



Karen Marie Casillas

February 18, 1943 - May 15, 2010

Karen Marie Fenderbosch Casillas

The Lord called Karen Marie Fenderbosch Casillas home on May 15, 2010. Born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1943, she was raised in San Antonio, Texas. A graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School, she went on to obtain a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Our Lady of the Lake University. She married Ernest Casillas in 1966 and they began their life together in Napa, California. While there, she gave birth to their 3 children and pursued art classes. Upon return to San Antonio in 1972, she devoted her time to assisting her husband with his medical practice, raising the children and remodeling their historic home. In 1986, she pursued study in Biochemistry and shortly after took a position at UTHSCSA in pulmonary research. For pleasure, she was involved with the King William Association and ran the Fair Art Show for many years. She also produced many great paintings and pottery. With a great love for the hill country, she and Ernest built a home outside of Kerrville in 2006 and retired there soon after. There she enjoyed applique' quilting as well as volunteering at the Harper Library Resale Shop. Karen will be deeply missed, as she was a beloved wife, mother, and friend. She will be in our hearts always. Karen is survived by her husband Dr. Ernest Casillas, daughter Celeste Casillas, son Thomas Casillas and wife Debra, son Alex Casillas and wife Nancy, grandchildren Mary, Henry, and Lily Casillas and sister Jean Zych. Preceding her in death were parents Frances Duresky and James Fenderbosch, and

sister Deborah. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Harper Library, 23797 W. U.S. Hwy 290, Harper, Texas 78631.

Afterglow

Author Unknown

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an
afterglow of smiles when
day is gone.

I'd like to leave an
echo whispering softly
down the ways,
Of Happy times, and
laughing times, and bright
and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those
who grieve to dry before
the sun,

Of happy memories that I
leave when life is done.

SERVICES

A Rosary to be recited at 7:00 p.m., Friday the 21st of May at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge, San Antonio, TX. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, May 22, 2010, at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 3909 Harry Wurzbach Hwy, at 10:00 a.m.

You may sign the on-line guestbook at www.missionparks.com under the obituary section.

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Tribute Wall

YM

“ Dear Dr. Casillas and family. I was very sorry to hear of your loss. Terry and I moved into KW in 1976 and Karen was always ready to help with a big smile. She was a wonderful wife, mother, woman and will be dearly missed. Please let me know if I can he

Yolanda Gonzales Mcdonald - May 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ My condolences to Dr Casillas and family

Sylvia Gamez Lawton - May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Dear Earnest and family.
We were saddened when learning of Karen's passing. I have so many happy memories of our childhood and have thought of you all often. Our prayers are with you all at this sad time. Love Mimi and Fred.

Mimi Miller Kilian - May 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Celeste,
We are so sorry for your loss and want you to know that our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family at this time of sadness. Although, I never had the pleasure of meeting your mom, I know that she was wonderful when I see what an incre

Jennifer Brookshire - May 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Jean:

My deepest condolences to all the family. I never knew Ernest or met any of Karen's children. I will always regret that. Our married lives took us in two separate directions. I have so many memories of growing up across the street from ya'll on

Camille Ogden Schweitzer - May 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Tom and Debra,

You are in our hearts, thoughts, and prayers. Please know that there are many people who care for you and are wishing you love through this difficult time.

Mike and Kim Wood

Kimberly Burnette Wood - May 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM