



Sarah Trytten

November 10, 2020

Sarah Marie (née Bullard) Trytten of Fort Collins, Colorado was born on December 21, 1976 in Lafayette, Indiana. She passed peacefully from this world at age 43 on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 from liver failure at Poudre Valley Hospital, with family members present and providing loving support. And so a brilliant light vanished from our view, burning out much too soon for those of us, her family and friends, who loved her deeply.

Sarah was the second child born to Peter and Judith Bullard. Her big sister, Emily (now Sander, also of Fort Collins), was 3 when Sarah came home from the hospital in a candy cane baby wrap on Christmas Eve. Sarah was a beautiful, happy child. We should have known she would follow her own star when instead of crawling she dragged herself across the floor in her “worm crawl”. She loved to twirl around, spinning with her eyes shifted sideways to make us laugh.

When the family moved to Fort Collins in 1984, Sarah was 7. She went through the fantastic Poudre School system from grades 2 through 12, graduating from Rocky Mountain High School in 1996. Sarah loved singing and making videos with elaborate plots with her friends (and sometime parents as bit players). Sarah was a good basketball player and shone when it came to rebounding and free throw shooting. She was a good swimmer and competed for the Lexington Green neighborhood team. On family vacations,

she was not satisfied until she found a friend she could turn into her partner for the stay.

She was smart and a good student when she was motivated, and eventually (after a hiatus that included travel and work in Arizona and Vancouver, B.C., where she got a small acting role in an Antonio Banderas movie, the “13th Warrior”) Sarah returned to school, graduating in 2003 from C.S.U. with a bachelor’s degree in Technical Journalism. She did most of her higher education while raising her first child, Sage, born in 2000 to her and her first husband, Christopher Lance, whom she married in 1999. Sarah and Chris divorced in 2002 but Chris stayed in Sage’s life and has been an anchor for Sage over the years. Sarah worked in real estate marketing, but really wanted to be her own boss. She took chances creating a gardening business, one growing and selling cilantro to local restaurants and another designing and selling her own line of swimwear. None of this made Sarah wealthy, but owning her own businesses did satisfy her desire to make her own way in life.

In 2008, Sarah married Bryon Trytten, with whom she had 2 beautiful children, Blake (12) and Whitney (10). She loved them, and Sage, fiercely, and her spirit will always be there to guide them through their lives. Sarah loved the ocean and its beaches, and made them her priority destination for vacations. She and Bryon were married on the beach in Akumal, Mexico at La Buena Vida restaurant, with a ceremony Sarah wrote herself honoring lovely words from several religions, read to those present by family and friends. Sarah loved to collect and give homes to stray and unwanted cats, the most recent being Jesse and Jaws, who will miss her devotion.

Sarah’s sense of humor was probably her most obvious character trait. She loved to laugh, to get others to laugh, to play word and other games, to tell stories, to sing with others. Sarah was just fun to be with. She had many good friends who will miss her quick laugh and buoyant personality.

Sarah was a very spiritual person. She attended church regularly as a child, and she and her father were baptized together when Sarah was age 6. She continued to believe in a higher power throughout her life and was comforted by her beliefs as her health declined.

We who have been mentioned and who survive will miss those joyful times so much: Pete and Judy Bullard, Emily Sander, Bryon Trytten, Sage Lance, Blake Trytten, Whitney Trytten. As will Sarah's brother-in-law, Clinton Sander, her nieces - Clementine Sander and Charlotte Sander; her nephew – Elliot Sander; her aunts - Janice Klisiak, Joan Rau, Patty Gescheidler, Beth Bullard, Ann Lee and Judy (the other Judy) Bullard; her uncles - John Gescheidler, John Rau and Thomas Bullard; her cousins – Jennifer Kandalek, Melanie Rau, Kristen Feibelman, Rachelle Brillante, Jennifer Ewing, Elizabeth Earl, Dan Gescheidler, Brian Rau, Tom Bullard, Jason Bullard, Tim Earl, Arno Reichel and Jonathan Lee; and many others including Bryon's parents, Steve and Tonya Trytten, and his siblings, Jason Trytten and Jillian Odom, and Sarah's many close friends.

Those who passed before Sarah include her grandparents, Howard and Phyllis Gescheidler and John and Audrey Bullard, her uncle, Stanley Klisiak, and her cousin, Michelle Earl.

A private celebration of Sarah's life will be held soon, and will be streamed live with a link to come.

If you would like to make a donation to remember Sarah, you can send that in her honor to Ocean Conservancy at <https://oceanconservancy.org>, or to Animal Friends Alliance at <https://www.savinganimalstoday.org/donate/> or to your favorite charity.

Tribute Wall



“ Thinking of you. I miss you sweet girl. 🧡☐

Coleen - November 16, 2024 at 11:09 PM



“ Sarah Trytten

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ Judy and Pete,
My heart is hurting for the loss of Sarah. I always remember asking how's are Sarah and Judy would say she's our Sarah. I remember when sage was coming how everyone was so excited. Judy I pray God wraps his arms around you all during this time of sorrow.
Nancy Romero

Nancy Romero - November 21, 2020 at 07:35 PM



“ Love you angel Sarah ❤️



Karina Yager - November 18, 2020 at 07:40 PM

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“ Beautiful Sarah, I love you and am so heartbroken. I will miss you forever. You have been one of my best friends since 4th grade. I have a million fun, funny, crazy memories with you that I will remember forever! Dance routines, basketball, laughing, singing, T-peeing, you cutting off all my hair, laughing, running around the neighborhood, raw cookie dough and all your cooking concoctions and more laughing! You are the most beautiful, wild, sunshiny spirit I have ever known. I love you forever my friend.



Julie Kaplan - November 17, 2020 at 11:49 AM

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Coleen Duran - November 16, 2020 at 05:55 PM

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feel special and loved. She just had a way about her. We would sit and talk for hours or cry or laugh for hours. We could be blatantly honest with one another, and share our deepest thoughts. She was the perfect extrovert to my introvert.

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“ If you were sick she’d get out her basket of medicines and nurse you to health. If you were hungry she’d whip you up one of her amazing meals. If you liked something, she’d have it ready the next time you were over. If you liked her clothes, you could wear them. She’d do your makeup and your hair and let you wear her favorite outfit if it made you feel happy. She was a lover and a giver through and through. If Sarah loved you, you knew it. You felt it. She never wanted you to leave. She always wanted you around, and she would share her deepest world with you.

If you laughed at something she did, she would REALLY ham it up, to make you laugh even harder. Most nights would end with us rolling on the floor crying with laughter. Bryon would walk in and we would be on the floor hysterical. He would look at us, smile, and continue doing whatever he was doing. He was used to Sarah and her beautiful ways.

If you were feeling insecure, nope nope nope- she promised you were perfect.

If you were sad. She’d try to help, talk you through it, or make you laugh. She was empathetic.

If you were lonely there was always a “come over Coley!” Her home was cozy, warm and comfy and you always felt welcome. In her eyes you were amazing and you could feel that she meant it. I watched her interact with her precious children in the same ways. She absolutely cherished them. They would giggle and play and she would radiate love to them. She was the epitome of a nurturing mother. Now she will guide and protect them from above.

Sarah was one of my true blessings in my life. We had our ups and downs and in between but she was definitely my soul-mate sister. My love for her is eternal and everlasting. She was imperfect and I was imperfect but that’s okay.

My heart is so sad and I wish I had more time with her but I know we’ll reunite, somewhere down the road.

I love you Sarah Marie Bullard Trytten.

*May God bless you on your heavenly passage.
May God bless your family/friends/loved ones in this time of sorrow.
Rest in peace our Sunshine Sarah.
Love, Coleen*

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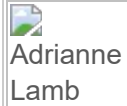
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“ Sarah was one of my very first friends after a rough transition of moving to Fort Collins the summer going into fifth grade. Sarah helped me forget about my troubles with her friendship, laughter and humor.

We went on countless adventures through Rolland More Park and through the Village Green neighborhood. Thankfully, that led to a deep childhood bond and lifelong connection I will never forget.

Sarah and I sat on the bus together on the way to Bauder Elementary almost every morning. We would sing funny songs like WHAM's, "Wake me up before you go, go" and she even brought props to help the song go smoothly (like a yo, yo, yo, yo, yo).

Funny enough on this past Thursday mid morning I pulled out of my driveway and I usually have my own songs playing on Pandora but my mind wasn't thinking straight. I was thinking of Sarah and wasn't worried about hooking anything up. I simply started driving and almost immediately our song came on. Timing couldn't have been more perfect and I have not heard that song in years.

Some may call it a coincidence but at that moment I knew it was her that was with me. She is there now.... Sarah is an angel looking after all her loved ones. Especially those gorgeous children she would send me pictures and sweet messages about (gardening with her children, trips to Horsetooth, the parks etc).

Sarah was a true blessing in my life and her friendship was unique and true.

When I picture her in my mind all I see are smiles and laughter. She was a true gift that felt things deeply (like me) but she knew how to always turn it into something to laugh about.

Her laughter and love and is embedded in my heart and soul forever.

Thank you for being my friend Sarah. I already miss you terribly.

Love you,

Adrienne (Markley) Lamb

Adrienne Lamb - November 14, 2020 at 05:13 AM

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Sarah was a great neighbor and friend. Such a loving Mom her children always came first. Always had a bright smile. She will be missed by many . My ❤️ goes out to the family


Debra Holliman - November 16, 2020 at 02:09 PM

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“ Oh Sarah....I thought we'd be in our 90's before we'd permanently have to say goodbye. But here we are. I am flooded with beautiful memories with you. You were a force to be reckoned with. I had the honor to be the one that got to walk in to many places with you in our 35 years of hanging out, and to see every head turn to look at this tall, radiant blonde who entered the room. They would stare and I just thought, I'm the lucky one who gets to be with this person. I will never forget the bus stop where we met for the first time on Newport Drive. Where you talked to me about how you 'could fly'...and I obviously believed you. I will never forget the 6th grade talent show, singing 'My boyfriends back and you're gonna be in trouble'.....(who picked that song anyways) :) Ill remember our junior high years and our first crushes. I'll remember all of our Friday nights in high school and going to the football games. I'll remember you being the first to have a baby and the way you acted and loved Sage made me realize that motherhood could be fun and silly and not so scary (I have taken those lessons with me to this day with my own babies). I'll always remember your smile that lit up any room (how you kept those teeth so beautiful with all that candy and blow pops is beyond me). And most of all I'll remember the way you made me feel when we were together. It was pure love. Comfortable and real. You saw right through me and weren't scared to say what it was you saw. You wanted the best for everyone around you. You truly are just love in the purest form. I am so honored to have called you 'friend'. I'll look forward to seeing you again someday. I hope you're making up dances and flying around with the angels. I love you and I'll miss you forever sweet Sarah!
Love 'Shanny'



shannon Zanotelli - November 13, 2020 at 09:05 PM


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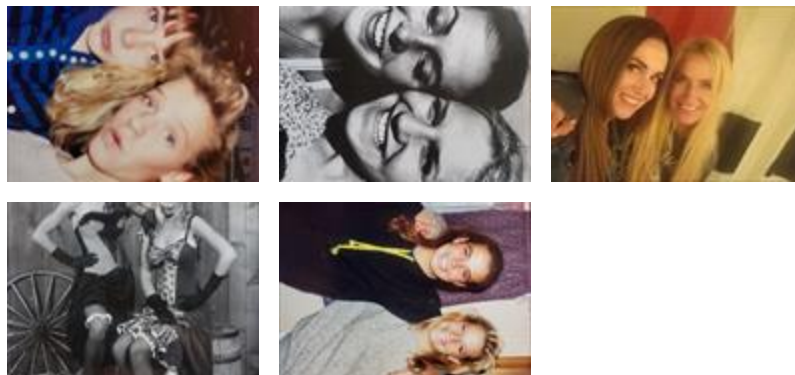


Adrienne Lamb - November 13, 2020 at 07:14 PM

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“ Sarah will live in my ❤️ heart for all time. We had our silly language and a special bond that transcends time. It never mattered when and where we would go, we always went right back to that connection & our friendship was truly divine.

Sarah- I will always Love down deep and nothing quite compares to the soul sister I found in you. Your a true angel now watching over your babies. You know I'll do anything to keep them close and shine your light for them to always see.



Erin McLaughlin (Gunther) - November 13, 2020 at 07:07 PM