



Kathleen "Kathy" Strain

February 4, 1962 - February 10, 2021

Kathleen Strain "Kathy" passed away suddenly on February 10, 2021 in her Helotes, Texas home at age 59. She was born on February 4, 1962 in Ridley Park, Pennsylvania to Joseph and Dolores Clark of Alden, Pennsylvania.

Kathy grew up in the suburbs of Philadelphia and graduated from Lansdowne-Alden High School in 1980. She served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Peru and Houston. The Church was an important part of Kathy's life and she took comfort knowing God had a plan for her and was involved in the details of her life. She met her husband, Ken, while working at the Philadelphia Child Guidance Center. They married in the Washington D.C. Temple on April 12, 1991. Together they raised three children: Deborah, Kenneth, and Ian Strain.

Kathy worked with hundreds of foreign exchange students as an event coordinator with AYUSA and was a host-mother to Kristina, Ben, Hilola, Lily, Polly, Julia, Jeanetta, Mark, Nune, Igor, Jonas, and anyone else who needed a home. She graduated from the University of Texas at San Antonio in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in Communications and Public Relations.

She began working at Northwest Vista College as a writing tutor shortly after graduating where she enjoyed helping students succeed by writing the best papers and essays for classes, university acceptances, and for scholarships.

She also started and ran her own public relations business working with various musicians and actors. Kathy had a love for all things theatre and musicals, often engrossing herself in the latest musical to come to town and listening to the soundtrack on repeat as she moved around the house. She worked as an usher at the Majestic Theatre and the Tobin Center in San Antonio. Kathy also loved attending and reviewing plays and other shows in San Antonio and Austin as a contributing editor at Broadway World. In 2017, she co-founded the Iron Butterflies Project where she worked hard to showcase stories of resilience and spread positivity and joy as she always did.

Kathy loved creating memories and taking road trips across the United States with her family. She also loved traveling the world and scuba diving with her husband. Her 2016 trip to Fiji with Ken was one of her favorites—she fell in love with the scenery, people, and culture there.

In the past few years, she had been afflicted with Rheumatoid Arthritis and Sjogren's Syndrome. She did her best to live the same life despite the pain she suffered.

Kathy is preceded in death by her parents Joseph and Dolores Clark, sisters Peggy Clark and Elizabeth Lorentson, and brothers Joseph Clark III and Lawrence Clark.

She is survived by her husband Ken Strain; daughter Deborah Strain and grandson Spencer Joseph Michael Gerwitz; son Kenneth Strain, his wife McKenna Strain, and granddaughter Hadley Dolores Strain; son Ian Strain, his wife Jhazmyn Martinez-Strain, and grandson Aiden Joaquin Martinez Strain. She loved her family immensely and took great pride in her role as a MomMom. Kathy recently wrote that her “three gorgeous grandchildren [were] the lights of [her] life.” She loved spending her days caring for, loving, and playing with all of them as much as possible.

She is also survived by her siblings Julie (Kevin) Regan, Patty Clark, and Greg (Kristina) Clark, her brother-in-law Jim Lorentson, her sister-in-law Patty Clark, and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews, all of whom she loved dearly.

Services for Kathy will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 7100 Wilder Street, San Antonio, TX 78250 on Monday February 22nd. There will be a viewing from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with a memorial service to follow from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. She will be interred on March 19 in a private service at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio.

Masks will be required and we will be socially distancing. We hope you will join us if you can. For those unable to attend in person, we will broadcast the service from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A link to the virtual service can be found on her Facebook page. Her family can be reached at strain.kenneth@gmail.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **22**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
7100 Wilder St.
San Antonio, TX 78250

Tribute Wall

Neil
Diamond

“ Neil Diamond lit a candle in memory of
Kathleen "Kathy" Strain



Neil Diamond - February 23, 2021 at 04:45 PM

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“ 5 files added to the album Forever Friends of Kathy Clark Strain



Neil Diamond - February 23, 2021 at 11:27 AM

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“ I am so shocked and saddened to hear of Kathy's passing. I really enjoyed working with her at the Majestic Theatre. She was a kind sweet soul who could make me laugh and just feel blessed to share her company. My utmost condolences to her family. May her memories bring you comfort & joy.
Denise Kilbourne

Denise Kilbourne - February 22, 2021 at 03:37 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Kathleen "Kathy" Strain.*



February 21, 2021 at 12:57 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Kathleen "Kathy" Strain.*



February 19, 2021 at 05:14 PM