



Diane Caraway Trevino

June 28, 1946 - August 13, 2019

Diane C. Treviño, 73, of Fort Davis died unexpectedly Tuesday, August 13, 2019, in Austin, Texas.

Born and raised in Rockdale, Diane was a lifelong learner with an enduring interest in the people and cultures of Latin America. She loved the natural world and, through her studies in environmental sciences, sought to develop and encourage sustainable practices and the preservation of the earth.

Diane was preceded in death by her parents, R. B. and Maline Caraway and her brother Marshall Ray Caraway. She is survived by nieces and nephews: Mary Ewing (Kevin), their children Ben and Bailey; Rebeka Caraway; Ross Caraway (Tonya), their son Atticus; Michael Caraway (Kelsi), their son Case; and cousin, Sharon Cloud.

Diane leaves heart-heavy friends from Kansas to New Mexico through Texas, El Salvador, to Colombia., No one was a better friend, no one enjoyed the small pleasures of daily life more than Diane. She was a unique soul and is irreplaceable.

Diane earned a BA in Latin American Studies at the University of Texas at Austin and later did graduate work in Public Health and Bilingual Education. When she “retired” to Fort Davis in 2011, she registered at Sul Ross State

University, earning a Master's Degree in Agriculture in 2014. She took several courses each semester and was looking forward to the new term at the time of her death.

Diane was not a native Spanish speaker but became fluent over time through hard work, travel and a stubborn, exacting nature. She was a fierce grammarian in both English and Spanish and somewhat intolerant of mispronunciation in either language.

Diane advocated for children and families throughout her career, working as a child protective caseworker and as classroom teacher for Spanish-speaking second graders. For a time, she worked in a non-profit import business "Pueblos to People" selling artisanal products from Latin American countries through mail order. Throughout her life she was a generous volunteer for refugee, environmental, and progressive organizations. Diane was an active participant in the Jeff Davis County Democrats.

A remembrance lunch will be held for Diane at Lake Creek Park pavilion. 800 Deerfoot Drive, Round Rock, Texas 78664, on Sunday, August 25th from 11:30 to 3:00.

Friends will gather for a celebration of Diane's life at the Commons, Turner Range Animal Science Center, Highway 90 Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas 79832, on Saturday, August 31st from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm.

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Diane in the mid-'80s at First Unitarian Church here in Houston.

The church had declared itself a sanctuary for political refugees from El Salvador and Guatemala. Diane shepherded the project, and was its most visible figure.

On several Sunday mornings, she accompanied asylum seekers to the pulpit, where she translated as they told the congregation why they had fled their countries. Some of their stories were gruesome. Diane never grandstanded, but always stood by and supported the refugees as they spoke.

Diane was an inspiration for me. I later made several trips to Central America myself.

I could go on.

She also met with me for coffee on many occasions, and patiently tried to teach me Spanish.

The world has lost a kind and decent soul.

Paul Hornick - August 23, 2019 at 10:22 AM

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“ Diane and I did a joint science fair project in 1961 as Freshmen in Rockdale High School. We built an incubator and tried to bring fertilized chicken eggs through the incubation process. Either the incubator didn't work or the eggs weren't fertilized, but we had a good time doing the experiment! I have very fond memories of both her and her mother at that school. Donna Davenport

Donna Davenport - August 21, 2019 at 12:17 AM

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So sad to have lost a friend. I've known Diane for decades, since the 80's.

She came to Houston in between semesters and stayed at my house. She had an amazing energy, to still be going to school and wanting to care for the earth.

Diane I love you and will keep you in my heart.

Erica Sezonov

Erica Sezonov - August 22, 2019 at 11:38 AM