



Grace G. Gonzalez

July 9, 1982 - October 22, 2025

Grace Galvez Gonzalez suddenly returned home on Wednesday, October 22, at the age of 43. She was the beloved wife of Jesse Toler, daughter of Tony & Irma Gonzalez, sister to Gaby and Danny, proud auntie to Cassandra, Carrina, Cynthia, Citlali Grace, and Amaris, and loving mother to Stormageddon Washborne and Nathan Drake. She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Florentino Olivas and Paula Galvez; paternal grandparents, Antonio Gonzalez and Candelaria Ramos; her two dogs, Deucey and Styx. There is a hole in the world where she once stood.

Grace was gifted to us on July 9, 1982, in Salinas, California. She was an adorably pretentious, gifted punk rocker from the start. Her family knew her as their Snow White, their porcelain doll. She loved to dance and sing. Her values were kindness and compassion through servant leadership. Grace led only with her heart and felt everything the world had to offer. Her rosy cheeks fill the memories of those who knew her. She cried often—and beautifully—sharing tears for the injustice she saw in her day-to-day life.

In 2003, she joined KSBW on the suggestion of a college professor. Her career with Hearst Television grew from there. She transitioned from California to Florida and helped open the HTV Design Hub at WESH 2. She worked as an assignment editor, graphic designer, and most recently helped forge the project manager position. She was a founding co-chair of Comunidad, an

employee resource group that amplified the voices of Hispanic and Latino colleagues at HTV, and served on the board for Hero Spark, a local nonprofit and after-school program. Wherever she went, she forged new roads for others to follow.

She graduated with honors from Rollins College in 2021 with a bachelor's degree in Communication Studies: Leadership and Organizational Communication. She was incredibly proud of her time there and of graduating from the same school as Mr. Rogers. While there, she interned with Houston Solutions and contributed to the finished text of *The Project Manager's Guide to Health Information Technology Implementation*, 3rd edition.

Though proud of her accomplishments, her love belonged to her family and friends. Board games and tabletop roleplaying games such as *Dungeons & Dragons* were a big part of her life. She used her characters to express her aches and frustrations. Elle the righteous cleric, Lou the trickster thief, and Dhani the fireball of a gnome were only a few among many. She had great taste in music and a devoted appreciation for Green Day, often using both to expose those around her to perspectives they had never considered.

The service to honor her life—among her community, both local and abroad—will be held on October 30 at 1 p.m. EST at DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory, located at 9001 N Orlando Ave, Maitland, FL 32751. All who had the privilege of sharing any part of her heart are invited to attend. The family kindly requests donations to haea.org, to help others living with this chronic illness.

Grace lived beyond the bounds of her namesake. Her spirit will continue to guide us toward better paths. Her memory will soften our hearts. Her legacy will be fearless service in the face of adversity and an unwavering rejection of indifference to the suffering of others. May the sweetness of her smile and the

light of her heart shine brightly—and forever.

Previous Events

Public Visitation

OCT 30. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory
9001 N. Orlando Avenue
Maitland, FL 32751
<https://www.facebook.com/DeGusipeFH/>

Services

OCT 30. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Reception

OCT 30. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I was heartbroken to hear about Grace's passing last month. I worked with Grace on a project for multiple Hearst stations across the country, including her home station KSBW. Although I only knew her for a few months and we only met through Teams, I always looked forward to knowing we were having a meeting on any given day. I am so sorry we'll never discuss what we're watching or our shared love for Green Day again. I leave you with the words of our favorite band and hope to see you again some day. My sincere condolences to your family and friends. Your light touched my heart.

*It's something unpredictable
But in the end, it's right
I hope you had the time of your life*

Robert Altman - November 14, 2025 at 02:19 PM

SA

“ Summer A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Grace G. Gonzalez.

Summer A. - October 30, 2025 at 02:55 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Grace G. Gonzalez.



October 29, 2025 at 05:11 PM

JT

“ John Soapes and the WESH 2 / CW18 team. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Grace G. Gonzalez.



John Soapes and the WESH 2 / CW18 team. - October 29, 2025 at 03:15 PM

PD

“ Paul, Stephanie, and Airin Daugherty planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Grace G. Gonzalez.

Paul, Stephanie, and Airin Daugherty - October 29, 2025 at 02:37 PM

PD

“ Paul, Stephanie, and Airin Daugherty purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Grace G. Gonzalez.



Paul, Stephanie, and Airin Daugherty - October 29, 2025 at 02:37 PM

LA

“ Grace was a great part of our hearts, and family an amazing and talented child at her young age. Grace you will forever live in our hearts. My deepest condolences to her Parents and brother, sister and nieces. That she loved dearly. My sweet Angel fly fly high. Jesus has received you with opened arms. May you rest in Peace.

Lupe Aguiar - October 29, 2025 at 01:09 AM

DG

“ This is me and my big sister to whom I will always be her little brother or didi and simply to me she was MY BIG SISTER I will miss her dearly but at the same time it brings me closure to know you are at the fathers side and enjoy an eternal rest without disease or hurt



danny gonzalez - October 28, 2025 at 10:39 PM

KF

“ In 2006, Grace welcomed me to KSBW with her trademark smile-- it's the first vivid memory I have of working there. From listening to music in her studio, to concerts in Santa Cruz, to fun nights out in Monterey and Salinas, and even ringing in New Year's 2009 in Las Vegas, I will always cherish the time I spent with her. Grace's warmth, humor, positivity, and constant desire to make everything she touched better are qualities we can all strive to embody. God truly broke the mold with Grace, and I will miss her deeply.

Kevin Farley - October 28, 2025 at 07:18 PM

HW

“ Her friends at WISN-TV purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Grace G. Gonzalez.



Her friends at WISN-TV - October 28, 2025 at 04:44 PM

HW

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Her friends at WISN-TV - October 28, 2025 at 04:44 PM

HC

“ HTV Comunidad purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Grace G. Gonzalez.



HTV Comunidad - October 28, 2025 at 03:12 PM

HL

“ her Hearst WLKY family in Louisville, KY purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Grace G. Gonzalez.



her Hearst WLKY family in Louisville, KY - October 28, 2025 at 02:31 PM

HL

“ her Hearst WLKY family in Louisville, KY planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Grace G. Gonzalez.

her Hearst WLKY family in Louisville, KY - October 28, 2025 at 02:31 PM

YO

“ Grace helped launch HTV Comunidad. Sharing the video she created to introduce herself to the members. Even while incredibly busy with work projects, Grace always took time to connect with her co-workers and support HTV Comunidad. Forever in our hearts!



Yasmine Osborn - October 28, 2025 at 02:06 PM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Grace G. Gonzalez.



October 28, 2025 at 08:49 AM

KE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kevin - October 28, 2025 at 06:25 AM

GG

“ *Sister.... Guide me from above, I'll take care of things here. 💖*



Gaby Gonzalez - October 28, 2025 at 01:09 AM

SF

“ *Sandy Gonzalez & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Grace G. Gonzalez.*

Sandy Gonzalez & Family - October 27, 2025 at 10:58 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Grace G. Gonzalez.*



October 27, 2025 at 10:58 PM



“ Grace was a great friend when I started at KSBW in 2007. I have so many amazing memories of our times together, from Salinas and Monterey, to San Francisco, Las Vegas, and visiting her in Florida. She will be greatly missed and my heart is with all her family and friends



Alicia Luce - October 27, 2025 at 10:49 PM

JN

“ Jen & Mike Navarez purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Grace G. Gonzalez.



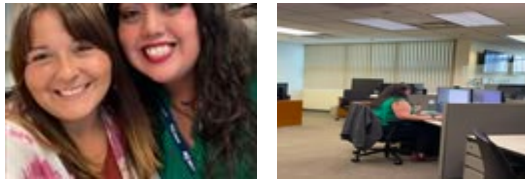
Jen & Mike Navarez - October 27, 2025 at 05:57 PM

CH

“ Grace and I were promoted into our new roles around the same time last year, and I remember how we kept cheering each other on, sending funny gifs from "The Office" back and forth. We first met when we worked together in the KSBW Creative Services department from 2008 to 2010, so when we both stepped into our new positions, it felt really special to share that milestone together.

We chatted often through our work messenger, and her love for the Central Coast ran deep. I always called her our “forever unofficial official KSBW graphic designer.”

I'll hold her and our friendship in my heart forever. My prayers are with her family and parents, I hope you find comfort in knowing how deeply she was loved by her work family.



Cristal H. - October 27, 2025 at 02:47 PM



“ Rest in power punk rock girl! Tia loves you.



Clara Olivas - October 27, 2025 at 12:29 PM