



## Kristel Spielberger Quijano

December 4, 1963 - September 1, 2024

Kristel Spielberger Quijano passed away on September 1, 2024, at the age of 60. Kristel was born on December 4, 1963, in Santa Clara, CA to Rudi and Joyce Spielberger. Her life was a testament to the power of love, devotion, and family.

She is survived by her loving, devoted husband, Carlos Quijano, Jr.; her two children, Krystyna Klassen (Jonathan) and Charles Alex Stockdale(Ashley); her sister Sheryl Edsall (Neil); grandchildren Kaleb and Rudi Klassen, Jason, Jaemii, and Argus Stockdale; her nephew Josh Edsall (Alison); her niece Shanna Flores; her grand nieces and nephews Pia Rose, Jayden, Avani, and Nico; and her beloved circle of friends, who were her chosen family, Her absence will be deeply felt, but her spirit will live on in the countless memories she created.

Kristel was a true lover of life, finding joy and solace in the simplest of pleasures. Her heart was tethered to the beach, where she felt most at home with the sun on her face and the waves at her feet. Long weekends were her sanctuary, a time to gather with family and friends, savor strong drinks, and revel in laughter and love.

She devoted her life to nurturing the minds and hearts of countless special needs students within the Northside Independent School District (NISD) for over 20 years and served as one of their biggest advocates. In addition to her work with school students, Kristel was an active supporter of the Helotes 4H and O' Connor FFA Community. Her involvement in this work was a demonstration of her love for service and her commitment to fostering a sense of responsibility and community among young people. She devoted countless hours mentoring and encouraging their personal growth.

Her greatest joy came from being a mother, grandmother. Kristel's eyes would light up at the mere mention of her grandchildren, and her time with them was filled with laughter, stories, and the creation of lasting memories. She was a guiding light in their lives that will forever be treasured. She had a passion for football but her favorite team was the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame.

Kristel's friendships were marked by deep loyalty and genuine compassion. She had a remarkable ability to connect with people, offering a listening ear and a comforting presence. Her friends will remember her for her warmth, her big heart, and her ever-present supportive acceptance. Her contributions to education and community will be remembered with deep appreciation and respect.

A passionate advocate for living life to its fullest, Kristel's enthusiasm was infectious. She had a rare gift for making even the ordinary extraordinary, and her vibrant personality drew people to her like the tide. Her friends and loved ones will remember her for her big heart, fierce loyalty, and her ability to turn any moment into a celebration.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Kristel's honor to the Helotes Humane Society that reflect her enduring passions and commitment to service.

# Tribute Wall

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“ One of the hardest parts of leaving a community, is leaving friends behind. Krystal is one of the people that made you feel special all the time. I always looked forward to the cookies she would bring to Gerlach. I love and miss all the great times we were able to work together. Prays to you the family. You will always have a part of her in your heart and you can see the future she built with her grandchildren.

Tammy Carpenter - September 25, 2024 at 10:41 AM

MW

“ Kristel, the Bunco babes are going to miss you so much. On a personal note, I treasured our friendship and your support during the years we served as Gerlach Livestock show directors. We will see each other again my friend.

Michelle Wanke



Michelle Wanke - September 16, 2024 at 08:14 PM

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Kristel you've left an everlasting love with your family. That is your legacy.

Janice MacRossin - September 17, 2024 at 05:55 AM

GE

“ Beautiful person inside and out. Miss my friend. George

GEORGE - September 16, 2024 at 07:13 PM