



Sonya Celia Gonzalez

December 10, 1946 - August 9, 2025

Sonya Celia Gonzalez, a lifelong resident of San Antonio, Texas, passed away peacefully on August 9, 2025. Born on December 10, 1946, Sonya's life was a rich tapestry woven with music, art, and service to others.

Sonya's early years were shaped by her education at St. Paul Catholic School and Jefferson High School, where she was an active member of the orchestra. Her passion for music extended beyond the classroom as she performed with the Youth Orchestras of San Antonio, laying the foundation for a lifelong dedication to the arts.

She pursued higher education with distinction, earning a Bachelor of Arts from Our Lady of the Lake University and later a Master of Education from Trinity University. Her academic achievements reflected not only her intellectual curiosity but also her desire to help others with disabilities.

After working as a speech therapist in the public schools, Sonya started the Parent Education Early Intervention Program (P.E.E.I.P.) that provided assistance and educational resources to parents of children with disabilities.

She was executive director for 18 years, serving the San Antonio area.

Sonya also devoted part of her career to writing grants for non-profit arts organizations. She helped establish the Inspire Community Fine Arts Center and assisted with funding for the Youth Orchestras of San Antonio.

Sonya was a gifted violinist and played most of her life. After her experience as an orchestral player, she performed in various chamber music groups. Her work with the Renaissance Ensemble of San Antonio, Heartsease, and Cour

Antiqua will be remembered by those fortunate enough to have heard her perform.

Her love for music was matched by her talent as a visual artist. Sonya's artwork used bold, vibrant colors and was whimsical, with many references to music, nature and Hispanic culture. Her work was exhibited across Texas, in Miami, and graced the covers of publications for the Minnesota Orchestra, Texas Music Educators Association, and American Recorder. Her creative and giving spirit lives on through pieces that hang in public spaces, including the Las Palmas Branch Public Library and the University Health Women's & Children's Hospital in San Antonio.

Sonya will be remembered by those who knew her for her artistic spirit and dedication to enriching the world around her. May her memory bring comfort and inspiration to all whose lives she touched.

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“ *I have known her husband for many years. I am so sorry to hear of her passing and want to offer my condolences to her loved ones.* ”

Karen E. McCarty - September 19, 2025 at 03:56 PM



Thank you, Karen. We are still in shock and feel that it was all too sudden.

Rebecca Gonzalez

Rebecca Gonzalez - October 12, 2025 at 05:29 PM



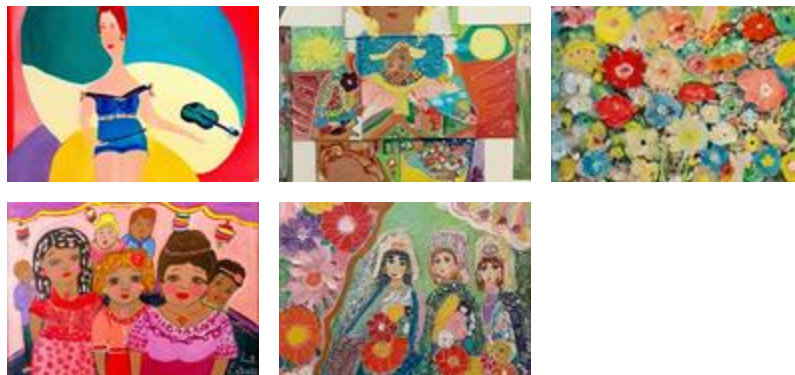
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August 27, 2025 at 05:47 PM



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VD

We were friends for 72 years I will miss her dearly.

Vicky Dean - August 21, 2025 at 03:16 PM

RG

Vicky, thank you for your message. It is unbelievable that she has departed.

Rebecca

Rebecca Gonzalez - October 12, 2025 at 05:25 PM