



Sarah Jane Valdez

September 30, 1976 - June 11, 2021

Sarah Jane Valdez (nee Higgins), a loving wife, daughter, sister, and aunt, passed away on June 11, 2021. She was 44 years old. Born in New Jersey on September 30, 1976, she grew up in Haddon Heights. At age 12 she developed Type 1 diabetes which resulted in a heart attack in her 30's and extremely poor vision. She bravely coped with all of these problems. A 1995 graduate of Haddon Heights High School, Sarah attended Eastern College and received her degree in 1999. The most important day in her life was in September 1992 when she came to know the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior through the words of 1 Peter 3:18 and John 5:24. Another hallmark day in her life was her wedding day on May 28, 2013 to Gary Valdez. Sarah is survived by her loving husband Gary, her parents, Alexander and Ruth Higgins, her sister Leah Barnhardt (Paul), and her nephew and niece, Andrew and Rebekah Barnhardt as well as many other family members and friends.

There were several things that Sarah especially enjoyed. She loved the children with whom she worked. She instructed them as an early childhood education teacher and as a nanny. She loved books, reading to children, and reading for her own personal growth and pleasure. She loved to travel and go on adventures with her beloved husband Gary. One of her favorite places to visit was Puerto Vallarta. Weekend trips for Sarah and Gary would often involve a visit to a new area of California to explore the scenery and sample

the local restaurants.

Her cancer diagnosis came as a shock to everyone. She courageously endured the pain and even attempted to regain strength to allow some treatment to occur. She was welcomed into her heavenly home on June 11th where she is with her Savior and free from diabetes, decreased vision, and cancer.

Cemetery Details

San Marcos Cemetery

1021 Mulberry Drive
San Marcos, CA 92069

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 20. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (PT)

Magallón Funeral Home
1421 North Santa Fe Avenue
Vista, CA 92084
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magallonfuneraldirectors@gmail.com
<http://www.magallonfuneralhome.com>

Visitation

JUN 21. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (PT)

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Celebration of Life / Service

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Committal Service

JUN 21. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I just found out today about Sarah's passing. I'm so sorry for your loss. Gary like I was telling you on Facebook some people leave lifetime of lasting impressions. SARAH was certainly one of these people. We shared many memories long ago. However we would chat on occasion over the years. To Dr. Hlggens, Ruth Leah, Gary and family I'm so sorry for your loss !

Tim Mennig - July 28, 2021 at 11:43 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sarah Jane Valdez.



June 20, 2021 at 03:59 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sarah Jane Valdez.



June 20, 2021 at 01:07 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Sarah Jane Valdez.*



June 20, 2021 at 12:59 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sarah Jane Valdez.*



June 19, 2021 at 08:01 PM



“ *To the Family of Sarah,*

Sending warm sympathy in the loss of your wife. daughter, sister, and aunt. It sounds like she had a long struggle with illness but wonderful to read she found the Savior. May you be comforted in the special memories you each have of her. It is never easy to lose our loved ones down here but what assurance when we know they are in a much better place then we are. Trust the funeral service will be a blessing to saved and unsaved for His honor and glory

Warmly,
Charleen Studnicka
Blue River, WI



Charleen M Studnicka - June 18, 2021 at 09:16 PM

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“ Norco Gospel Hall purchased the Rainbow Reflections Basket for the family of Sarah Jane Valdez.



Norco Gospel Hall - June 18, 2021 at 05:09 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sarah Jane Valdez.



June 17, 2021 at 04:51 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Sarah Jane Valdez.



June 17, 2021 at 01:08 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Sarah Jane Valdez.



June 17, 2021 at 12:25 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Sarah Jane Valdez.*



June 17, 2021 at 08:22 AM



“ *The Christians at Culver City Gospel Hall purchased the Love's Tapestry for the family of Sarah Jane Valdez.*



The Christians at Culver City Gospel Hall - June 17, 2021 at 02:02 AM



“ *Gary, We are so glad that we were able to share your beautiful wedding day. Although, we don't see each other often, we do keep you in our hearts. We tried to mail a card to Sarah, and it was returned to us. Please know that we were praying for you both and that our thoughts are with Sandy and Ruth and all of the family. It is such a difficult loss to suffer. May God bless and give you all strength as you face the days ahead. Loads of love and warmest sympathy. Uncle Bill and Aunt Linda*

Linda Scott - June 16, 2021 at 08:17 PM

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“ From, Uncle Bill & Aunt Linda and all of our family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sarah Jane Valdez.



From, Uncle Bill & Aunt Linda and all of our family - June 16, 2021 at 08:11 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Sarah Jane Valdez.



June 16, 2021 at 04:12 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Sarah Jane Valdez.



June 16, 2021 at 12:59 PM

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“ Gary Valdez purchased the Adoration Casket Spray for the family of Sarah Jane Valdez.



Gary Valdez - June 16, 2021 at 12:32 PM

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“ 7 files added to the album *Husbands Collection*



Gary VALDEZ - June 15, 2021 at 02:46 AM