



## Katie Lopez

April 7, 1981 - November 7, 2024

Katherine “Katie” Linn Lopez

It is with great sadness that the family of Katie Lopez announces her passing. On the 7th of November 2024, surrounded by her husband and children, Katie left this earth to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

On April 7th of 1981, a vibrant and loving soul entered this world by the name of Katherine “Katie” Linn Brown in Kansas City, Missouri. Katie was raised by her parents, Angie and step-father Paul Garrett, along with her father Jeff Brown.

Katie grew up in Magnolia, Texas and graduated from Magnolia High School in May of 1999. While in high school, Katie met her future husband, John Lopez, at the Montgomery County Fair. They were married in Conroe, Texas on April 27th of 2002. Shortly after being married, Katie moved to North Carolina where she and John would spend the next four years. While in North Carolina, Katie began working with people to help them reach their health and weight loss goals. During these years, Katie touched so many lives with the love and support she poured into changing their lives for the better.

Katie returned to Texas when she moved to a suburb north of Houston, Spring, Texas. In Spring, Katie and John started their family and began raising

three amazing children. Katie was born to be a mother. The patience, love and understanding she poured into her family is evident today. While raising her children and continuing to help others live healthier lives, Katie began pursuing her teaching certificate. Becoming a Special Education Teacher was something Katie never imagined herself doing but it quickly became her passion. Katie taught at Anderson Elementary for six years before moving to Willis, Texas in 2021. Before relocating to Willis, Katie was diagnosed with stage 3B colon cancer; nevertheless, Katie continued teaching in Willis ISD.

Katie loved crafting, family movie nights, Sunday football with family (Go Chiefs & Texans), binge watching a new series or reading a good book by the pool. The holidays were her absolute favorite time of the year, especially Christmas, because it brought her true joy seeing all of the children together. As her family grew, so did Katie's love for all of her "babies." Katie was always eager to hold and spoil every baby that was welcomed into the family.

Katie's battle with cancer showed everyone her unwavering strength. Despite many trials and challenges along the way she remained graceful and lived each day to the fullest. Anyone that met Katie on her journey couldn't believe she was battling cancer. Katie continued to attend her daughter's softball games, take trips with her oldest son and family, attend her youngest son's football games, play with her nieces and nephews, and held onto her passion of teaching. Even on her hardest days, Katie greeted others with a smile and asked them how they were doing.

Katie dedicated so much of herself to helping others and her family. Katie was the bright light of any room she entered or any life she touched. So many lives are forever changed because they had the opportunity to be touched by Katie.

Remaining to cherish Katie's memory includes her husband, John Lopez, children; Ethan, Makayla and Jaxsen Lopez, parents; Angie and Paul Garrett,

Jeff Brown; brother, Zack Garrett; sisters; Lauren Brown and spouse Trevor Bloom, Kyle Brown; Father-in-law, Sabino Lopez; sister-in-laws, Melinda Lopez and spouse Armando Delgado, Mandy Smith and spouse Austin Smith, seven nieces, six nephews and numerous other relatives and friends.

Katie is preceded in death by her grandfather Charlie Andersen, grandmother Helen Wilson, and her mother-in-law Mary Lou Lopez.

A memorial service will be held on November 13, 2024, with visitation from 5:00pm - 6:30pm, Memorial service from 6:30pm-7:30pm at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home located at 10129 FM 1097, Willis, TX 77318.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to E B Cannan Elementary School in honor of Mrs. Katie Lopez.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 13. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Willis  
10129 FM 1097 Rd. W  
Willis, TX 77318

## Funeral Service

NOV 13. 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Willis  
10129 FM 1097 Rd. W  
Willis, TX 77318

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Katie Lopez*



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**Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home** - November 15, 2024 at 09:35 AM



“ *Your Seven Coves Family-2131 purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Katie Lopez.*



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**Your Seven Coves Family-2131** - November 12, 2024 at 10:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Katie Lopez.*



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November 12, 2024 at 08:01 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Katie Lopez.*



November 12, 2024 at 06:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Katie Lopez.

November 12, 2024 at 03:14 PM



“ *Linda G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Katie Lopez.*

**Linda G.** - November 12, 2024 at 11:43 AM



“ *Anderson Elementary Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Katie Lopez.*



**Anderson Elementary Family** - November 11, 2024 at 10:57 PM



“ *Kate and the Colmenares family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Katie Lopez.*

**Kate and the Colmenares family** - November 11, 2024 at 05:42 PM

KF

“*Kate and the Colmenares family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Katie Lopez.*”



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**Kate and the Colmenares family** - November 11, 2024 at 05:42 PM



“*Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Katie Lopez.*”



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November 11, 2024 at 12:16 PM



“*A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Katie Lopez.*”

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November 11, 2024 at 12:16 PM



“*Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Katie Lopez.*”



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November 11, 2024 at 11:25 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Katie Lopez.

November 11, 2024 at 11:25 AM



“ Elsie English (former student) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Katie Lopez.

Elsie English (former student) - November 10, 2024 at 10:02 PM



“ Elsie English (former student) purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Katie Lopez.



Elsie English (former student) - November 10, 2024 at 10:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Katie Lopez.

November 10, 2024 at 09:56 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Katie Lopez.



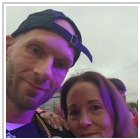
November 10, 2024 at 09:56 PM

DW

“ Dan, Sara, Dom & Matthew Wheeler purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Katie Lopez.



Dan, Sara, Dom & Matthew Wheeler - November 10, 2024 at 07:40 PM



“ Katie was a beautiful friend. I was lucky enough to have met Katie in middle school and although we live miles apart, remained friends. One thing about Katie that will forever stay in my mind was her smile.



Heidi Reed - November 10, 2024 at 06:29 PM

DC

Love and prayers Katie. You will be everyone's angel. Thank you for all. ❤️🙏💜🌸

Debbie Carminucci - November 11, 2024 at 11:16 AM

UG

“ Uncle Frenchie and Aunt Emma Gile planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Katie Lopez.

Uncle Frenchie and Aunt Emma Gile - November 10, 2024 at 03:25 PM

UG

“ *Uncle Frenchie and Aunt Emma Gile purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Katie Lopez.*



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**Uncle Frenchie and Aunt Emma Gile** - November 10, 2024 at 03:25 PM

FE

“ *From Paris & Garrett Egbert planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Katie Lopez.*

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**From Paris & Garrett Egbert** - November 10, 2024 at 12:06 PM

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“ *From Paris & Garrett Egbert purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Katie Lopez.*



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**From Paris & Garrett Egbert** - November 10, 2024 at 12:06 PM

WC

“ *Rest in peace beautiful Lady!*

*Bret and Wendy Chaffin*



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**wendy chaffin** - November 10, 2024 at 11:16 AM

NA

“ *Katie was such a beautiful person inside and out! Rest in peace sweet friend!* ”



Nicole Akin - November 10, 2024 at 11:16 AM

TL

“ *Tracy Lutz lit a candle in memory of Katie Lopez* ”



Tracy Lutz - November 10, 2024 at 10:57 AM

LP

“ *Rest in peace mija.* 🤍🕊️ ”



Leigh Ann Prieto - November 10, 2024 at 10:20 AM

ST

“ *Sherri Tenorio lit a candle in memory of Katie Lopez* ”



Sherri Tenorio - November 10, 2024 at 09:14 AM

AP

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Amy Perez - November 10, 2024 at 06:47 AM

KG

“ *Kelli Gernand lit a candle in memory of Katie Lopez* ”



Kelli Gernand - November 10, 2024 at 05:48 AM

FH

“ *From Linda Hoppas purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Katie Lopez.* ”



From Linda Hoppas - November 10, 2024 at 12:31 AM

DR

“ *Daniel Rook lit a candle in memory of Katie Lopez* ”



Daniel Rook - November 09, 2024 at 10:57 PM

JB

“ *What a beautiful soul to have known. My life is better for knowing Katie and I can only hope and pray the family will always have some comfort knowing how many people she influenced with her amazing smile and attitude.*

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**John Beighle** - November 09, 2024 at 09:44 PM

KS

“ *Katie was a force to be reckoned with. Anything she did, she did with passion and and a love like no other. Rest in peace Katie, your work here is done.*



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**Kelley Savage** - November 09, 2024 at 08:40 PM

RF

“ *Rodriguez Family lit a candle in memory of Katie Lopez*



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**Rodriguez Family** - November 09, 2024 at 08:16 PM

AB

“ *Amanda Bills lit a candle in memory of Katie Lopez*



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**Amanda Bills** - November 09, 2024 at 07:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Katie Lopez.

November 09, 2024 at 07:38 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Katie Lopez.



November 09, 2024 at 07:38 PM



“ Ethan Lopez lit a candle in memory of Katie Lopez



**Ethan Lopez** - November 09, 2024 at 07:30 PM



“ Porscha Jones lit a candle in memory of Katie Lopez



**Porscha Jones** - November 08, 2024 at 02:44 PM

DB

*Katie was one of our Sped Teachers at Cannan Elementary. She was excellent with the students. When she first came to Cannan she had explained to us about her battling colon cancer. We often got together a large group and held hands and prayed for her recovery. She fought a long and hard battle. As time went by she would come to work not feeling well at all, but she was determined to be there for her students and co-workers. She was so dedicated to what she was doing. Amazing person! She will be truly missed by everyone that knew her. May God wrap his arms around her family and comfort them in their time of sorrow*  
*Ms. Baylor*

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**Dianne Baylor** - November 08, 2024 at 07:19 PM

LI

*Our family has known John since he was a little kid and only met Katie earlier this year when John, Katie and the kids came into our shoppe for an ice cream. We were able to sit and visit for over an hour. We were especially impressed with Katie. She was in the moment and savoring every word...drinking in the conversation. What a beautiful and rare gift she was to so many. - The Guynes Family*

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**Linda** - November 12, 2024 at 11:52 AM