



Sarah Colwell Sarracino

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Sarah Colwell Sarracino (née Varney) departed from this life on January 18, 2024, at the age of 62 in Fort Myers, FL. Born in October 1961, in Roanoke, VA, Sarah will be remembered as a devoted mother, wife, and cherished friend whose love for nature and wildlife was woven into the very fabric of her being. Her elegance and style were reflected in the care she invested in the landscapes that surrounded her.

From her early years in Roanoke, Va, Sarah knew her love of nature would play a major role in the woman she would become.

A graduate of Virginia Tech, she earned her degree in Horticulture and dedicated a lifetime to applying what she learned to everyday life. She added beauty, grace, style, and dignity to everything she touched.

Her career spanned a range of specialties, including: caring for and designing interior plant installations, being a critical member of the team that designed and planted the Smithsonian Institution's Haupt Garden in Washington, D.C., to later stints as the administrative specialist at Gateway Trinity Lutheran Church, culminating in serving as a teacher's aide at Evangelical Christian School in Fort Myers.

She was also a dedicated volunteer who committed countless hours to her community, creating the most memorable Vacation Bible School experiences a child could have. Her kindness extended to helping many friends and family with projects, tasks and simply being there for them.

Her sense of humor was legendary, from her dry wit and love of British humor, to being a wonderfully silly person to be with, she kept her friends and family in stitches, and never failed to make any encounter with her fun.



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Her love of family knew no bounds. She dedicated her life to educating her sons, Peter and Joe, to ensuring they experienced every adventure the outdoors had to offer. Winter camping with scouts, summer camping with family, bike rides, hikes and visits to local parks -- she was the embodiment of sacrifice and great family leadership.

A devout and faithful follower of Jesus Christ, her spiritual journey led her to embody what it means to be a Christian. Her generosity, kindness, and love for her family and friends was all-encompassing. It manifested itself in her appreciation of the beauty in the mundane. From something as simple as acknowledging the joy of a beautiful flower, to walking along the beaches of Southwest Florida in a search for treasured seashells. It was as if God's creations welcomed her with open arms wherever she went.

She is survived by her husband, Raymond Sarracino, sons Peter and Joseph Sarracino, sisters Karen Varney and Laura Kitts, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends. She was predeceased by her parents, Jeryl and Betty Lou Varney, and brothers Roger and Richard Varney. She was loved by all who knew her.

The Sarracino family invites loved ones to gather in remembrance of Sarah's life on Saturday, February 17, at 11 a.m. at Gateway Trinity Lutheran Church, 11381 Gateway Blvd., Fort Myers, Florida. This service will honor her memory and celebrate the profound impact she had on those fortunate enough to have known her. (A luncheon will follow the service.)

To honor Sarah's passion for nature and commitment to nurturing life, the family asks that memorial contributions be directed to ECHO Hope Against Hunger. Donations in her memory may be made to: 17391 Durrance Road, North Fort Myers, FL 33917, or online at www.echonet.org.

Sarah's grace, kindness, and the joy she brought to life will be sorely missed and forever treasured in the hearts of her family, friends, and all who were touched by her beautiful spirit. She left the world better than she found it.

Her personal philosophy may be summed up by her favorite bible verse: 1 JOHN, 3:1 "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!"




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Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, February 17, 2024

 11:00 AM ET

 **Gateway Trinity Lutheran**
11381 Gateway Boulevard, Fort Myers FL





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Tim Bare posted:

This is sad news. I worked with Roger Varney for many years and was looking to connect with Sarah for something we were doing with the local Relay for Life cancer benefit in his memory. I will never forget her loving words for Roger after he passed in 2009.

April 24 at 6:24 AM



Rob Grace lit a candle in honor of Sarah.

Ray, Peter and Joe, I am saddened immensely by the loss of such a wonderful wife, mother and friend. My heart goes out to your families. My prayers and thoughts are with you all. God bless and have her peacefulness with you always. Rob Grace



February 17 at 1:55 PM



Karen O. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Sarah.



February 16 at 8:49 AM



Douglas Flint And Lidia Terziotti sent an A Full Life to the Sarracino family.



February 14 at 3:55 PM



Carina Matos posted:

Our deepest condolences to you and the family, she will be missed by many. Jorge and Carina Matos

February 13 at 4:45 PM



Joanie Palmer posted:

What a wonderful , kind woman! I am sure her family is heartbroken, but as I knew Sarah , they will have comfort in God!

February 12 at 5:55 PM



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Lipei Chen lit a candle in honor of Sarah.

Lipei Chen lit a candle in memory of Sarah Sarracino

February 11 at 4:02 PM



Lipei Chen And Family sent a Fairest of All to the Sarracino family.

February 11 at 6:28 AM



Lipei Chen And Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Sarah.

February 11 at 6:28 AM



Sylvia Meyer posted:

I was so sorry to hear this news. I'm actually in waiting room waiting to test to make sure my cancer hasn't returned. Sarah was always so kind during any interactions I had with office. And her husband was always so kind as well, I always sat quietly in back by myself but he always greeted me with a big welcoming smile. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

February 9 at 9:32 AM



Anonymous sent a Written in the Stars to the Sarracino family.

February 1 at 3:22 AM



Marilynne Rodgers posted:

Sarah was a very special person which one knew immediately upon meeting her. Her beautiful smile and gentle manner were very loving and shared with those around her. She will be greatly missed. Marilynne & Dennis Rodgers

January 31 at 3:45 PM



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Eileen Schomer posted:

I have very fond memories of Sarah! My late husband, Phil and I used to talk with her about the little southern town of Culpepper. When Phil passed five years ago, Sarah and Ray always provided me with comforting words and hugs to help get through those difficult days! My prayers will continue for Ray, Peter and Joe, for God to provide them with much love and peace as they make this journey without their sweet Sarah! Eileen Schomer

January 28 at 8:45 AM



L. Croley lit a candle in honor of Sarah.

L. Croley lit a candle in memory of Sarah Sarracino

January 27 at 2:06 PM



L. Croley posted:

The first time we met Sarah was at a going away party. We were immediately taken by her warm smile and welcoming countenance. She was lovely. God be with Ray and the Sarracino Family during this difficult time. With great love.- The Croley Family

January 27 at 1:25 PM



Love ,Reed,Donna,Carter And Perri Lyles sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Sarracino family.

January 27 at 8:55 AM



Nandan G. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Sarah.

January 27 at 4:53 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Sarah by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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