



Kathryn "Casey" Carmody-Kocurek

March 28, 2025

Kocurek

Kathryn "Casey" Carmody-Kocurek, age 75, passed away Friday, March 28, 2025.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Arnold J. Kocurek and her brother, Allan Wayne Carmody. Casey is survived by her sister, Linda Carmody Scott; her brother David Carmody; and numerous nieces and nephew.

Friends and family, world-wide, mourn her passing.

Visitation will begin at 12:00 P.M. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM Saturday, April 5, 2025 at the Chambers Chapel located at the rear of Mission Burial Park North, 20900 IH. 10 West with Internment to follow on site.

To honor Casey's love for all animals, we are asking in lieu of flowers that a

donation be made to the Boulder City Animal Shelter. They are a no-kill shelter that goes above and beyond to care for animals in Southern Nevada. They sponsor programs that link children, seniors and veterans with the animals in their care. Children read to all the animals and give them much needed love. Casey donated her own money to them, and many heart-felt thank you letters from them were found in Casey's files.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park North

20900 IH 10 West
San Antonio, TX 78257

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 12:00 PM (CT)

Chambers Chapel at Mission Burial Park North
20900 IH 10 West
San Antonio, TX 78257

Funeral Service

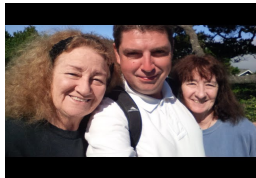
APR 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

Chambers Chapel at Mission Burial Park North
20900 IH 10 West
San Antonio, TX 78257

Tribute Wall

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“ For my 6th birthday in 1983 my Aunt Casey got me the infamous Atari 2600 for my birthday and she brought it over to my Grandma's house and hooked it up to the TV in the living room. It was mind blowing technology at the time with games like Frogger and Spacer Invaders and it warmed my heart over to receive such an amazing gift. They laughed and cheered as I began to play this Atari 2600. That very night I played it for 6 hours straight until I felt the urge to purge [it's ok to laugh] and then I went to bed. That night I became the OG gamer and I will always remember that night when Casey gave me the Atari 2600 which I literally had for the next 10 years. We lived far enough apart that we saw her infrequently but Christmas 1990 was special as we all got together at Grandma and Grandpa's for a big meal and presents. Aunt Casey was able to come to Portland for my sister's wedding in 2000 and then we didn't see her again until we organized a family reunion in 2014 called Spindrifft. I have a short film of our time together called SPINDRIFT the movie I would encourage everyone to check out. It is very special to me as it was the last time we had in person with Casey. On a personal note she was a great pen pal trading emails and letters with me for many years and she will be dearly missed. Rest in peace Aunt Casey. -Brandon Carmody



Brandon Carmody - April 05, 2025 at 01:08 PM

CS

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Cristyl Spurlock - April 05, 2025 at 10:33 AM

RC

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Ryan Carmody - April 05, 2025 at 02:27 AM

RI

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Rinny - April 04, 2025 at 08:27 PM

RI

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Rinny - April 04, 2025 at 06:27 PM

LS

“ 40 files added to the album Casey over the years



Linda Scott - April 04, 2025 at 07:59 AM

LS

“ From Linda Carmody Scott: *My sister, Casey, was an enigma...a riddle; mysterious, ever changing, continually reinventing herself. I often describe her as a social chameleon.*

We had a wonderful Seattle childhood. She was the darling of the family, the school, our church and the neighborhood. She was beautiful, intelligent, talented, well-educated and very articulate. She was a ballerina, a cheerleader, student body vice president, honor society officer and was very active in many school clubs.

After high school she got a job gathering information in the Seattle housing projects and she witnessed poverty, crime, child abuse, drugs, and behaviors we never experienced growing up in our neighborhood.

From then on, she was sensitive to the needs of people, especially children. She jumped at chances to help people, and she always regretted that she could not do more.

She met Jeff her freshman year at the UW. They bought property on an uninhabited San Juan Island and took a log-cabin building class. There was no electricity, no water. But they built a two-story cabin that was beautiful and flawless. She became an expert in survival methods, like gardening in the wild, collecting water where it never rained and inventing solar contraptions before the rest of the world knew about such things.

With no electricity she learned how to use old fashioned tools. Our stepfather had a wall in his garage covered with antique tools. He advertised a prize of \$100 for anyone who could name all the tools and what they were used for. In the 60 years of this contest Casey was the only one who ever won that \$100.

Still taking distance learning classes at the UW, she realized she needed a job. She was hired to renovate underground Seattle and became a sandblasting expert complete with a total hazmat suit.

The Underground is where she met Larry, the local metal sculpturer who had a shop in the basement. When he began to include jewels in his sculptures she became an expert in gemology.

She graduated from the UW fluent in 5 different languages. Her studies involved her in all kinds of community projects and she became Seattle's Public Safety Advocate.

For more than 20 years their store, Semantics, brought tourists and customers to Pioneer Square.

When they started including fossils in the sculptures, Casey became involved with the Black Hills Institute in South Dakota where paleontologists were digging for dinosaur bones. That is where she met Terry and soon was on her way to becoming an expert on all kinds of fossils.

Casey's friend, Susan Hendrickson, was there taking pictures for National Geographic and discovered the biggest and most complete Tyrannosaurus Rex ever found. Casey was swept up in the story that took her to Sotheby's in New York, the Chicago Field Museum and Tokyo with T-Rex exhibits. There is now a movie, a documentary and lots of books about Sue and the T Rex.

Meanwhile, Casey's Seattle advocacy landed her in the middle of many local and state legal issues. One became a national concern, and her story was on the front page in Washington DC. Downtown had become very unsafe. Casey was threatened many times and attacked once at knife point. She gave lots of speeches and interviews and helped make downtown safer.

Years later, in another state, a woman recognized Casey from a recent TV documentary about prison reform in Washington. Casey was still making a difference! But she needed a break from the political demands. Mazatlán was her refuge. I sent her there for her 50th birthday.

There she met and later married Arnold J. Kocurek. She happily moved to A.J.'s San Antonio home and threw herself into becoming a Texan. He provided her a lifestyle that allowed her to continue her advocacy and support from afar rather in the thick of it. She filled their home with pets and spent the rest of her life fulfilling that teenage dream of caring for people and animals all over the world through her Foundations. She will be missed.

Linda Scott - April 04, 2025 at 07:51 AM