



## Kay Vasquez

October 29, 1951 - April 26, 2016

Lucile Kay Vasquez, of Roswell, New Mexico, died unexpectedly in Lubbock, Texas, on Tuesday, April 26, 2016. She was 64 years old.

Kay is survived by her spouse, Santiago Vasquez, of Roswell, New Mexico; her children: Christi and Tim Schwalk of Orlando, FL, Cameron and Mandy Cox of Dallas, TX, Veronica and Daniel Vasquez-Jimenez of Roswell, NM, and Chris and Melissa Vasquez of Tampa, FL; and seven grandchildren: Kenley Schwalk, Payton Cox, Emily Lucero, Geoshuah Lucero, Daniel Jimenez, Samantha Jimenez, and Emma Jimenez. She is also survived by brother, Jeff and Cookie Ford, of Colorado Springs, CO; sister, Pat and Ronnie Miles, of Santa Fe, NM; and brother, Pierce Ford, of Albuquerque, NM; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her father, Douglas Ford, of San Antonio, TX; her mother, Lucile Ford, of Roswell, NM; and her nephew, Pierce Ford, of Sheridan, WY.

Kay was born on October 29, 1951, in Houston, TX. She grew up in Houston, TX, with her brothers and sister. She attended Texas Tech University and graduated with a double major and received two master's degrees from Eastern New Mexico University. She served as an educator and counselor for the Roswell Independent School District for over 30 years. Kay resided in New Mexico for over 40 years. She and Santiago were married for 25 plus years. They spent many years together making life-long friends. She was very social and attended many events with her close friends, including one of her favorites, her book club.

Kay was a loving mother, grandmother, sister and friend, always putting others before herself. She touched many lives with her humorous, kind, generous and caring spirit. Kay's family and friends will always be thankful for the gift of her life.

She came from a proud family of veterans, including her father and uncles who served in World War II. Her great uncle was a World War I veteran. They all received multiple

combat decorations. Kay's brother Jeff was a career Air Force pilot and officer and her nephews have served and continue to serve in the Armed Forces. Her husband, Santiago, is a decorated combat Vietnam veteran. She was a member of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a member of local veteran's organizations.

A celebration of Kay's life is scheduled for Monday, May 2nd at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church. Pastor Garry Schwalk will officiate the ceremony. Burial to follow at General Douglas McBride Veteran's Cemetery. Flowers and condolences can be sent to Anderson Bethany Funeral Home, 2609 South Main, Roswell, NM 88203. Contributions to your favorite charity can be given in her name.

Pallbearers will be Taylor Hodges, Tim Schwalk, Preston Miles, Daniel Jimenez, Paul Herrera and Erminio Vasquez. Honorary pallbearers are Pierce Ford, Lt. Col. Jeff Ford, Retired, Ronnie Miles, Tim Hodges, Ralph Tellez, Dr. Brian Whitlock, and Capt. Oscar Renee Gonzales, Retired NMSP.

Special friends of Kay include Julie Hodges, Cindy Sosa, Lisa Burris, Laura Gonzales, Debby Lincoln and all of her Book Club members.

Kay's family lovingly wrote her obituary.

Please take a moment to share your thoughts and memories of Kay with her family in the online register at [andersonbethany.com](http://andersonbethany.com).

Services are under the direction Anderson Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 1. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory  
2609 South Main  
Roswell, NM 88203  
(575) 622-5888  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kay Vasquez*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *I just now read in the ENMU newsletter about Kay's death. I am happily remembering our friendship, her mentor ship as I started out as a new teacher, and that she was the impetus that brought my husband and I together! She was an inspiration and hike we may not have stayed in touch through all our many moves-- she was always in my mind. I could not have been successful in my first year in Roswell without her guidance and extremely caring demeanor. I am happy thinking about her and remembering so many fun things we shared.*

**Denise Potter** - August 11, 2016 at 10:13 AM



“ *Deeply saddened to hear of Kays death. I throughly enjoyed our time together at rhs teaching together. I know she will be missed by many that had the opportunity to know her. My sincere condolences to Santiago and family.*

*Clyde Williamson  
Phoenix*

**Clyde Williamson** - May 03, 2016 at 04:16 PM



“ *Santiago,  
We were sadden to hear of the sudden passing of your wife. Please accept our heartfelt condolences. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May god bless you and your family and may he give you peace and strength to deal with this unexpected situation.*

*Juan Oropesa*

**Juan Oropesa** - May 03, 2016 at 06:51 AM

FV

“ *Santiago and Family,*  
*My heartfelt condolences and sympathy go out to you and the family. I hired Kate as counselor at EGP in a heartbeat recognizing the talents and skills she brought as a counselor. Her inner beauty and amazing gift of discernment served her well in her ability to impact and effect change in children. May God grant her His beauty for her ashes!! -Fermin Velasquez*

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**Fermin Velasquez** - May 02, 2016 at 03:17 PM

DC

“ *I am the mother of Lisa Burris. I had the fortunate opportunity to be with Kay and Lisa a couple of times when I was in Roswell. I liked her immediately. Beautiful, loving person. We talked and shared stories. I'm saddend of her passing, and my heart goes out to her family and friends. She was so good to Lisa....and I did thank her for that. How wonderful to have friends like she and Lisa were! Special....*

*Dee Chavez  
Colorado Springs, Co*

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**Deanna Chavez** - May 01, 2016 at 07:13 PM

SL

“ *We were so blessed to have Kay in our lives. She was truly one of a kind; generous, always willing to help with anything, loving to everyone, and a true, loyal friend. She and our daughter shared a wonderful friendship. I visited with her on Monday afternoon and we laughed at our usual topics. She had bought me a knit top that she was sure I was going to love, and I do. So glad I was in Lubbock to receive it from her. If I ever asked my husband about something, he would tell me "ask Julie or Kay, they will know."She will remain in our hearts forever. May God comfort each of her family members and friends and give them peace. Our love to all.*

*Sandra and Gene Lee*

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**Sandra Lee** - May 01, 2016 at 05:44 PM

NB

“ *Santiago,*  
*I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved Kay! She was a very friendly lady, whose work ethic was amazing! I will miss her smile! Love in Christ, Nancy Britton*

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**Nancy Britton** - May 01, 2016 at 05:20 PM

BB

“ Kay was a beautiful soul. I'll never forget the trip I took to Spain with Kay and Santiago among others with the Brady's years ago. What fun...but more because I met Kay and became friends even though we didn't see each other much. Still there was that connection. Santiago, I am so sorry for your loss.  
Betty D Beagles

Betty D Beagles - May 01, 2016 at 03:09 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Kay Vasquez.



May 01, 2016 at 11:59 AM

LF

“ I will miss your wonderful laugh and sweet spirit. I am beyond sad that you are gone. God bless you sweet Kay.  
Loretta Funk

Loretta Funk - May 01, 2016 at 11:18 AM



“ Thank you Kay for being my friend and confidant.... You were/was/is/are one of a kind... Gone way to soon..... RIP my friend .... RIP....

Omar Barragan - April 30, 2016 at 10:50 PM

RF

“ Santiago, I'm sorry to hear of your loss. God be with you in your time of grief.

Richard Flores - April 30, 2016 at 07:41 AM

JF

“ Jeff & Cookie and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kay Vasquez.



Jeff & Cookie and Family - April 29, 2016 at 10:15 PM

BS

“ *A beautiful soul gone to soon*

Barbara Phillips Shideler - April 29, 2016 at 06:55 PM

CG

*Santiago,  
I am so sorry over the passing of your wife. I will pray for you and your family.  
Sincerely,  
Charlie Garcia*

Charlie Garcia - May 01, 2016 at 01:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kay Vasquez.*



April 29, 2016 at 04:12 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Kay Vasquez.*



April 29, 2016 at 09:03 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Kay Vasquez.*



April 28, 2016 at 08:56 PM