



Sonja Gail Helsel Skelton

November 28, 1949 - March 17, 2023

Sonja Gail Helsel Skelton, age 73, died on Friday, March 17, 2023 in San Antonio Texas.

She was born in Germany and was the only child of Joe H. and Edith Jo Helsel. As a Military Family they traveled all over the world making wonderful memories, that she so loved to share of Germany, Japan, and Canada.

She had a wonderful marriage of 54 years with Butch Skelton from which two handsome boys were born John and Joe (Vale). She was very loved and will be greatly missed by her daughter n law Vale.

Gail had an excitement for life, happiness, a very loving and caring heart. A sweet hello and a beautiful smile were always her greetings. She was a mother in all the possible ways, always in the kitchen baking or being busy feeding her goats, cows, and all her pets, especially her beloved dog Charley. Other times she would spend all afternoon gardening.

Her last wish was to be cremated and taken to the ranch, to rest near all the things she so loved.

Survivors include her husband Butch, sons John and Joe (Vale), daughter in law Vale, sister in-law JaNell Skelton Murr, nephew Paul "Speedy" Murr (Tracy), nieces Janella Murr Hester (Jim), Lissa McNew (Jackie), Theresa

Davis (Marvin), and Krissa Puckett (Jon). Gail had many friends whom she loved deeply, especially Juanell Sunderland.

Preceded in death by her parents Joe H Hesel, and Edith J Hesel, and her nephew Henry "Joker" Murr.

Gail was a huge advocate for animals, she would truly love that everyone be kind and treat your animals like family.

A celebration of life service is scheduled for Friday, April 14, 2023, 3:00pm at Livingstone Worship Center, 190 Western Dr., Del Rio, Texas. Everyone is invited to attend.

Cemetery Details

San Fernando Crematory

Tribute Wall

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“ Prayers of comfort to Butch and family. May she rest in peace .



Richard and Jane Pratt - May 03, 2023 at 11:34 PM

CJ

“ Cindy Jones lit a candle in memory of Sonja Gail Helsel Skelton



Cindy Jones - April 10, 2023 at 11:21 PM

JL

“ *Butch, Joe & John*

Our Deepest condolences on the passing of such a Loving woman Mrs. Gail .

She was always so welcoming , opening the doors of her home with such a Lovely smile and those beautiful Blue eyes . Always carrying on a conversation about her LORD & Savior , her husband, family & her animals.

May GOD Bless you all with his Loving Peace , strength and comfort. Memories is what also helps us get through these trying times. As long as we have their memory they will always live on in our hearts.

*Blessed are the mournful for they will be comforted. Mathew 5:4
GOD BLESS ,
Jesus (Jesse) & Alma N. Lopez*



Jesus & Alma Lopez - March 21, 2023 at 03:37 PM

KK

“ *I'm so sad at the loss of Gail. Words cannot express the hurt we feel. She was a great loving person and will be missed by many. May the Lord Jesus Christ be with us during this time.*

Kevin Kitchen - March 20, 2023 at 08:48 AM