



## Carla J. Avila-Gray

September 11, 1958 - September 20, 2023

Carla Avila-Gray passed away in her father's home after a year-long battle with cancer, just 9 days after her 65th birthday. Her passing remains a shock to everyone, as Carla was known for her youth and vitality.

Carla was loved by all that knew her. She had a reputation as a talented teacher, artist, nature lover, and amateur scientist. For the last 18 years Carla taught at Cactus Ranch Elementary in Round Rock, Texas. At the elementary school, she shared her love of Science and Art with students of all grades. Carla began her love affair with art at a young age. She is known for her drawing, sketching, painting, clay work, and photography. She could make art out of anything. She drew inspiration from her favorite artists (such as Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera, Pablo Picasso, and Salvador Dali) and found beauty in nature: from birds and butterflies to mythical creatures of her own creation. Carla was even featured on the local news where she demonstrated her talent making traditional Mexican sugar skulls (calaveras).

She was an inspiration to anyone dreamt of being an artist. That talent blossomed at a young age. In high school she sculpted the larger than life sized Oliver Wendell Holmes Huskies mascot which the school paraded at football games and functions. That sculpture was cherished by the school for years beyond her graduation. Carla loved cheering on her alma mater the UTSA Roadrunners. But her love for all creatures great and small was beyond

measure.

Carla is survived by her husband, Herb Gray and their 3 children: Austin, Devan, and Elijah

Carla, we are thankful that your pain is over, but shall forever miss you.

# Cemetery Details

## Mission Burial Park North

20900 I.H. 10  
West San Antonio, TX 78230

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT **14**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Fred J. Tips Mausoleum Chapel  
20900 IH 10 West  
San Antonio, TX 78257

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest condolences to your family! I feel Carla with me everyday at Cactus Ranch as she left so much of herself, her art, and unexpected little treasures in every corner. It makes me smile when I think of her!*



Kim Ryan - October 18, 2023 at 08:53 PM

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“ *Rhonda M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carla J. Avila-Gray.*

Rhonda M. - October 12, 2023 at 10:11 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carla J. Avila-Gray.*



October 09, 2023 at 11:39 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carla J. Avila-Gray.*

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“ *I'm so grateful to have known Carla for the last few years. I wish we all had more time with her. My deepest sympathies to all her family and friends* 💕

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**Lili Dyer** - October 07, 2023 at 03:48 PM