



Yvonne Marie Martinez
January 16, 1965 – June 8, 2019

Yvonne was born on Saturday January 16, 1965 in San Antonio, Texas. She passed away on Saturday June 8, 2019 in San Antonio, Texas at the age of 54 from complications associated with metastatic breast cancer. She passed away peacefully, in bed, while holding the hands of her two sons.

She is preceded in death by her brother, Ralph Martinez Jr. and father, Ralph Martinez Sr.

She is survived by her mother Josephine Martinez, brother Michael Martinez, husband Shane Haynes, son Steven Haynes, son Johnny Ferro, and favorite dog Dolly; as well as dozens of other aunts, uncles and nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She attended St. Phillip of Jesus Catholic School from kindergarten through 8th grade. Attended Providence Catholic high school for

grades 9th through 11th. Then attended and graduated from Luther Burbank high school for her senior year; class of 1983. She was also enrolled as a student at San Antonio College for some time.

Catholic education was an integral part of her life, and very important to her. She later enrolled both of her son's in Catholic schools as well.



After high school, she had several jobs in different industries to include substitute teacher, cashier at Josephs Mens Wear, IRA specialist at both Nation's Bank and Bank of America. For several years she took a break from working to spend more time at home with the family. During this time in her life she volunteered in the cafeteria at her alma mater and her sons school, St. Phillip of Jesus. After a stint of not working, she returned to the workforce with her most recent job as a cashier at Dollar Tree, which she enjoyed very much. Regarding her time working at Dollar Tree, she would often say, "I enjoy working with all the crazy people." Followed by a laugh, smile, and sometimes a crazy story.



Yvonne was born and raised on the Southside of San Antonio, Texas. As a child she would often enjoy going shopping with her mother at McCreless mall , and playing in the yard with her animals while her father did yard work. She also often would reminisce about how, as a little girl, she would sit on her brother, Michael's, back as he did pushups while she counted reps. Family trips to the beach at Corpus Christi, Texas were also very happy times for her as a child. Yvonne was an adventurous child. She was fortunate to have had many neighborhood relatives and friends to play with as a child, as she lived on a dead end, near the San Antonio River. She would often reminisce about the good times she had exploring the river, without her parents permission, with cousin Kinney, and friends Sandra and Rose.

Yvonne had many interests, but her love for animals was a prominent aspect of her personality, even at a young age. Across her lifetime, she had numerous animals that ranged from Dogs, Cats, Parakeets,

Cockatiels, Chickens, Roosters, Parrots, Rabbits, Guinea Pigs, Gerbils, Gold Fish, Frogs, Turtles, and hermit Crabs. Even the smallest insects she had a heart for, and had respect for all walks of life. She had a special liking to dolphins, elephants, owls, pigs, turtles, and frogs; and would often buy jewelry and home décor with those animals depicted on them in some way.



Some of her hobbies were playing pool, dancing with her husband, barbecuing with friends, cooking (she would often jot down recipes she would see on her favorite channel, the Food Network), thrilling experiences such as rollercoasters, spending time with her animals, arts and crafts, watching TV with the family, “knick knack” shopping, and going out to eat with her family.



She enjoyed spending time with family. Yvonne and Her mother were very close. She very much enjoyed spending time with her mother and eating at their favorite neighborhood breakfast spot, Patty's Taco House. Followed by "Knick Knack" shopping at some of their favorite stores, Dollar Tree, Bealls and Fallas Paredes. She enjoyed going fishing or barbequing with her husband. And, she also enjoyed watching her sons play sports, perform in plays, or sing in recitals. In addition, she enjoyed spending time with family friends. Her best friends were Esther and Alex, and would enjoy hanging out and watching the fire works at their house during New Years Eve every year. They would also attend Fiesta events together every year as well.

She had strong values and the biggest heart. She always had a smile on her face along with a positive energy. During family gatherings and

holidays she was always the life of the party, often peppering people up for the next activity, such as playing poker, which was a holiday tradition. She was the absolute best with kids, and would enjoy interacting and playing with the family's little ones. A free spirited person, she would often say that she would have no problem with being a "Beach Bum" if the opportunity presented itself.



She enjoyed a wide variety of music including the likes of Cher, Ozzy Osborne, Heart, Joan Jett, Stevie Nicks, The Stevie Miller Band, the Eagles, UB 40, Bob Marley, Sister Hazel, Jewel, Train, Lynerd Skynerd, Nirvana, Bruno Mars, Ed Sheeran and 90's Country music...After she was diagnosed with cancer, she had a favorite song which always put her in a good mood: UB40-Red Red Wine.

She enjoyed Adam Sandler movies, any show or movie with Kevin James, and especially liked horror movies. She even eventually ran out of horror movies to watch on Netflix, as she had seen them all. After she was diagnosed, binge watching Two and a Half men made her laugh and brought her comfort.

Her favorite restaurants were Los Barrios and MK Davis. You could find her enjoying a large Schooner of Budweiser and having MK Davis' Nachos on her birthday.

After she was diagnosed with cancer, she especially enjoyed eating bean and cheese tacos as her go-to meal.

Her favorite flower was a sunflower, and her favorite insect was a dragonfly. Her favorite place was a beach. She liked collecting sea shells.

Amongst family and friends, her nickname was Bonnie

Some common Bonnie-ism's were "see you later gator", she would sometimes say this to her sons when they left the house. "Everything happens for a reason", when trying to explain the bigger meaning behind why things happen. "Opposites attract", when referring to a relationship. "Watcha doin'" (in her own twang), when she wanted to talk to you in a quirky way. "That person was an angel", when anyone showed an act of kindness or touched her in some meaningful way. "We all got to die of something", and "when the lord wants you, he wants you," when trying to explain why good people or young people pass away young. She also would often call her sons by the nicknames she gave them, Johnny Wonnie, and Stevie Weevie.

Yvonne had Her2-positive metastatic breast cancer and fought it for a total of 26 months. She received both chemo and radiation treatment from the MD Anderson Cancer center in San Antonio, Texas. A special expression of gratitude to the doctors, nurses, and staff at the MD Anderson Cancer center for providing great service and kindness during her treatments. Also, special thanks to the staff at Vitas Hospice Hospital for making her last days comfortable. Furthermore,

thank you to all her family and friends for their generosity and support during her battle with cancer.

Her family and friends will miss her dearly, as she goes to be with the Lord in Heaven.

The best way to commemorate Yvonne's life is to live by one of her favorite quotes: "**Always** pray to **have eyes** that **see the best** in people, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses faith in God."

Funeral services for Yvonne are as follows:

Visitation only:

- Thursday, June 20, 2019. 1-5 PM at Funeral Caring USA (6500 IH 35 North, San Antonio, Texas 78218) (Behind Alamo City Church)

Rosary, Mass, and Burial

- Friday, June 21, 2019
- At St. Phillip of Jesus Catholic Church (142 E Lambert St. San Antonio, Texas 78204)
- Rosary: 9:30 AM
- Mass: 10:00 AM
- Burial: San Fernando Cemetery #2 (746 Castroville Rd. San Antonio, Texas 78237)