



Patricia Gonzales

April 9, 1947 - September 16, 2020

Patricia Ann Tillman Dekreon Gonzales was born April 9, 1947 in Roswell, New Mexico, to Elmer and Theresa Tillman (nee Dekreon). On Sept 16, 2020, Patricia passed away from a relapse of COVID19, which she contracted at her Edinburg, Texas nursing home. She is reunited in Heaven with the love of her life, husband Daniel.

Patricia was adopted by her maternal grandparents, Magdalena and John Dekreon of Ottawa, Illinois, after the tragic death of her mother and her surname was formally changed to Dekreon.

Eventually she went on to live with her Aunt Agatha Dekreon in Toledo, Ohio. Through time and circumstance, Patricia was painfully estranged from all 6 of her children.

In 1994, her second-born, Camelia, located Patricia and our family was reunited. It was a joyous occasion, as our mom never imagined the day would ever come. Patricia and Daniel were married soon after. He treated her like a goddess and cared for her in a way she had never experienced before. She affectionately called him Yodie. We all hoped it would never end, but in 2002, Daniel sadly passed away from cancer and Patricia was never the same.

Our mother loved travel and adventure. She was determined to learn more about where she came from, scoured ancestry websites, even travelled to Europe to find her relatives in Hungary and France, and fully embraced her Jewish roots. She was a prolific player of Words with Friends, challenging players from all over the world who eventually became her dear friends, one

of whom our family would like to recognize: Vidala Saldana, who visited our mom weekly in the nursing home. We are forever grateful to you for your kindness and friendship.

Patricia is survived by her half brother, Al Tillman, children Julie Homan, Camelia Michelle Carter (nee Reed), Joseph C. Sweeny, Theresa Sweeny, Emily Rivera (nee Hamm), and Natalie (John) Lavoie (nee Hamm). By step-daughter, Danielle. By grandchildren, Brittany (Ben), Barrett, Noah, Amon, Chelsea, RJ, Lauryn, Elijah, Chase, Sierra and, Jacob. By great-grandchildren, Addison, Elijah Zeth, Calvin, Emma, and Ryder.

Funeral services will be held at the Rudy Garza Funeral Home Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 2:00 PM officiated by Rabbi Steve Sheek from the Tree of Life Messianic Congregation of Houston, Texas. Burial will follow at Ashland Cemetery.

“Tears are unspoken words that the heart can't bear to say...”

Cemetery Details

Ashland Memorial Park Cemetery

21037 Godwin Rd
Harlingen, TX 78550
(956) 425-2939
<https://www.rudygarzafunerals.com/ashland>

Previous Events

Chapel Service

SEP **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home - Harlingen
1702 E Harrison Ave
Harlingen, TX 78550
(956) 425-8200
rgfhtx@aol.com
<https://www.rudygarzafunerals.com>

Tribute Wall

ER

“ Mom,
It has taken me sometime to put in words exactly how much you are deeply missed. Not a day goes by that I don't think about how much of an amazing mother you are. Easter baskets, frilly socks, steak tartare, Mexico, my all-in-one wedding coordinator, "somewhere in time", Josh Groban, Billy Idol, Sisterhood of the traveling pants, "oh baby, the places that you'll go", bunk bed, you were my "personal nail tech"... I have had sometime to think about what I wanted to say and putting my emotions into words isn't that easy. As time goes by, it has become easier. As a child, I remember all vacations and surf side in your red car. I figured that after "Yaya" had time to get to know her grandchildren that you would know that you were deeply loved and cherished. I want you to please know that I miss you, love you and miss you tremendously. You are now with Daniel dancing and singing with the angels. Mom, I don't know what to say except my heart aches for the tremendous loss in our family. I never gave up on us and I never will. "I'm Cool" and I miss our talks and "catch ups". It's taking me this long but just know you were always loved and adored by so many. Rest in peace Mom.
Love always and forever,
"Mouse"



Emily Rivera - July 31, 2024 at 10:53 PM

GB

“ I knew Patricia since we were kids. We grew up a couple blocks apart. I am saddened by her death. She is in a better place. May she rest in peac.

Gary Baird

Gary Baird - November 07, 2020 at 08:47 PM

“ *From A Course in Miracles – Workbook – 14. What Am I?*
W-pII.14.1. I am God's Son, complete and healed and whole, shining in the reflection of His Love. 2 In me is His creation sanctified and guaranteed eternal life. 3 In me is love perfected, fear impossible, and joy established without opposite. 4 I am the holy home of God Himself. 5 I am the Heaven where His Love resides. 6 I am His holy Sinlessness Itself, for in my purity abides His Own.

W-pII.14.2. Our use for words is almost over now. 2 Yet in the final days of this one year we gave to God together, you and I, we found a single purpose that we shared. 3 And thus you joined with me, so what I am are you as well. 4 The truth of what we are is not for words to speak of nor describe. 5 Yet we can realize our function here, and words can speak of this and teach it, too, if we exemplify the words in us.

W-pII.14.3. We are the bringers of salvation. 2 We accept our part as saviors of the world, which through our joint forgiveness is redeemed. 3 And this, our gift, is therefore given us. 4 We look on everyone as brother, and perceive all things as kindly and as good. 5 We do not seek a function that is past the gate of Heaven. 6 Knowledge will return when we have done our part. 7 We are concerned only with giving welcome to the truth.

W-pII.14.4. Ours are the eyes through which Christ's vision sees a world redeemed from every thought of sin. 2 Ours are the ears that hear the Voice for God proclaim the world as sinless. 3 Ours the minds that join together as we bless the world. 4 And from the oneness that we have attained we call to all our brothers, asking them to share our peace and consummate our joy.

W-pII.14.5. We are the holy messengers of God who speak for Him, and carrying His Word to everyone whom He has sent to us, we learn that it is written on our hearts. 2 And thus our minds are changed about the aim for which we came, and which we seek to serve. 3 We bring glad tidings to the Son of God, who thought he

suffered. 4 Now is he redeemed. 5 And as he sees the gate of Heaven stand open before him, he will enter in and disappear into the Heart of God.

Camelia Carter - September 23, 2020 at 09:33 PM

HK

“ *I'm truly sorry to hear of this sweet lady, my aunty, my father's cousin several generations removed. We found Patricia through ancestry research and my father had many long conversations with her about our family history. He will be so sad to hear this family connection is gone as they had great Hope's to gather more from each other. Patricia opened the door to their Jewish ancestry and he shared that whith the entire family. Aunty Patricia and I also talked several times. We actually look alike and it was a shock how she looks like my grandmother as well. Rest in Heaven with all those who have gone before and love you.*

Heather Keller - September 23, 2020 at 12:24 PM



Camelia
Carter

I'm Patricia's second born, Michelle Anne (now Camelia Michelle Carter. Perhaps we can connect.

Camelia Carter - September 23, 2020 at 09:31 PM



Camelia
Carter

Just put a dot com after my full name and send me a message through my website

Camelia Carter - September 23, 2020 at 09:31 PM

RR

“ It was an honor to have known Patricia !!!! She was a feisty lady ..lol.. I used to give her her meds when she was at HNC ... We shared hugs and laughter most times but she had her moments as we all do !!!! She is finally at peace , which she said would happen ... Again ... IT WAS AN HONOR AND A PLEASURE TO BE PATRICIA'S FRIEND !!!

rosie rivera - September 21, 2020 at 05:18 PM

TS

Thank you for taking care of my mom. She was nothing if not feisty!

THERESA A SWEENY - September 22, 2020 at 11:26 AM

ER

Thank you from taking care of our mother. Everyone whom took care of her, THANK YOU !!!!! SHE IS MISSED.

Emily Rivera - December 18, 2020 at 11:21 AM

VS

“ Patricia was a sweet and feisty lady. She always greeted me with a hug when I visited her. We shared meals, laughs, and tears during my visits with her. I will miss her dearly.

Vidala Saldana - September 21, 2020 at 04:07 PM

TS

I am so indebted to you for your friendship with my mom. She always looked forward to when you came to see her. You made her life brighter and gave her happiness <3

THERESA A SWEENY - September 22, 2020 at 11:27 AM

ER

Vidalia, Thank you! Our mother was an exceptional woman. It's always wonderful to have such an amazing caring support system from our friends. THANK YOU!

Emily Rivera - August 28, 2024 at 01:23 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Patricia Gonzales.*



September 21, 2020 at 04:01 PM