



Sara Marie Ratzenberger

June 19, 1979 - November 12, 2012

On November 8, 2012, Sara Ratzenberger peacefully left the physical bounds of earth and entered into Heaven. The lung cancer that she fought for 2 1/2 years never took away her courage, faith, determination, or sense of humor. As someone who lived a healthy and active lifestyle, she was an advocate for lung cancer awareness. "Team Sara," a large and ever-growing group of supporters of family and friends quickly organized after her diagnosis and participated at lung cancer awareness events across the country to support her. Cancer could not take away her spirit. Sara was beautiful, fun-loving, and active. Most of all, she deeply loved her husband, John, and liked to tell the story of the first time she met him and thought to herself "the girl who marries John is a very lucky girl." Sara and John were married August 6, 2009 on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Sara was born June 19, 1979 in Wichita KS. She was raised in Topeka, KS, and graduated from Hayden High School and the University of Kansas. She worked at Sheltered Living in Topeka, KS. Sara is survived by her husband, John Ratzenberger of Topeka, KS, parents, Ron and Mary Ann Youngers of Wichita, KS, sister, Sherryl (Brian) McGreevy of Edmond, OK, brothers, Brian (Jan) Youngers of Manassas, VA and Brent (Melissa) Youngers of Wichita, KS, nephews, Tanner McGreevy, Max McGreevy, and Tony Youngers, nieces Bryly and Madison Youngers, surviving grandmother, Alfreda (Youngers) Bock of Kingman, KS and loving aunts, uncles, and in-laws. Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12, 2012 at Christ The King Church, 5973 SW 25th St., Topeka, a rosary will be at

8 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 am, Tuesday at church. Burial will take place at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Resurrection Cemetery in Wichita. In lieu of flowers, Sara requested donations be made to LUNGeivity Foundation (Chicago), Sheltered Living, Inc. (Topeka), and Christ the King Church (Topeka). Here is the link to the LUNGeivity fund page: <http://events.lungevity.org/goto/teamsara>

Tribute Wall



“ *Sara Marie Ratzenberger*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *John,*

Please know that many friends of Marty and Liz's are lifting you up during this very sad time. We were honored to pray for Sara during her personal Agony in the Garden. I hope knowing she is pain free now gives you peace.

*Kindest Regards,
Michael Nolte*

Michael J. Nolte - November 14, 2012 at 04:31 PM



“ *Brent, Melissa, Bryly and Madison - Uncle Bill and I want to let you know that you are in our thoughts and prayers as you go through the loss of Sara. We didn't know her - but we do understand what it is like to lose someone so close to your heart at such an early age. There is something so unfair about it - yet we all know that it is God's will and we must accept it. Please extend our sympathy to your family, Brent. We love you all.*

Aunt Judy

Judy Horsch - November 13, 2012 at 02:22 PM

TM

“ Dear Ron and Maryann-I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your beautiful daughter. I know that there are no words that can ease the loss of her but just know that I am praying for healing for you and your family. Even though I did not know her, I can only imagine how wonderful she was due to fact she had incredible parents. Love you and sending you prayers.

Tracy Martin - November 13, 2012 at 09:03 AM

EK

“ Ron and Mary Ann, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Sara is now resting in the loving arms of GOD and enjoying heavenly peace. I will not be able to attend the services but wanted to let you know that you are in my prayers.

Ellen (Fritz) Koester - November 13, 2012 at 08:41 AM

JB

“ I was so sad to learn of Sara's passing. I pray you find joy and peace in memories of your precious child, wife, sister and friend and take comfort in the love you share. Thank God for the blessing of Sara.

Jan Brasher - November 12, 2012 at 07:39 PM

ER

“ Remembering Sara from Hayden. Her smile was infectious and she was ALWAYS happy. She is an inspiration. Erin A. Kenney Lewis

Erin - November 12, 2012 at 04:25 PM

DB

“ We are thinking of you in this time of loss, and we hope that you are comforted by warm and loving memories.

Dan, Rees, and Lucea Bristow - November 12, 2012 at 12:51 PM

SH

“ I knew Sara when I worked at Sheltered Living and she always had a smile for everyone. She had an infectious personality that brought joy to those around her. May the thoughts and prayers expressed offer comfort. In sorrow, we mourn those lost. In gratitude, we embrace those around us. In sympathy, we reach out to those who grieve.

Shawn Hase - November 12, 2012 at 11:55 AM

YS

“ Sara was indeed a friend of ours, she will be missed. We are very sorry for the families loss, but trust Sara is now at rest, after a very trying challenge.
You are in our prayers-the guys at SW 36th st. ~mlw

Your friends at SW 36th street - November 12, 2012 at 09:58 AM

NC

“ John, I am so sorry for your loss. I hope you and your family are doing okay?

Nick Cobos - November 11, 2012 at 03:13 PM

JP

“ John and all of Sara's family -

It was a true blessing to have known Sara from KU. I enjoyed the time in our lives where we intersected. Seeing her passion and commitment strongly continue for others during her personal battle is inspiring to us all.

*Thoughts and prayers to you during this time.
She will be missed by so many.*

Jenifer Boyer Peacock - November 11, 2012 at 11:51 AM

CP

“ I am so sad and sorry that Sara's life was so short. She was a very special person to so many people and I will always remember her smile. I am happy that Sara found so many reasons to smile in the brief time she had. Miss you, Sara.

Christine (Scott) Potter - November 10, 2012 at 03:37 PM

TE

“ Ron, Mary Ann and Family,

*I remember Sara as our office intern at Westar years ago and never forgot her smile and energy.
So sorry for your loss.*

Terry Evans - November 10, 2012 at 11:29 AM

LP

“ To John, Mary Ann and Ron and your families,
Ivan and I share in the sadness of your loss of your beloved Sara. Having known this loving young woman all of her 33 yrs. is such a blessing to us, but we are trying to understand that God needs her with Him now. Please know that we are heartbroken, but relieved that she is no longer in pain and suffering.

Dear Sara, you are now a "Beautiful Angel." We will visit with your family Monday evening and attend your last farewell services.

God loves each of you and so do we.....Linda and Ivan Pechanec

Linda Pechanec - November 10, 2012 at 09:21 AM

GK

“ I will miss Sara's beautiful attitude. She showed such grace and kindness throughout her ordeal. Her sheer strength inspired me. The angels in heaven have received into their arms one amazing woman. May God Bless and keep John and her family wrapped in the knowledge that she is at rest and peace. God Bless you all.

Gwen Ketter - November 09, 2012 at 05:29 PM

PP

“ Sending my families best to Sara's family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I know these prayers are going to the eventual end to this horrific disease. Again my thoughts and prayers with the family and take some comfort in the knowing she is with her father. All the best and God Bless.

PJ Prellwitz

PJ Prellwitz - November 09, 2012 at 04:53 PM

RC

“ I wished I had gotten to know Sara better. She sounds like a very special person. The world's loss is heaven's gain.

Russ Cole - November 09, 2012 at 04:07 PM

CB

“ We know of Sara through your beautiful daughter Sheryl in Edmond, Oklahoma. You are in our thoughts and prayers daily. Praying for God to heal each of you. She was very special as is your whole family. God Bless you.

Chuck and Pauletta Butler - November 09, 2012 at 03:33 PM

MB

“ Words can never express the sadness many people now feel. Sara was truly an inspiration and an amazing and beautiful young person. I pray that your happy memories of her quickly overcome the pain of loss and thoughts of what that horrific disease had done to her physically. Those she touched in her short life will never forget her strength and faith. We are all stronger because she taught us how to be and her memory will live on forever. May God hold you all in the Palm of His Hand and Bless you with His Peace.

MaryBeth Brennan - November 09, 2012 at 02:15 PM