also loved serving the lord, and found many ways to do just that, including their involvement in the Cursillo Movement. After their children were grown, they gave up their home to an immigrant family and moved into Saint Peters and Joseph's Children's Home to be house parents. Kitty's love for this work only grew and after several years, they transitioned to Texas Cradle Society to serve as house parents for young pregnant women. Years later, Kitty continued telling stories about her time here with such emotion – she truly had a servant's heart.

Then, in 1984, always looking for the next challenge, Kitty and Roy decided to move to Alaska (yes Alaska...from Texas)! While unbeknownst at the time, this decision would become one of the most pivotal moments in Kitty's life. In Alaska, she and Roy began working at Hope Cottages, a non-profit organization that served children with special needs. She fell in love. Instantly and completely. With the work, with the mission, with the children.

3 years later, when Roy & Kitty moved back to San Antonio, they began the process of opening their own company to continue this imperative work for their home-community. In the upstairs attic of their home on Intrigue, and the story of the butterfly to guide their way, R&K Specialized Homes, Inc. was born. Who could've imagined that the decision to move to Alaska (yes, ALASKA) would lead to the creation of one of San Antonio's most recognized companies in the industry, growing to a network of 16 homes and 100 residents. Of course, to Kitty, R&K was never work. Each client was someone she respected and loved unconditionally. Even after she and Roy retired in 2008, they never stopped their efforts to make an impact in the lives of the R&K family. What's more, R&K is still going strong and in October 2020, the company will celebrate 30 years of services.

The passion that Kitty put into her work didn't go unnoticed either and she was

recognized often for her innovative efforts. The number of awards and honors that she earned in her lifetime are many...too many to recount in such a brief summary of her life. Most notably, Kitty served on the board of the Private Providers Association and was the "Woman Business Owner of the Year" in 2002. But anyone who knew Kitty can attest to the fact that she always accepted any award with her million-dollar smile, her to-the-nine suits and some form of "bling" and a hat for added flare.

Kitty had a love for life. She loved the extravagance of a good time and knew how to celebrate with the best of them. Any holiday (and I mean ANY) was a perfect excuse to throw a party. And that party was not complete without matching decorations. Quite frankly, I'm pretty sure Kitty invented the Halloween Christmas Tree before it was a thing.

Of course, there was also the reserved and pensive side to Kitty. She loved her quiet time especially when it involved a good book (usually a murder mystery). Sometimes she'd read three or four different books at a time. She also had a love for journaling. She'd often start journals for her grandchildren, passing on advice, life lessons and words of love. A few times, she even started writing her own eulogy (no one was ever able to find those particular journal entries...go figure)!

With so many memories to think about, I can't tell you not to cry for Kitty. In fact, she would most likely want us to cry. She'd want us to mourn and to recognize her loss because that's healthy (and let's be honest, she loved the attention). But she'd also want us to smile. She'd want us to remember her and laugh. She'd want us to celebrate her life and everything she was.

And in the end, Kitty got her greatest wish as she made her final transformation from this life. You see, she always had a fondness for

butterflies. And in later years, the transformation of the butterfly served as her inspiration to continue growing. I can say with certainty that Kitty indeed earned her butterfly wings and is fluttering around now spreading smiles wherever she goes.

Services will be held at Mission Park North, 3401 Cherry Ridge, San Antonio TX 78230. Visitation and viewing will be Sunday, August 9, 2020 from 5PM to 7PM. Funeral services will be Monday, August 10 at 11:45A.M. Rosary and funeral services will be live streamed from Kitty's page at www.missionparks.com, where you can leave a message or memory; and we encourage everyone to stay safe. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in her memory to the San Antonio Food Bank or your local food pantry.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 9. 5:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary

AUG 9. 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
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San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Service

AUG 10. 11:45 AM (CT)

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BR

“ I am so grateful to have known and worked for Kitty and Roy at The R&K Specialized Homes. Their unselfish love for Special People was a true blessing and a great example to all the citizens of San Antonio.

God Bless Kitty.

Respectfully,

Brett Ray

Brett Ray - March 10, 2025 at 11:11 AM

JS

“ Dear neighbor
I apologize profusely for not knowing your wonderful wife Kitty had passed away. You were so kind when my husband passed away in 2007. I know your faith and your family will be there for you. Stay as busy as you can, it helps. I know it is almost a year since you lost her. It does get easier with each year. Your love for her will always be with you. Embrace it.
Jackie Stevens



Jackie Stevens - June 24, 2021 at 07:32 AM

FB

“ Family, friends, and other people Aunt Kitty met along the way are truly blessed to have been touched by her Beautiful, Kind, and Loving Soul. Her star in heaven will shine bright forever. My love and prayers are with Uncle Roy, Ric, Kathy, Angie, and their families.
Felicia Buquor

Felicia Buquor - August 10, 2020 at 12:01 PM

BH

“ *My condolences to the Hernandez Family!
Love,
Billy Joe Hargrove*

billy joe hargrovev - August 10, 2020 at 01:08 AM

AC

“ *Our condolences to all of the Hernandez family on the loss of beloved Kitty. How proud you must be of all of her significant contributions to our community, and more than that all the love she generated in her rich life! How lucky were we who knew her and felt the impact of a woman who embodied strength and love! A memorial has been made in her name to the San Antonio Food Bank.
Daniel & Anita Centeno*

Anita Centeno - August 09, 2020 at 06:42 PM

AD

“ *Kitty's passing has left a deep void in our hearts. We were recent arrivals in San Antonio with a Special Needs child needing specialized services when we met Kitty and Roy. They opened their home on Intrigue. Stephen joined the original 4 at that home.*

As the company grew so did our son. R&K was more than a business. Kitty and Roy made it a home. We will forever be grateful to Kitty for the love she gave our son and she will be fondly remembered.

Rest in Peace,

Alcides & Carmen Dreumont

Alcides Dreumont - August 09, 2020 at 03:35 PM

AF

“ Sorry for your families lost. KITTY is remembered fondly in our network. Andy Ford....

Andy Ford - August 09, 2020 at 03:24 PM

GR

“ Jackie
Your Granny Kitty was quite a a lady whose love and joy was spread near and far! Condolences to you and your family love from your Humana teammates.

Gloria A Rodriguez - August 09, 2020 at 02:01 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Alice "Kitty" Hernandez.



August 09, 2020 at 11:06 AM

DB

“ So sad to learn of your passing. you were a wonderful lady. My condolences to Roy and family.

Dick Beaver

Dick Beaver - August 09, 2020 at 10:58 AM

SM

“ Kitty showed me, her big brother how much she loved me in so many ways, but the one that stands out is that for many, many years she cooked one of my favorite meals, menudo with all the trimmings, for my birthday on Jan.1st.

Gloria will always remember her as a great sister-in-law. She was the centerpiece of her family and will be remembered for one of her greatest attributes of loving everybody unconditionally.

We will meet again at God's great banquet.

Love, Raymond and Gloria Pedrazine

Sandra Maldonado - August 09, 2020 at 10:34 AM

SM

“ Our sincere condolences to to all the family. May God comfort your hearts and may you treasure every memory.

Sandra Maldonado and Nancy Carter Garza (nieces of Gloria Pedrazine)

Sandra Maldonado - August 09, 2020 at 10:26 AM

LW

“ Love, Rene & Jim McElderry, Key West purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Alice "Kitty" Hernandez.



Love, Rene & Jim McElderry, Key West - August 08, 2020 at 11:26 AM

AL

“ Andrew Lewis purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Alice "Kitty" Hernandez.



Andrew Lewis - August 08, 2020 at 10:02 AM

AL

“ Since August 2005 when we first met (Through Kathy), you have been a true Beacon of Light. Your disarming Smile along with your Infectious Laughter would ensure others did the same. Always encouraging others to seek and do their best were attributes we all would take forward (I know I did and still do).

The world has truly lost a True WOMAN Of Faith and Conviction who believed in Giving of Ones Self is expected of all.

To Mr. Roy and the family. I have all of you in my Prayers. Although I cannot be there in person, my thoughts are with everyone in the Hernandez Family. Keep you Faith and God will provide all the Strength to endure.

My last memory was breaking bread at dinner with Ms. Kitty, Mr. Roy, Kathy and others sharing a Sombrero with lots of Laughter.

May you. Ms. Kitty forever Rest in Peace for you work in this World was WELL DONE. Spread those WINGS as only MS. KITTY can.

Sincerely,
Andrew Lewis

Andrew Lewis - August 08, 2020 at 09:52 AM

ND

“Kitty, me and my family have many good memories of you and Roy. Even though I didn't visit you very often, you were in our heart and remembering you and talking about you always, put a smile on our faces.

Your life was an example of love and faith. Rest in Peace Kitty. You will be in our heart for ever and our prayers and thoughts will be with you and your family.

LOVE, Nayda (Rivera) Dunlap

Nayda Dunlap - August 07, 2020 at 04:11 PM

AF

“Angela Miller & Family purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Alice "Kitty" Hernandez.



Angela Miller & Family - August 06, 2020 at 07:33 PM

LS

“My sister, my friend, Kitty, I will miss you. You dedicated your life to your friends, your family and all those who loved you. You were an awesome instrument, chosen by God, to help those in need. I will forever remember the love we shared, the secrets we shared, and the mischief we shared. Sing with the Angels Kitty! You will be united with your little Angels, Patricia and Little Roy.

Lillie Saldana

Lillie Saldana - August 06, 2020 at 11:53 AM

RS

“ Ryan, Erica & Leeanna Saldaña purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Alice "Kitty" Hernandez.



Ryan, Erica & Leeanna Saldaña - August 05, 2020 at 09:56 PM

CA

“ I remember Aunt Kitty's and Uncle Roy's home on Gould St. Wonderful memories of so many aunts, uncles, cousins to visit with at her home. Through the years her faith and love for her family guided her through her most difficult years. Rest in Peace with your children in heaven, Aunt Kitty.

Cynthia Acosta - August 05, 2020 at 09:46 PM



“ Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of Alice "Kitty" Hernandez.



August 05, 2020 at 09:35 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alice "Kitty" Hernandez.



August 05, 2020 at 03:43 PM

LK

“ Linda & Kimberly purchased the Mrs. Fields Nibblers® and Brownie Bites Sympathy Basket for the family of Alice "Kitty" Hernandez.



Linda & Kimberly - August 04, 2020 at 08:00 PM

MA

“ I will never forget seeing the love she shared with Uncle Roy and the service she did to people with special needs. Such a blessing to every life she touched. RIP Aunt Kitty.



Margie Acosta - August 04, 2020 at 06:22 PM

BH

My condolences to the Hernandez Family! RIP.

Billy J Hargrove - August 06, 2020 at 11:42 PM

PH

*Roy,
I have happy memories of you, Kitty, and the times we worked together in years past.*

Please extend condolences from Joann and myself to your entire family.

Patrick Hopkins

Patrick Hopkins - August 07, 2020 at 12:15 PM