



Judge Karen Crouch

July 16, 1960 - October 4, 2022

Judge Karen Crouch, 62, beloved mother and wife, loyal friend, and dedicated public servant, passed away on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at PAM Health Specialty Hospital of San Antonio from injuries sustained in a 2011 head-on crash that killed her sister-in-law instantly.

Nearly 11 years ago, she and her sister-in-law, Zayra Flores, were at a Vermont Law School training conference. As they left a session, an 18-year-old incapacitated driver hit their car head on. Official reports say the teen had three times over the legal limit of alcohol in his system as well as drugs.

Judge Karen Crouch was born July 16, 1960, in Houston, Texas. There, she graduated from Memorial High School in 1978. In 1982, she earned a BBA in Management and Computer Information Systems from Baylor University in Waco, Texas. She earned a Juris Doctorate in 1985 from St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio, Texas. She also attended the Women's Campaign School at Yale University Law School.

She opened her law practice in 1986, in San Antonio, Texas. From 1988 to 1994, she also served as counsel to W.E. Crouch, Attorney, in Houston, Texas. She also worked as an instructor at Our Lady of the Lake University.

In 1994, she ran for Judge of Bexar County Court at Law # 8 and served in

that capacity until 2010. Later, she was elected Judge of Bexar County Court at Law #10, serving from 2014 to 2018. Judge Karen Crouch never lost a general election in Bexar County. After taking the bench, she presided over more than 600 jury trials, countless hearings, and non-jury matters as well as countless CPS cases. She had a reputation for being tough but fair.

She was a Senior Judge for the State of Texas and was one of the few judges in the state who was able to preside over criminal courts, civil courts, family cases, juvenile court cases, and CPS cases.

Judge Crouch was a member of the Texas Bar Association, San Antonio Bar Association, National Association of Women Judges, Women's Bar Association, and the Mexican American Bar Association. She served as the CLE Chairman of the Texas State Bar Judicial Section, and Curriculum Committee. She also served as the Judicial Legislative Liaison to the Texas Legislature for 12 years.

In 1994, while campaigning, she met the love of her life, Gerald M. Flores, and they were married in San Antonio, Texas on October 2, 1999. She believed strongly in serving her community, a belief she and her husband instilled in their three children, Gerald William, Nicholas, and Lilliana.

In 2017, Judge Crouch told a reporter, "Being a Judge is my profession, but my passion is my family. I am a wife, mother, daughter, and sister who happens to be a full-time Judge."

Karen's greatest love was her three children. She would plan elaborate, annual family vacations for the children to learn, explore and experience the world. Karen also enjoyed organizing and hosting family parties. She once told the San Antonio Woman Magazine about the family gatherings, "I love making family celebrations very special for our family. My parents used to call

it 'making memories with the children.'

Judge Karen Crouch was preceded in death by her father, William Ekas Crouch, her sister-in-law Zayra Flores, and her nephew Adrian Michael Flores. She is survived by her husband Gerald M. Flores; her children Gerald William Flores, Nicholas Alexander Flores, and Lillianna Leonor Flores; her mother Marian Coffman Crouch; and her brother William Peyton Crouch. She is also survived by brothers and sisters-in-law Theresa Dougherty, Joe L. Flores and wife Rose Flores, Kathy Flores Guerra and husband Ivan Guerra, and Javier Flores and wife Esther Flores; nephews and nieces David M. Dougherty and wife Sylvia Dougherty, Alexander Mena, Amanda Fernandez, Angelica Flores, Javier Flores II, and Giovanni Guerra; grandnephews Peyton Dougherty and Ethan Dougherty.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, October 10, 2022, at San Pedro Presbyterian Church. Internment services will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapel South, 1700 Southeast Military Drive San Antonio, Texas 78214.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park South

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

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

San Pedro Presbyterian
14900 San Pedro
San Antonio, TX 78232

Funeral Service

OCT 10. 7:00 PM (CT)

San Pedro Presbyterian
14900 San Pedro
San Antonio, TX 78232

Graveside Service

OCT 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

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“ We are so sorry to hear about Karen's passing.....I remember when she was born. I was 9 and thought she was the most beautiful baby I had ever seen.....I think I tried to "hide and steal her", because I wanted to keep her, like one of my dolls. Aunt Marion laughed at me, and said that I could not have her, but, I could babysit her when I got older.

She was so beautiful!

Her cousin, Debbie Conley &

Her Uncle Sonny Bubba

Deborah H. Conley - October 10, 2022 at 06:42 PM

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My sympathy to Karen's family. I was lucky to be able to take care for Karen for a short time, but in that time I was able to experience her devotion to family. I loved how her family ate together at dinner time . Her kids were very dedicated to there studies, but always made time to help take care of their mother! She always tried to remember everyone's birthdays, anniversaries but she explained when she received her children as the greatest days of her life! Her children are of the up most beautiful, talented,intelligent ,handsome, young adults. She hit the jackpot with her husband, Gerald, who's intelligent, witty & cooks like a chef!

*I will miss her & family, but if God had other plans for her, I will not morn but celebrate her life! She was loved by many & missed deeply!
your caregiver, Giget C*

giget casarez - October 22, 2022 at 08:13 AM

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*<https://x.com/17QStorm/status/2053882551593517262/video/1?s=46>
Last minute mentions Crouch*

Elvis - May 12 at 09:16 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judge Karen Crouch.



October 10, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ Karen and Gerald’s son Gerald ran track with our son Ian at Antonian. We would see her at all the track meets, cheering the kids on. Sending prayers for comfort and peace to Gerald and the entire family. She was such a gift to us all. 🙏🙏🙏😭

Vicki Mathewson - October 10, 2022 at 09:40 AM



My heart goes out to your family... judge Crouch will be missed.... My prayers are with you Gerald.. we’ve been friends for such a long time since our days back at Central Catholic... I am here for what ever you need... please don’t hesitate to reach out to me

joe ponce - October 21, 2022 at 02:15 AM



“ Elizabeth & Trey Homan, Artistic Images purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Judge Karen Crouch.



Elizabeth & Trey Homan, Artistic Images - October 09, 2022 at 10:57 PM

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“ Karen and I were in Girl Scouts in Houston together and were originally in the same class at Memorial High. I graduated a year early but knew her right up until I left for college. My mother, Margaret White was a troop leader to Karen. I remember camping out and having fun with her. I’m not surprised she was so successful professionally as she was extremely bright and her parents were very proud of her.

Heather White, MD - October 09, 2022 at 03:21 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judge Karen Crouch.



October 08, 2022 at 10:04 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judge Karen Crouch.



October 08, 2022 at 09:50 PM

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“ My sincere condolences to the family. Her bright eyes and smile will be missed...

Sylvia Sosa - October 08, 2022 at 10:44 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judge Karen Crouch.*



October 07, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Judge Karen Crouch.*



October 07, 2022 at 03:42 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Judge Karen Crouch.*



October 07, 2022 at 01:31 PM



“ *Mission Park North lit a candle in memory of Judge Karen Crouch*



Mission Park North - October 07, 2022 at 09:36 AM