



Mary Karen Koslan

June 28, 1950 - June 18, 2025

Mary Karen Koslan was born on June 28, 1950, to Albert Carl Koslan of Giddings and Ruth Johanna Koslan (nee Knapp) of Battle Creek, Nebraska. Although she didn't have a choice in the matter, she was soon joined by her sister Jody, who quickly became her sidekick and ultimate best friend. She attended Immanuel Lutheran School and graduated from Giddings High School in 1968. Mary or "Cha" stayed in touch with many of her classmates over the years. Always the social butterfly, she wasn't able to enter a store in Lee County without a quick errand turning into a social event. Mary and Jody lost their mother Ruth at a young age. This made her a fiercely independent person growing up quicker than most. She attended Blinn College earning an associate's degree in psychology and later worked at the Giddings State School where she helped pioneer the Adventure Trails Program. "Chief Mary" stayed in contact with her coworkers who became lifelong friends.

She owned and operated the popular dog grooming business, Moochie Poochie, for over 30 years and was known to many as "Mooch." She touched the lives of many canines and their families by loving them, giving them advice, and being there for them through inevitable loss. Her shop was more than a place to groom pets. "Mooch" had a knack for socializing and could make even a stranger feel at ease.

While she had a unique passion for animals, she had an equal love for her

beloved Port Aransas. Her parents and sister, Jody, visited the beach every summer and owned a boat aptly named "Mary Jo". Mary would proudly tell stories of her adventures at Port A and often recounted the time when she navigated their boat through the ship channel as a child. Mary loved collecting seashells, watching tankers, and sitting on the sand while enjoying the company of family and friends with a full ice chest always close by.

Mary loved nothing more than visiting with her sister, and they talked every single day. They had a bond unlike most that prevailed through hardship and heartbreak. While Mary never had children of her own, she was like a second mom to her 3 nieces and also loved their own children very much. Known only as "Meme," there was never a dull moment with her around and she taught them a little about everything but mostly to always be yourself no matter what others think. She taught her nieces and many children in the community to swim. She also taught them about nature during long country drives while listening to her favorites like Bob Dylan, Janis Joplin and Willie. She always had an activity planned that involved painting, tie dying, seashells or nature.

Never at a loss for words, Mary had a larger-than-life personality and left an impact on everyone she met. Only wanting to help, she had the biggest heart and shared everything she had through homemade gifts, her wisdom, and amazing stories (with her own personal touch) that could entertain a group for hours. She had many hobbies such as crocheting, landscaping, reading, crafting, and jewelry making.

Lee County won't be the same without her, and we are all better off knowing such a remarkable woman. Mary, Meme, Cha, and Chief Mary - Happy trails to you, until we meet again!

She is preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Ruth Koslan, and her, brother-in-law, Bill Bradbury.

Mary is survived by her sister, Jody Bradbury of Giddings; three nieces, Ruth and husband Colby Pelzel of Midland, Anne and husband T.K. Bradley of Bastrop, and Kate Bradbury of Austin; Great nieces and nephews, Townes Pelzel, Scout Pelzel, Guy Pelzel, Olivia Bradley, Sophia Bradley, and Sebastian Nervi; As well as several extended family members in Nebraska.

In keeping with Mary's wishes there are no services planned.

Memorials may be made to a local animal shelter or to the charity of one's choice.

Tribute Wall

LM

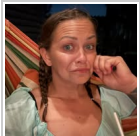
“ Though I live in Missouri, I guess God touched my heart to check the Giddings obits today. So sorry to hear Marys passing. Mary was a dear and kind lady. I worked with her for about 4 years when I owned the grooming/pet store Classy Canine. Mary was a very patient woman and her love for the critters was unmatched. I was so happy to see she found her nitch when she went on to open Moochie Poochie after I moved. She sincerely cared about the animals in her care. She often talked about her sister Jody and we also took a couple day trips to Matagorda. My condolences to all the family as I know this leaves a big hole in your heart. I am quite sure God is saying...well done...good and faithful servant. There was a mighty reunion at the rainbow bridge,
With love,
Laura Moore

Laura Moore - August 05, 2025 at 12:17 AM

RM

“ Mary was a dear friend from our days at Giddings State School, 1975-77. Her love of life was shared with everyone she met. I remember driving up and down 290 with an ice chest in the back seat of her Karmann Ghia that she dearly loved. Rest at Peace.
Rodney and Jerri Maurer

Rodney Maurer - July 31, 2025 at 11:01 AM



“ Aunt Meme was so amazing, and there was never a dull moment when she was around. She was very loving and honest as could be. I will miss her so much. ❤️❤️

Megan Kinas - June 30, 2025 at 02:50 PM

DN

“ Rest in peace dear child of God.

You glorified God by your tireless efforts to make the gift of this planet, entrusted to us by our loving God, the best home it could ever be for all creatures great and small he chose to place here.

Yes! Rest in that Peace which passes all human understanding. May we continue your efforts by our examples

Dwight M. Nittsche - June 29, 2025 at 08:28 PM

BC

“ Wishing love and peace to all of Mary's family at this sad time!💜



Brenda & Tim Carmean - June 27, 2025 at 03:04 PM

MS

“ Cha was the first & last ORIGINAL hippie I ever met! God bless her loving soul. If we were all like her, this world would be a much different & better place to live in. May you rest in peace with all those critters waiting for you at the Rainbow Bridge.

Mary Ann Gonzales Sudduth - June 25, 2025 at 09:43 PM

SS

“ Thank you for always grooming and loving my pup, Buffy, you always took the time to knit her seasonal collars; I enjoyed getting to know you, rest in peace Mary.



Sylvia Sharp - June 25, 2025 at 03:34 PM

AP

“ *Mary, was such a caring person and helped me by being my friend thru a lot of bad days. Groomed my dogs and never forgot their Christmas collars. Memories of Charlie's and visiting with her will never go away. Prayers for her family*

Amy Peters - June 25, 2025 at 11:54 AM

SH

“ *SANDRA HARZKE lit a candle in memory of Mary Koslan*



SANDRA HARZKE - June 25, 2025 at 11:52 AM

RS

“ *You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Rebecca Sherrill - June 25, 2025 at 10:23 AM

LT

“ *Lois Lerche Turner lit a candle in memory of Mary Koslan*



lois lerche turner - June 25, 2025 at 09:29 AM

KL

“ Karen Luecke lit a candle in memory of Mary Koslan



Karen Luecke - June 25, 2025 at 08:07 AM

MM

“ Cha was her own person. Never met a stranger. Will always remember her.



Margaret - Mersiovsky - June 24, 2025 at 11:05 PM

MD

“ Michelle Dunk lit a candle in memory of Mary Koslan



Michelle Dunk - June 24, 2025 at 07:57 PM