



Karen Barrett Lerma

June 9, 1954 - March 31, 2021

Karen Eileen Barrett Lerma passed from this life to life eternal on March 31, 2021. She was born on June 9, 1954, in San Antonio, Texas to Wayne and Oleana Barrett. Karen was a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and was very active in creating “All Class” reunions that were held yearly for alumni. Having attended Texas A&M University in College Station, Karen was an “Aggie” that bled maroon.

As someone who enjoyed working with people, Karen began her career in the hotel industry as Sales and Catering and Conventions Manager at St. Anthony Hotel in San Antonio. She created events and programming with special attention to precise and intricate details. Karen later worked at Mount Wesley Conference Center, in Kerrville, Texas, as Events Coordinator, working closely with the people that she served to ensure that their experience was nothing less than perfect.

Anyone who knew Karen was aware that she was a huge Elvis fan. She collected memorabilia, enjoyed recalling the concerts that she was fortunate enough to attend, and made it very clear that she felt that he was the “sexiest man that ever walked the Earth!” If you ever rode in the car with Karen, you would be blessed with her singing along to the Elvis Station on the radio. It is very possible, at this time, that Elvis has a heavenly protective order against her.

Little girls love Barbies. Karen continued that love from childhood. She was a collector and took great pride in showing all of her beautiful dolls. She was also a student of genealogy. It began with her mother researching family history. Karen traveled with her mother gathering data and documenting this information for future generations. It was a great passion for her.

The color purple was her signature color. She loved it. She draped herself in it. It was a prominent part of her persona and personality.

Karen never met a stranger. Her vibrant personality, and contagious smile, made everyone immediately feel close and love her. She had a huge heart and helped others with her support and love.

In 1982, Karen married William Timothy "Tim" Craig. Together, they created a family and produced three sons: Ryan, Alex and Sean. Her sons, whom she referred to as "her bouncing baby boys", were the pride and joy of her life. Though this union did not stand the test of time, Karen and Tim remained close friends until his death.

On November 21, 2020, Karen married Joe Lerma. She had found her soul mate in this life with Joe. The love that they shared was undeniably powerful. Though it was only for a short time, that love was enough for a lifetime. We give thanks that they found each other and that she was happy until the end.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents, Wayne and Oleana Barrett. She is survived by her husband, Joe Lerma; Sons, Ryan Craig, Alex Craig (Katie), Sean Craig (Elizabeth); Brother: Olin Wayne Barrett (Joan); Sisters: Anna Marie Gallagher (Fred) and Elizabeth Barrett Cover (Robert); Step-daughters: Melanie Castillo, Emily Morales (John), Stacy Rendon (Justin); 11 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, numerous nieces and nephews and extended family and friends.

Those serving as Pallbearers are: Ryan Craig, Alex Craig, Sean Craig, Bryan Cover, Collin Gray and Brent Lowak.

Officiant for Funeral services is Rev. Andy W. Smith.

Karen's Celebration of Life services are as follows:

Visitation will be held Friday evening, April 9th, from 6-8 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North at 3401 Cherry Ridge, 78230. Please be cognizant of the fact that many people will show up to pay their respects and we need to follow guidelines for Covid. We would love to see you wearing purple.

Funeral services will be held April 10th, at 12 PM, Fred J. Tips Mausoleum Chapel at Mission Burial Park North at the Dominion 20900 IH 10 W, 78257 to be followed by burial at the same location. Funeral service is by private invitation but if you wish to attend the burial you may do so. You may wait outside the chapel at 12:30 PM to wait for the family procession. It is within walking distance.

We will host a celebration of Karen's life on Sunday, April 11 at Las Chiladas at 2387 NW Military Highway from 5-9 PM. There will be a limited menu. There will be music and tributes. We would love for you to wear purple in honor of Karen's memory.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park North

20900 IH 10 West
San Antonio, TX 78257

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 9. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Chapel Service

APR 10. 12:00 PM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life

APR 11. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Las Chiladas
2387 NW Military Highway
San Antonio, TX 78231

Tribute Wall

DM

“ Karen was my first cousin, I grew up with her and loved her my entire life. I miss her so very much.. Karen was a little older than me; my brother and she were very close. My family lost my brother many years ago..Karen took it really hard. But as the years went by Karen kept Michael alive for me every year on his birthday ..she'd share stories, we'd laugh and giggle...I LOVED these times, and so did she. Karen was an amazing person in life, loved by so many. I miss her so much. I have a voice-mail message from her that I've kept just to remember her voice. You are not forgotten, sweet Karen..you live in my heart..xoxo. Debra

Debra Martin - February 22, 2022 at 02:17 AM

GO

“ Karen, thanks for working hard for the alumni of Rivert E Lee High School. Thanks for being such a loving, caring person. Your family and friends loved you dearly and always will. Until we meet at Jesus' feet, RIP Volunteer!

Gail Olin - April 11, 2021 at 02:10 PM

LB

“ You were the mom that I never had. I wonder if you realized how deeply your love and kindness has shaped me. You showed me the beauty in life and allowed me to have some fond memories, giving much needed respite from my brutally abusive childhood home. I treasure our times listening to your vast record collection, while cooking together. You were always such a super chef and I'd hoped that one day we'd get to make crepes again. The best memories though are of singing together to ABBA or The Eagles in your car. You always made sure every weekend together was full of awesome activities and I hope you know that without you, I would have never had the courage and confidence to face what life has dealt. My Connie, Mom, I love you and I'll see you on the other side Eunice. I'm grateful you're at peace now. I'll keep rocking out the purple eyeshadow, in your tribute. XOXO

Lisa Barrett
The Black sheep and proud



Lisa Barrett - April 10, 2021 at 02:19 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Barrett Lerma.



April 09, 2021 at 11:18 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Karen Barrett Lerma.*



April 09, 2021 at 12:06 AM



“ *Karen, I will miss so much about you. You beautiful smile, your sparkling jewelry, your purple eyeshadow, everything Elvis, and your stories. You were one of my first friends with this group. I will always treasure our talks, your laughter and you singing Sweet Caroline. Thank you for always making us smile. RIP Angel. I love you.*



Janice Spizzirri - April 08, 2021 at 12:34 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Karen Barrett Lerma.*



April 08, 2021 at 10:21 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Barrett Lerma.



April 08, 2021 at 02:51 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Barrett Lerma.



April 07, 2021 at 07:25 PM



“ Karen, Thank You for having some of the reunions. Without you none of us would of seen each other. Rest In Peace .

Patti Nail - April 07, 2021 at 06:35 PM



“ I only met Karen once but I found her to be a lively, friendly person. So sorry she left this life so soon. My deepest sympathy.

Donna Hubbard

Donna Hubbard - April 07, 2021 at 04:10 PM

BF

“ *Bill and Diana Shaffer and family purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Karen Barrett Lerma.*



Bill and Diana Shaffer and family - April 07, 2021 at 01:40 PM

AF

“ *Aunt Margie, Sharon, Sandra and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Karen Barrett Lerma.*



Aunt Margie, Sharon, Sandra and family - April 07, 2021 at 01:28 PM

EL

“ *To my fav sister from another mother ❤️ We had so much fun reconnecting in 2010 for our high school reunion in 2012 & continued from there hosting our twice yearly all class reunions for our beloved Robert E Lee High School. We had some great times & many laughs. We also had a great trip to Graceland having a blast traveling together. I will always miss your funny laugh & beautiful face. I know you are in the loving hands of our Lord, Rest In Peace 🙏❤️*



Eva Kramer LeCroy - April 06, 2021 at 09:24 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Barrett Lerma.*



April 06, 2021 at 08:21 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Karen Barrett Lerma.*



April 06, 2021 at 08:02 PM



“ *Sally Aguilar lit a candle in memory of Karen Barrett Lerma*



Sally Aguilar - April 06, 2021 at 07:34 PM



“ *Shirley And Scott Johnson lit a candle in memory of Karen Barrett Lerma*



Shirley and Scott Johnson - April 06, 2021 at 07:22 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen Barrett Lerma.*



April 06, 2021 at 05:25 PM



“ *Teresa Haynes lit a candle in memory of Karen Barrett Lerma*



Teresa Haynes - April 06, 2021 at 04:48 PM



“ *Mission Park North lit a candle in memory of Karen Barrett Lerma*



Mission Park North - April 06, 2021 at 01:41 PM