



## Karen Sue Lazo

October 17, 1950 - March 3, 2024

Karen Lazo, born Karen Sue Garcia on October 17, 1950, in San Antonio, Texas, passed away March 3, 2024, at the age of 73. Karen is preceded in death by her father, Arturo P. Garcia, mother, Ofelia Gonzalez, sister, Joelle Velasco and nephew, Anthony Garcia.

She is survived by her husband, James Lazo, brother, Arthur Wayne (Rosie) Garcia, sisters, Arleen Garcia, Katherine (Scott) Boren, Dolores Reddick, and Susan (Daniel) Becker, nieces and nephews, Christine Velasco, Kimberly Castillo, Arty Garcia II, Alan Garcia, Maxwell Bauserman, Sarah Reddick, Jacob Reddick, Arty Garcia III. Additional family are James Lazo III, Krista Lazo, Paul (Barbie) Lazo and Kimberly Garcia, also grandsons, Joaquin Santiago Lazo and Samuel Antonio Carcur-Lazo.

Karen was a graduate of John F. Kennedy High School and earned her Bachelor of Arts in Education and later her Master's degree from Our Lady of the Lake University. She began her career teaching elementary students and went on to be a school counselor. In all, she gave over 30 years to educating and guiding children in the San Antonio Independent School District. Ultimately, she retired as a counselor from Page Middle School. Over the course of her career, she made a tremendous impact on numerous children, all whom she regarded as her kids.

As the eldest of seven, Karen wittingly referred to herself as the #1, often signing birthday cards to family this way to remind everyone of her status as the first of the Garcia siblings. Family was everything to Karen. She was the best and loudest cheerleader for her siblings, nieces and nephews. She was always there to celebrate their milestones and accomplishments. She was also there to encourage and give advice. In addition to being the best big sister and aunt, she was a good friend. She nurtured her relationships with life-long friends who knew her to be genuine and caring.

Later in her life, Karen met and married Jim. Together, they raised a grandchild whom she adored. They hosted many family gatherings in her small home that she had beautifully decorated. Interior decor was one of her many talents.

Karen was also exceptionally talented in billiards. She could run the pool table, sweeping her opponent before they ever had a chance to take a shot. In her early days, Karen played softball in a women's slow pitch league. Karen was known for her love of the beach. The Texas coast was her favorite vacation destination. She would set a chair in the sand near the water and feel the waves roll in. It was her paradise.

Karen had a charitable heart. She gave her time to worthy causes such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars, especially, VFW 8936, that her father founded and where she was active with the ladies auxiliary and served as President. It was her way to honor her veteran father and husband. Karen was devoted to her faith in the Lord. She could often be found praying or reading the Bible on her porch. She was a member of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church where she and Jim married and he is a lector and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

Karen will be deeply missed. She was a light that shined brightly in the lives of

her family and friends, and they will always remember her for the love she gave so generously to them all.

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation

MAR 20. 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/>

## Recitation of the Rosary

MAR 20. 7:00 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 Mass with Rosary

MAR 21. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church  
1314 Fair Ave  
San Antonio, TX 78223

## Burial

MAR **21**. 2:15 PM (CT)

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery  
1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd  
San Antonio, TX 78209  
(210) 820-3891

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ I also knew Karen from JFK High and we didn't see each other for years but when we did it was like yesterday. I will always remember that she was very generous and true with her friends. Did all she could for all. Fun times at parties. Rest in Peace. You will definitely be missed. Roberta V Hurley

Roberta Hurley - March 21, 2024 at 01:04 PM

LE

“ Lenore Eberhart purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Karen Sue Lazo.



Lenore Eberhart - March 20, 2024 at 02:06 PM

LE

“ Lenore Eberhart planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Karen Sue Lazo.

Lenore Eberhart - March 20, 2024 at 02:06 PM

FC

“ Familia Carcur purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Karen Sue Lazo.



Familia Carcur - March 20, 2024 at 01:51 PM



“ I remember her when she lived across from my grandma house on arbor place .She was a cousin that was so nice and toke care of us always. I love you and we'll miss you 😔 darlene

Darlene Guerra - March 19, 2024 at 03:57 PM

DE

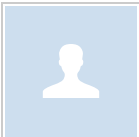
“ To my other sister Karen. Karen was my sister bestest friend and a huge part of the Ramirez family. We will miss her tremendously. May God welcome you home with open arms. Rest in Peace and thank you for your friendship. Love you lots, Delia

Delia - March 18, 2024 at 01:53 PM

MA

“ My Aunt Karen was my moms best friend since high school and was always so supportive of me and my brother all our lives, I am so grateful for her presence in my life and the great times she shared with my mom. She will be sorely missed, rest in peace Aunt Karen

Marissa - March 17, 2024 at 09:24 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Sue Lazo.



March 15, 2024 at 07:46 PM

SU

“ I live a few houses from Karen. She would always wave and smile when she would drive by. I will remember her soft voice and gentle and welcome manner. May she rest in peace. My prayers to her family and loved ones. God bless.

Susie - March 14, 2024 at 03:02 PM

YT


“ I met Karen when we were on high school and she has always been a close friend to me we had wonderful times together in our high school years and I will always remember her as a sweet and kind person always being there for you May she rest in peace and I will pray for her

Yolanda Tenorio - March 13, 2024 at 08:58 PM

MC

“ I knew Karen from high school. Although we didn't associate, her bubbly personality was hard to miss. She was always well liked and friendly. I mostly recently saw her at a JFK association meeting in 2023 and we spoke as if we were still back in school, laughing and enjoying our memories of friends. May she Rest in Peace

Mariadelrosario Barrientos Corpus - March 12, 2024 at 11:15 AM

 Tracey Jamrozy

“ Spending time with Karen and my Mother at the coast and at the VFW post cracking eggs and spray painting them to sell for Easter to raise money for the post .



Tracey Jamrozy - March 10, 2024 at 11:09 PM

LB

“ Love Dave, Debbie, Maddy & Logan Ball purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Karen Sue Lazo.



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**Love Dave, Debbie, Maddy & Logan Ball** - March 10, 2024 at 05:54 PM

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