



## Mary Louise Torrez

August 1, 1941 - August 19, 2017

Mary Louise Torrez (Lulu), age 76, was dancing in heaven when she reunited with her beloved parents and sisters. Mary Lou passed away peacefully on August 19, 2017 in Garden Ridge, Texas surrounded by her loved ones.

Mary Lou was born on August 1, 1941 in Roswell, New Mexico to Hilario and Adela Torrez who both preceded her in death. She was a loving daughter, sister, aunt, and friend to many.

Mary Lou's enormous spirit of adventure took ahold of her at the age of 18, which led her to travel out West to Mountain View and eventually Cupertino, California. She did not have a job or a plan—just the sheer determination, independence, and confidence to know that she would make a life for herself in California. In her mind, there was never any doubt and indeed, Mary Lou built an amazing, successful, and lifelong career as a paralegal in Palo Alto, California working for Germino & MacKay, Law Firm.

Mary Lou had passion for living! She embraced every opportunity to learn and explored all that she could. She lived life on her terms without giving a second thought or hesitation. She truly was the epitome of a free-spirit. Mary Lou travelled extensively and visited many of the “Wonders of the World.” She also enjoyed going on cruises and went on several with various friends and family members, oftentimes inviting her loved ones as “her treat” which was typical

of her generous spirit. Anyone who was fortunate enough to know her, experienced the depth of her hospitality and generosity.

Mary Lou also enjoyed a wide range of hobbies. She loved to dance, swim, and exercise and did so on a regular basis. When Mary Lou was battling breast cancer, she did not let it slow her down or allow it to interfere with her passion for life. Instead, she learned how to paint and found it to be very therapeutic. Over the years, she continued painting and produced a variety of beautiful pieces. Along with her numerous hobbies, Mary Lou also had several four-legged friends throughout her life. It did not matter if it was a goat, dog, or stray cat—if they were lucky enough to go home with Mary Lou, it was as if they had won the lottery! Her furry companions were all welcomed into her home and given the “royal treatment.”

Mary Lou was a remarkable woman who truly lived life to the fullest! She will be missed immeasurably by all that knew and loved her. Mary Lou Torrez was preceded in death by her parents Hilario and Adela Torrez; her sister and brother-in-law, Jim and Rosalinda Haun; her sister, Rebecca Hernandez; her paternal grandparents, Jose and Emelia Torrez; maternal grandparents, Benito Fierro and Carolina (Lorenzo) Franco. She is survived by one sister and brother-in-law, Tony and Esperanza Melendez, as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Services for Mary Lou are pending through Mission Park of San Antonio, Texas.

# Tribute Wall

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“ So many, many years I worked with MaryLou. She was a wonderful person in so many ways. Though we got out of touch in recent years, I'm saddened by her death and will miss her. I love that picture of her with the hat and bright smile.

- Susan Solomon

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“ LuLu was my closest "sister" friend for over 40 years. Her illness saddened me, as did my being cut off by her family. She is in a better place now, hanging with our friends and all her pets. Til we meet again! Love you. Margie Mae

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“ Bernice Carr lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Torrez



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