



Kaye Linda Gonzalez

July 27, 1948 - March 25, 2025

Kaye L. Gonzalez, age 76, of Giddings, Texas passed away on March 25, 2025. A Celebration of Life will be officiated by Reverend Monica Smith, held at First Presbyterian Church of Giddings, on April 11, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. After the service food will be served in the fellowship hall.

Kaye Linda Gonzalez was born on July 27, 1948, in Bury St. Edmunds, England to Ernest “Joe” and Frances (Taylor) Sapey.

Kaye to some, mum to others, wouldn't really want you to spend much time reading about her but maybe this one time she'll just give us a little squint from above and let us say a few things.

After travelling across the pond and landing in Houston she began her lifelong career as a dietician eventually making her way to Lee Memorial in Giddings. In Giddings she planted roots with her two children, Francine and Kenneth. As she had done in Houston, she forged friendships that lasted her a lifetime. She always seemed to find a community of people that cared about her as much as she did them.

After the hospital she worked as a house mom for the MHMR group in LaGrange. While working here she took her group to a workshop and met the love of her life, Santos. On June 12, 1999, they married and have spent the years since living in Giddings. Many would see her walking their adopted

white German Shepherd “Blanco” around town and in the park. Cats have found open arms at their house where they are loved, provided safety and full bellies.

After retiring, she continued her service for others volunteering her time at Lee County Youth Center and later becoming a member of the First Presbyterian Church helping wherever they may have needed her.

She loved listening to music, and you could be certain a Beatles song was always on the list. Pink Floyd was a very close second. She joined the Giddings Fitness Club and transformed her exterior to match the steel resolve of her interior. She then moved into walking as her sport of choice. Forrest ran, she walked, and man did she walk. The number of miles would probably be staggering if tallied.

Lastly, her commitment to animal welfare was steadfast. She joined protests against fox hunts in her early adulthood in England and later showed that passion when she attended a Giddings City Council meeting to advocate for TNR where some of you may have met her and witnessed it firsthand. Her ongoing dedication to animal advocacy was unmatched.

Kaye is preceded in death by her parents, “Joe” and Frances Sapey; sister, Jeanette Day; brothers, Chris Sapey and Terry Sapey.

She is survived by her husband, Jose Santos Gonzalez of Giddings; daughter, Francine Michelle Cooper and husband Blaine of Elgin; son, Kenneth Wayne Bassham and wife Adrienne of Cedar Park. Sisters-in-law, Thelma Sapey and Sandra Sapey as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

Memorial contributions are requested to be directed to an animal charity or Parkinson's foundation of your choosing.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
192 South Grimes Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Tribute Wall

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“ SANDRA HARZKE lit a candle in memory of Kaye Gonzalez



SANDRA HARZKE - April 06, 2025 at 09:15 AM

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“ Michelle Schuetz lit a candle in memory of Kaye Gonzalez



Michelle Schuetz - April 03, 2025 at 03:25 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kaye Linda Gonzalez.



April 01, 2025 at 06:52 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kaye Linda Gonzalez.

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“ *Taking my Auntie to London for about 8 hours walking around all the sites of London a wonderful experience x*



Nigel Day - March 31, 2025 at 08:35 PM