



## Leia Hernandez Crane

April 14, 1980 - December 25, 2022

Leia Hernandez Crane, 42, of Aubrey, TX passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, December 25, 2022 in Dallas, TX. She was born on April 14, 1980 in St. Louis, MO.

Leia was a beloved wife, mother, daughter and friend. She studied business at Missouri College and spent her career in retail with Tuesday Morning, Petco, Justice, and her dream role at Target. Her favorite movie to watch with the twins was Jaws. She loved to read. Her favorite book was Catcher in the Rye, and she enjoyed listening to True Crime podcasts. Leia was the undisputed family video game champ of Super Mario 3. Most of all, she adored spending time with her family, especially her boys, Jack and Thomas, who were and continue to be her entire world. Leia was a beautiful soul inside and out, who left this world way too soon. Her ability to warm any room and every heart in it with her infectious smile will always be remembered. She will be continually missed, forever loved, and never forgotten. Her life will continue to impact others for many years to come.

She is survived by her husband, Daniel Crane; her beloved twin boys, Jack and Thomas; her mother, Patricia Hernandez; brothers, Ryan and Evan Torack; and many extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Mina & Juan Hernandez;

and uncle, Abraham Hernandez.

Visitation will be held Monday, January 2, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the Slay Memorial Chapel in Aubrey, TX and services to celebrate Leia's life will begin at 2:00 p.m. with Mark Jacobs officiating.

We ask that donations be made to the SPCA (<https://spca.org/support-us/give/ways-to-give/honor-memorial-giving/#/form>) in Leia's name.

On-line condolences may be shared at [www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com). Arrangements are under the direction of Bradley R. Shotts and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Slay Memorial Chapel of Aubrey  
400 South Highway 377  
Aubrey, TX 76227  
info@slaymemorial.com  
<http://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

JAN 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

Slay Memorial Chapel of Aubrey  
400 South Highway 377  
Aubrey, TX 76227  
info@slaymemorial.com  
<http://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall

DT

“ I'm heartbroken just learning of this news, Leia was such a beautiful person. I took care of her twin boys, Jack & Thomas from infancy as their nurse until I moved practices. I can not even imagine life without her. God be with the family and friends. So many people here to love those boys, rest easy sweet Leia.  
Darla T.

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**Darla Theis** - May 05, 2023 at 05:36 PM

AM

“ I'm so grateful that we had some time all together in the summer. As always, we picked up where we left off and just chatted about everything and nothing. How extra special those memories of spa days, pub dinners, wedding dance floors and christening receptions now are. Thank you for always making it so easy. You were so sweet, so friendly and so chatty every time. Thanks for introducing me to pedicure chairs and Matilda to ice cream. Your wonderful boys are the best possible tribute to you and we'll look out for them forever. Sleep well, lovely Leia. Amanda, Rob and Matilda Xx

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**Amanda** - January 15, 2023 at 11:50 AM

VP

“ Daniel - Sorry I heard it very late, it's really shocking to me to hear about the loss. There are no words I can offer of comfort, my deepest condolences to you jack and Thomas.  
Hope she reached light of glory. Stay strong my friend. Om shanti



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**venu Pitani** - January 10, 2023 at 11:24 AM

LM

“ Daniel, there are no words I can offer of comfort but a maybe a poem to provide some solace by Clare Harner. My deepest condolences to you and your boys.

*Do not stand  
By my grave, and weep.  
I am not there,  
I do not sleep-  
I am the thousand winds that blow  
I am the diamond glints in snow  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,  
I am the gentle, autumn rain.  
As you awake with morning's hush,  
I am the swift up-flinging rush  
Of quiet birds in circled flight,  
I am the day transcending soft night.  
Do not stand  
By my grave, and cry-  
I am not there.  
I did not die.*

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**Lisa Matkowski** - January 03, 2023 at 09:18 AM

AM

“ Anna M. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Leia Hernandez Crane.



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**Anna M.** - January 02, 2023 at 01:42 PM

AC

“ Dear Daniel, Jack and Thomas. Sending you all our love and strength to get you through, we are thinking of you all. May you find comfort in all the amazing memories you have. Lots of love Anita, Ian and Zoe xxxx

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anita cain - January 02, 2023 at 12:44 PM

AC

“ Leia... you were the most kind, caring, loving, bright soul I'd ever met. You brought sunshine and laughter to everyone. I looked up to you and wanted to be a better me everyday, because of you. You were like a best friend to me and I miss you more than words can explain. My heart goes out to the boys and Dan, I know you loved them with all of your heart and I enjoyed hearing all the fun times you had with them. I know you are watching over us everyday and I can't wait to one day see you again.  
I love you Leia....



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Allee Cheyenne - January 02, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ My dear friend and ETL Leia, you have forever touched my life and my heart with your positivity and happiness that I am forever grateful for. You always taught me to look at the bright side of things and to never give up. That is something I will continue to use and remember everyday. I love you so much. You will forever be missed  
❤️

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Morgan Best - January 02, 2023 at 10:05 AM

DM

“ Daniel, although we are miles apart we are thinking of your dear self, Jack and Thomas in your darkest moments of today. The love that you shared and the lovely memories that you have made together will carry you through to brighter days. All our love to you always. Dave and Mary.xxx

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**Dave and Mary** - January 02, 2023 at 05:34 AM

MC

“ So, sorry and saddened for the loss of our Leia. Our thoughts and prayers are with you always, especially today. We send condolences, courage, strength, peace and love to Daniel, Jack, Thomas and all family. Take care and love you all. Mark, Loraine & Aimee. Xxxxx

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**Mark Crane** - January 02, 2023 at 04:58 AM

DC

“ Daniel, I can't even begin to imagine the hurt you are going through right now. As time goes by you will see that those we love are never really gone. We carry the love and good times in our hearts forever. I know she is watching over you and the kids. You all were truly blessed to have a woman like Leia in your life.

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**Deb Cahoon** - January 02, 2023 at 12:15 AM

GT

“ *Leia, I am at a loss for words. You were so bright and beautiful. You lit up a room when you entered. You were one of my best managers and ran a great store. All the other managers thought so highly of you. But more importantly you were such a good person. So kind and loving. We are never sure why God takes one so young but he must have big plans for you God speed beautiful.....*



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**Ginny Townsend** - January 01, 2023 at 09:42 PM

KA

“ *Leia was a woman who could instantly light up the room and warm everyone's hearts as soon as she met them. She's a beautiful soul gone too soon and our sincerest condolences lie with Dan and the boys. May she rest in peace.*



Love,

*The Azmat family*

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**Khalda Azmat** - January 01, 2023 at 02:22 PM

AH

“ *Leia, I pray that your wings fit you well and your halo is bright. I recall the first conversation we had and that huge smile on your face. I am sure your team will miss you deeply. I am praying for your joys and Dan. May God grant them peace and understanding during this time. Josh and I finally put out our marble slack you got us for the wedding and all I could think about was the day you gave it to us. Thank you for being an example of kindness and peace. Love you.*

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**Antwain Donté Hill** - January 01, 2023 at 01:53 AM

LG

“ *Leia, my drive home will never be the same. We talked for hours at a time. You were always there to help me, always made sure you made time to come see me, even on your off days you never failed to answer my calls or reply to my texts. You were one of my closest friends. The day we met you told me about your twins and your husband was English, and we bonded over our husbands passion for football. It breaks my heart to know you're gone. But i know I'll see you again my sweet friend. I will cherish our memories forever. I love you Leia* 💕😭



*My prayers for you Dan and the boys. I know she will forever be watching over you. You three were her world. She told me so many stories, she was the happiest by your side. I love you guys*

*-Leslie Galindo*

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**leslie Galindo** - December 30, 2022 at 10:10 AM

KB

“ *My sincere condolences and prayers to Daniel and family. I never had the pleasure of meeting Leia, but can truly tell the positive impact she had on so many lives. When I read the tributes and saw the heartfelt memories, I thought about the poem The Dash. "For it matters not, how much we own, the cars..the house..the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash".*  
*RIP*



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**Karen Brodnex** - December 30, 2022 at 09:54 AM

RD

“ *Leia, hearing about your passing absolutely broke me. You were a light in this world and someone I looked up to. You always made me feel like I could do anything and you truly supported me throughout my journey at Target. You were a light in this world and I will always remember you as someone who believed in me and was always there to have my back when times got rough. You showed me what a true leader is and I will forever cherish those moments with you. I will miss you forever. rest in peace. -rachelle*



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**Rachelle Diaz** - December 30, 2022 at 03:13 AM

JR

“ *At Target, our hearts are hurting with the sudden passing of our amazing leader, Leia. She was my rock at work. She was there to cheer me up and provide advice and support whenever I needed it. She had an incredible spirit. She could smile through any situation. She was a problem-solver, a morale-booster and everything else you would want in a peer.*

*She had a team that loved her. Last Friday, she left the store with a huge bag of gifts--everyone had Leia on their list. Her team lost an amazing leader and an even better friend.*

*The T0067 & D326 Team sends our love to Dan and her boys, and everyone else who's life she touched.*

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**Josh R** - December 29, 2022 at 10:32 PM

LO

“ Dan, I am just hearing of this news, I am heart-broken for you and your boys. There are no words I can share that can ease the pain that you and your family are feeling right now; time is the only thing that will heal sorrow. Please know you are in my thoughts. Lori Kemeny

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**Lori** - December 29, 2022 at 05:40 PM

TS

“ Leia, my heart is truly broken to learn of your passing. God must have needed a shining light to take you so young and suddenly. I have so many fond memories of you from our days together with Petco. I have no doubt that you will be the guardian angel for all of those you loved here on earth. Fly high Leia.

*Terri Stringer*

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**Terri Stringer** - December 29, 2022 at 02:20 PM

JS

“ Leia was my other half, a sister, a constant in my life for nearly 30 years. We went through all of life's journeys and milestones together. The laughing until we cried was endless. There are countless memories that I will keep in my heart forever. Leia was beautiful inside and out, she gave with all she had, she wanted to make everyone around her feel happy and loved. Her boys were her world and I admired her as a mother. Her husband Dan and mother Patricia were the center of her life and she loved them deeply. Her brothers Evan and Ryan she adored. For all of her closest friends and family she was a light, a smile, a person you wanted to be around. A light has gone out, but Leia's strong presence in life will remain with us forever. We will love harder than we ever have before because that's what she taught us.

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**Jessica Siegel** - December 29, 2022 at 12:07 PM

GC

“*Leia, I'm at a loss for words. You were one of a kind, a fabulous sister in law and friend to me over the years. I have many memories, all of which are being pulled to the forefront of my mind lately, in a way I guess, they're keeping you with me. Our manicures on every trip over, the drive thru Starbucks, shopping at the mall, you baking us all cookies during the great snowfall of 2011! Staying up late playing games, chatting over lunches, you sitting at the kitchen table drawing cartoons on the boys brown lunch bags every night, and most recently our week together in England - you styling the girls hair like Cinderella, drawing Flounder for Leila, helping Sonny with his ice cream and of course becoming his godmother. You were an absolute light in every room. We are devastated for all that is lost. We'll forever be there for Daniel and the boys, and we hope we do you proud in keeping your memory alive, always. Thank you for your light and love. Rest In Peace.*  
Gem x

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**Gemma Crane** - December 29, 2022 at 07:52 AM

FK

“ I had the Honor to be Beautiful ( inside and out ) Leia's Hair stylist for almost 14 years. we shared a lot of stories together i mean mostly me sharing my problems with her and she was the one guiding and helping me specially since i didn't born in U.S. and my poor English teaching me many things. we laughed a lot but her caring heart for others never stopped. she was a wonderful listener , smart and very caring person , Leia was way younger than me with a big heart ,she thought me a lot of things from English words to business to relationship ,,,, . i missed her very much but her memories always always and forever be with me ( miss her Hugs ) . one of the memories i want to share with y'all is when she wanted to share with me that she is pregnant . it was very funny, she showed me the sonogram and she asked me do you know what is this? and i laughed and hugged her and i said congratulation Leia you are Mommy Now :-) . she looked at me and said lets look again Farhad!, and i looked again and looked back at her and i said is she or he ? she laughed and said i don't know that yet but the only thing i know is : look .. There are two! :-) OH MY GOD i couldn't control my self with tears in my eyes i give her hugs again, and she was SO SO HAPPY that day . it was one of the very best memories of her. dummy me couldn't see 2 of them even she showed me many times :-) Dear Dan, Patricia, Jack and Thomas , my deepest condolences to you and family and friends . Leia was like a little sister with a very big heart to me and i am having hard time with this devastated news too. y'all are in my positive thoughts and prayers ,Dear Leia is resting in Peace. with sincere and Love \_ Farhad please forgive my poor English.

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Farhad Khoshnasib - December 29, 2022 at 01:00 AM

SK

“ *Leia was the sparkle we wish we always had. Her smile lighting up the room once she walked in. Her gracious energy was something we all admired. You gave me so many memories. Memories I will treasure for always. The love you have for your boys and Dan. You loved hard and that is something I always admired. Rest now. We will love hard for you.*

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**Sarah Kintz** - December 28, 2022 at 08:44 PM

LJ

“ *Leia you were one my good friends that started because our boys became friends and then we had a connection because we both have twins the same age. You were one of the sweetest people I know, always thinking of other people before yourself. I am going to miss your sweet soul so much!*

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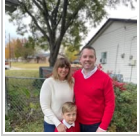
**Lindsey Jackson** - December 28, 2022 at 08:22 PM

JH

“ *My amazing friend. Always there to cheer me up, share laughs, and make fun! My heart hurts so bad that you are gone. Not being able to say goodbye, not chatting in a month, and not being there with you hurts. Myself and all your friends will always be there for your family. I'll see you Monday for a goodbye! Rest my sweet angel. Love you tons Leia!!*

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**Jason Haefeli** - December 28, 2022 at 04:27 PM



“ I remember the first day I met Leia. It was my first day at Tuesday Morning. I loved working there because of her. She made it fun. We became close pretty fast - she made it so easy. She made me feel like I was her best friend because she was so open and warm. She got me through some tough times too, taught me a lot and made me laugh like crazy! Rest in peace sweet Leia. I love you and every time I hear a Weezer song I'll be thinking of you friend. ❤️

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**Stacie Lilly** - December 28, 2022 at 03:12 PM

BC

“ My beautiful friend. How many memories do we have? I can't even list a quarter. I will miss our laughs. I will miss our demanding imos to open at 10 am. I will miss being able to call you in tears of joy or sadness. You were my person. No matter how much time passed. You will always be. Until we meet again my sweet sweet soul sister. We will all be looking out for Dan, the boys, your mom and your brothers. Rest easy. I love you so much.

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**Bridget Chiodini** - December 28, 2022 at 03:09 PM

GN

“ You are in my heart and thoughts at this time. I hope you always hold onto the warms and wonderful memories you and your wife shared together and that they continue to bring you comfort and peace.

*Gina Navarro*

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**Gina Navarro** - December 28, 2022 at 02:02 PM

MB


“ My deepest condolences to you and your family during this dark time. Please know that we are keeping you and yours in our prayers and thoughts

Michael Blanchard - December 28, 2022 at 01:28 PM

MF

“ Without memories to share, I feel like I knew Leia through my boss, Daniel Crane and through reading about her in this beautiful obituary. Such a loss so young. Prayers for peace over her young boys and husband. Love and support always. ~Missy~

Missy Fowler - December 28, 2022 at 01:10 PM

 Daniel Crane

“ There are so many memories to pick from I struggle to find one that sticks out the most. You were my rock, my partner in crime, the sweet and caring mother to our amazing boys. We were only just getting started. I will love and treasure our time together forever and I will always be there for our babies. I love you princess. Until we meet again x

Daniel Crane - December 28, 2022 at 12:49 PM

NB

“ I always called you my daughter from a different mother. I have known you since you became my daughter's best friend. Her best friend became family to us. Sweet, funny, caring and loving. You will be in my heart forever. You were a jewel in my family's crown. I loved you as one of my own. Rest in peace sweet Leia.

Nancy Behnen - December 28, 2022 at 10:29 AM