



Kathey Darlene Martin Perez

September 18, 1952 - February 24, 2019

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Kathey, known to her friends and family as Darlene, was born in Mississippi on September 18, 1952. Darlene was an avid lover of animals and spent many years on horseback. As a young woman, she achieved a black belt in martial arts. She loved life itself and never met a stranger.

As a resident of Louisiana, she served on the Gretna Police Department. While working in the private investigation industry, Darlene met Armando “Skip” Perez. It was not long before the two were married in 1985. They lived in Chalmette, Louisiana welcoming their beloved son Armando “Kris” Perez. They later moved their family to Hammond, Louisiana to start anew after Hurricane Katrina in a community of friends and family.

Darlene had a true appreciation for the outdoors, shown through her love of gardening home grown vegetables for her family. Skip and Kris have fond memories of camping at Jellystone Park enjoying the comforts of home in the outdoors, as Darlene remembered every amenity and the family wanted for nothing. Their family snowball stand in Chalmette was loved by many and a place where she taught Kris the art of team work. She cultivated a loving household with her home cooked meals, quality time with her guys, creating lasting memories, and doing all things with love.

Filled with compassion and interest in others, Darlene made friends easily and maintained contact with many. She was an active member of The Order of the Eastern Star, of which she was a Worthy Matron several times, giving back to her community since 1991. As a member of the Daughters of the Nile, serving as their queen in 2003, she was devoted to supporting Shriners Hospitals for Children. She enjoyed fundraising with fellow members of The Ladybugs on behalf of the Shriners Hospitals for Children. As a member of the Nawlins’ Klownettes, she loved bringing smiles of joy to local hospitalized children. Always putting the needs of others before her own, her signature gift of caring for others will never be forgotten.

Darlene battled with stage four cancer for 32 months. Family and friends are grateful for her strength, surpassing all expectations. On February 24, 2019, at the age of 66, Darlene passed away in her home, in the arms of loved ones.

Darlene is survived by her devoted husband Armando "Skip" Perez and their loving son Armando "Kris" Perez; mother in law Marie Costanza Perez; stepson Adam Dardar and wife Elizabeth Dardar; granddaughters Isabella Dardar, Kelcie Dardar, and Caitlyn Dardar; siblings Rickey Martin, Ray Martin, Debby Martin Hall, and James Martin; and several fond nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother Charlene Humphrey; father R.L. Martin; stepmother JoAnn Martin; and father in law Armando Joseph Perez.

The family is deeply grateful for the outpouring of love, prayers, and support in many heart-felt forms.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, Ponchatoula, on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Events

FEB **Visitation** 07:00PM - 10:00PM

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Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Ponchatoula, LA
1190 U.S. 51, Ponchatoula, LA, US, 70454

Comments



“ From Rusty Nails Cowboy Church (Rick Martin) purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Kathey Darlene Martin Perez.



From Rusty Nails Cowboy Church (Rick Martin) - February 27 at 01:23 PM



“ From your brother, Rick and Cherri Martin purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kathey Darlene Martin Perez.



From your brother, Rick and Cherri Martin - February 27 at 01:10 PM



“ Rodney & Marie Lange purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of Kathey Darlene Martin Perez.



Rodney & Marie Lange - February 27 at 12:30 PM



“ Marcia & Bob Brewton purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Kathey Darlene Martin Perez.



Marcia & Bob Brewton - February 27 at 11:37 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kathey Darlene Martin Perez.



February 27 at 07:29 AM



“ If Only by Jayden Allyse Martin (daughter of Ray and Brenda Martin)

The moment I met you, I made you mine
I loved you, adored you, and stayed by your side
And every time I saw you, I gave you a great hug
So you could never doubt the strength of my love
You were always with me, even if I was wrong
And you'd sit there quietly to hear each new song.

If only I could've spent more nights
Spent longer days and saw more sights
If only I had given you more time with them
Rather than steal you to watch movies or swim
If only I had stayed quiet during every story you told
Instead of butting in - I was much too bold
If only I had let you know you were one of the few
To whom I could easily admit "I love you"

You knew every secret, though you never said a word
And I can see your soul in every beautiful bird
The Easter flowers that are waking seem to sing your name
And every night in my prayers, I say the very same -

"If only I had let you know you were one of the few
To whom I could easily admit 'I love you'"

Jayden Martin - February 26 at 08:22 PM



“ Darlene was a classmate and a special friend. We went our separate ways but never forgetting the friendship that we had. Darlene will be missed. Prayers for her family and loved ones. One day we will meet again . Nancy Sanders Taylor, WHS class of 1971

Nancy Taylor - February 26 at 09:40 PM



“ Darlene was an awesome classmate. She was a very sweet person. Prayers for all the family. Vanessa Davis Price, class of 1971

Vanessa - February 27 at 12:26 AM



“ Skip and family, you are certainly in our thoughts and prayers. Darlene was a lovely person, and we have many fond memories of her with OES and as friends. Love,
Diane and Joe Nata

Diane Nata - February 26 at 05:49 PM