

Major Gracy G. (Piñones) Nagel (1972-2019)

Gracy was born February 7, 1972 in El Paso, Texas, the oldest of five children born to Migel and Gloria (Ruiz) Piñones. She attended Del Valley High School and the University of El Paso, earning a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.



Gracy joined the Campbell County Detention Center (Campbell County Jail) on September 17, 1997 as a Deputy Jailer. She worked her way through the ranks to Major; including, at one point, Detective. By 2019, she had served almost 22 years.

She also served on the board for the Boys and Girls Club and was involved for many years with Shop With Cops.

While traveling home with her family from vacation, at 5:30 a.m. on July 14, 2019, Major Nagel was involved in a six-vehicle crash near Parkers Crossroads the area of Henderson County, Tennessee. Several vehicles were stopped in a traffic backup due to a previous crash when another vehicle, traveling east on I-40, failed to stop and slammed into the stopped vehicles at the 107-mile marker. Major Nagel's family was in the 5th vehicle struck. Eleven people were injured, including her husband and son, but only Major Nagel's injuries were fatal. She was 47.

Major Nagel is survived by her husband of almost 25 years, Brian T. Nagel; children, Brittany Nagel and Manny Nagel; parents; and siblings, Mike Piñones, Mark Piñones, Max Piñones, and Melanie Piñones; mother-in-law, Georgeanne Nagel, and seven siblings-in-law.

Visitation will be held 4 to 8 p.m. on Monday, July 22, 2019 at Alexandria Funeral Home, 325 Washington Street, Alexandria, KY 41001. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 10:00AM at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 8246 E. Main St., Alexandria, KY 41001. Burial will follow at Peach Grove Cemetery.