



## Danielene Kay Whelchel

November 20, 1953 - March 19, 2023

Danielene Kay Whelchel entered eternal rest on March 19, 2023, at the age of 69. She was born on November 20, 1953 in San Antonio, Texas to Henry Luis and Ruby Jacqueline (Henderson) Martinez.

She is preceded in death by her parents; beloved husband, Kenneth Ray Whelchel. Kay is survived by her loving companion of over 7 years, Johnny Lairsey; daughters Danielene "Dani" Renee Salas (Jose) and Shelly Kay Martinez (Roman); sister, Patricia LeDesma; grandchildren, Jewel Justine Alvarez, Dariene Renee Salas, Zachary Joseph Salas, Tommy Garcia, and Edward Garcia; other loving family members and friends.

Kay was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, companion, aunt, cousin, sister-in-law and friend. She was truly someone to everyone she met. Her laugh and smile was contagious. She truly welcomed everyone into her heart and home. Kay fed anyone who walked through her door and would sit and talk with you for hours. She always said time was the most precious gift. Kay's love and generosity was always unconditional and always looked forward to next time.

Kay was proudly an organ donor and insured she helped people after she entered into eternal rest. She has given the gift of sight to two recipients as well as skin and other tissues to burn and operative patients. She truly

believed in the gift of life and would encourage everyone to be a donor.

Kay's professional life was spent in the San Antonio Independent School District in the Employee Benefits Department as a Retirement Counselor. She met with and advised hundreds of employees. It was her goal to treat each prospective retiree as if it was her mom or dad. She took great pride in her work and knew the decisions made at her desk would impact the retiree for the rest of their lives.

Visitation will be held Sunday, April 2, 2023, from 5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. with an evening service at 6:30 P.M. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. A funeral service will be celebrated on Monday, April 3, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. at the funeral home. Interment to follow at Mission Burial Park South.

# Cemetery Details

## Mission Burial Park South

1700 SE Military Dr.  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
<http://www.missionparks.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**APR 2.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 924-4242  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Funeral Service

**APR 3.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
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## Interment

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APR 3 (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

RS

“ My sincere condolences to all the family and Dear friends of Kay, She might be out of sight but will never be forgotten for she left behind so much love to everyone she met. She will be missed and all I can say is live life one day at a time that was our conversations we had whenever we talked. Kay I thank you for all the advise you have all the help and services you gave to my aunt Pilar (Gugu)you were an amazing with all the love you gave to all of us. Love you forever my Sis. Rosemary Sanchez (Rosa)

Rosa Sanchez - April 03, 2023 at 09:29 AM

EV

“ Esther Villegas lit a candle in memory of Danielene Kay Whelchel



Esther Villegas - April 02, 2023 at 03:53 PM

EV

Kay, you will be missed by so many people. RIP my friend...keep laughing, smiling, & dancing. We love you!

Esther Villegas - April 02, 2023 at 03:57 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Danielene Kay Whelchel.



March 26, 2023 at 11:20 PM

TH

“ Kay was a great friend. We will miss our happy hour / dinners together and our times at Martinez - Rosalie  
Kay introduced Rosie to Helen Heart boots. They both looked great in them! - Terry

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**Terrance Harter** - March 24, 2023 at 12:18 PM

MM

“ Kay and I had a very special relationship. I considered her my little sister. We talked every day. We cried, laughed and shared so much. She made me happy. My memories of her will become a treasure. She is my Guardian Angel!



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**Mary Lynn Moss** - March 23, 2023 at 03:22 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Danielene Kay Whelchel.

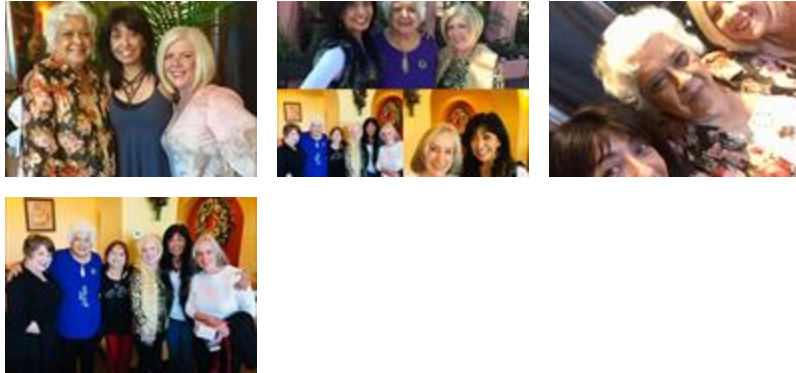


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March 23, 2023 at 03:15 PM

NE

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Norma Essary - March 23, 2023 at 06:58 AM

JA

“ Jackie Anderson lit a candle in memory of Danielene Kay Wheelchel



Jackie Anderson - March 23, 2023 at 01:09 AM

RA

“ My favorite niece in law, Uncle Bobby Anderson.

Robert E Anderson - March 21, 2023 at 10:25 PM

AB

“ *She always put a smile on your no matter your mood. Kay always text me to make sure I was ok if we missed a dance. Ms. Kay will forever live in my heart and soul. All of her sparkle shines so bright!*



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**Annette Barnes** - March 21, 2023 at 08:46 PM