



Sarah Lollar

January 18, 2012

Sarah Booth Lollar passed away on January 18, 2012, nine remarkable years after a diagnosis of ovarian cancer that only served to deepen her commitment to a full life. She liked to have things just so, yet trusted Mystery. She was a seeker whose strong opinions rested not on rigid dogma but on an ocean's worth of open-hearted questions – a gift she leaves to her family and friends. Sarah was born in 1933 to Howard Nixon Booth and Louise Livers Booth. Upon Louise's death, Sarah was taken in by Howard's brother Alfred Lee Booth and his wife Mary to raise as their own, with Howard's loving participation. When Howard later married Eleanor Joy, Sarah gained a best friend for herself and another grandmother for her children. Sarah grew up in Webster Groves, Missouri, graduated cum laude from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. While there, she met Robert Harrison Lollar, who survives her after 56 years of marriage. Bob and Sarah have three married daughters: Julie Learner with her husband Tracy of Dayton, Ohio; Cindy Lollar with her wife Greta McVey, of College Park, Maryland; and Susan Moore with her husband Joshua, of Fort Collins, Colorado. Sarah is also survived by Eleanor Joy Booth of St. Louis, Missouri. Sarah's life was buoyed by many friends and caregivers. As one writer has said, perhaps the secret of living well is not in having all the answers but in pursuing unanswerable questions in good company. A memorial service will be held at 2 pm on Saturday, January 28, at Plymouth Congregational Church UCC in Fort Collins. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Sarah's name to the Ovarian Cancer Research

Fund www.ocrf.org or to the Plymouth Congregational UCC Endowment Fund
www.plymouthucc.org.

Tribute Wall

CC

“ Just saw the sad news in the NU magazine. Dick joins me in sending the family our sympathy, We were Pi Phis at NU and later had a bridge group with Bob and sally.

Carol Unrau Culbertson - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ I didn't ever get to meet Sarah. The stories that I have just recently begun to hear confirm what a remarkable women she was. The love that is shown through Susan is testimony enough. The courage and integrity that has been passed on will continue to infiltrate others through those she left with us. Thank you for being such a strong women...

Breanne - February 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Sarah will be missed so much by me and the other painters in our art group. We had so many good times, laughs and wonderful birthday occasions and just general fun painting together over the years. I remember the very first time I painted with Sarah in 1998! We have been buddies for thirteen years. Sarah was such a fun and brilliant person, we shared so many of the same philosophies and laughed at the same ridiculous things. She'll leave a big hole in my heart.

Diane Edwards - January 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Dear Cindy and the rest of the Lollar family, I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. I well remember meeting Sarah in Knoxville and being so impressed by her joy and grace. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. love, Suzanne

Suzanne Harper - January 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Cindy, Julie, Susan, Mr. Lollar: Thinking of you all and remembering with pleasure. Wish I could be with you for the service. Love, Mollie

Mollie Washburne - January 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ With you in the mystery of it all. . . . Looking forward to simply sitting and being with you both. My love, Rob's too, Lainie

Alaine Duncan - January 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Sarah was an extraordinary woman and she will be missed. I loved her and was extremely blessed to know her and her loving family. I am so sorry for your loss. With deepest sympathy, Sarah M.

Sarah C Mannschreck - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ She was small, but what a powerhouse. Aunt Sarah's determination and strength didn't surprise me, it inspired me. And I know she will continue to do so in my heart. All my love, Tori

Tori - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ET

“ I knew Sarah from church and choir. She was a kick and so compassionate. I recall her taking on Fred now and then. Talk about an even match!

Emily Thurston-Moench - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear Bob, Julie, Cindy & Susan, I was very sad to hear of the passing of Sarah. It was only last January that our Mom was starting to have symptoms of the stroke that eventually took her in February. My deepest sympathy to you and your families. Your mom was like ours in a lot of ways, always curious and asking questions. I was happy that our Mom and yours got to visit one last time in October of 2010. She was a wonderful woman, I am sure a great mother and wife and the best kind of friend to the Fasth family that you could ever hope for. Hopefully our Mom and yours are back together, enjoying a visit on the porch and remembering all of the good times. Take care, David Fasth

David Fasth - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Deepest condolences to Bob on the loss of his beloved wife Sarah. I am so glad you two moved to Colorado when Sue was in school here. It was a privilege to get to know you and share some good times.

RaeAnn Cook - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HT

“ Bob and Family, Our deepest sympathy in your time of loss. We will miss seeing Sarah enjoying her yard and flowers. Your neighbors next door,

Harry and Robin Troxell - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Sue ~ Am just learning via an email from Allison about the recent passing of your mom. Please know that I am so sorry for the loss to you and your family. In heartfelt sympathy, Jacy

Jacy McReynolds Bolden - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ I'll never forget Sarah, and the fun I had over a college summer visiting Sue and her folks in Chicago...my condolences to the entire family. Regards, Allison

Allison Elder - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Blessings and prayers to your family during this tough time.

Dana Fletcher - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ It was always fun to go to Patti's painting class and see Sarah hard at work creating another masterpiece! She was a joy to be around even when she got grumpy because the painting was not going as she wished. She will be greatly missed!

John Plessinger - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our hearts are with the Lollar family.

Chris and Audrey Gorman - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Dear Bob, Julie, Cindy & Susan - All of the Browns have you in their thoughts and prayers! Would you believe that the Browns and Lollars, particularly Ann and Sarah, have been friends for over fifty years! Right now the two of them are together again, talking about their families, their friends and how much they miss us. Love to all of you!

Larry Brown - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Susan and family, My deepest condolences on the loss of your beloved mother. with sympathy, Teresa Butler

Teresa Butler - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ To Bob & Family, Sarah was such a special lady in my life. I met her in Patti's painting class. I immediately liked her feisty personality. We became very close through our time in class, she became "mom" to me. In a our different battles in life we became kindred spirits. I know she is creating beautiful paintings. Her spirit will remain in my heart. Terry Librande

Terry Librande - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear family, We will miss Sarah very much and know that our lives have been greatly blessed, enriched and enlivened by having known Sarah. We met Sarah through the Plymouth Celtic Group. We give thanks for her life. Blessings, Carol & Doug

Doug and Carol Fox - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ To Sarah my sweetie, She was so special to me. I so enjoyed the spunk that came out of her at every art class. She would hold her breath and listen very intently as an artist would ask me if their painting was finished and ready to sign. I would look at it and say sure it's done and then throw in another thought that would improve the painting and she would just laugh. I always had a line it is great but!!!! I will miss Sarah she was one of a kind, Love Patti Andre

Patti Andre - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Dear Cindy, I have such fond memories of Sarah and Bob visiting us at IU, but mostly I remember their incredible warmth, their love for each other and always having a lot of laughs with them. So wonderful that you could be by your Mother's side this week. You and your family are in my prayers. Much love to you all-- Mo

Maureen Doyle Berk - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Susan, Julie, Cindy and Bob, My heart aches for the loss of your mom. She truly showed me love from the first moment I met her and will always stand out as a model woman to me. Her Spirit entered my heart at that time and quite possibly was instrumental in changing the course of who I have become in this life. I know that she truly believed in me and helped me discover my gifts. That, it truly a gift beyond all measure. I promise to share that gift with women in my life, in hopes that her powerful legacy will live in women through the ages. Love and hugs to you all. Mary

Mary Moretti-Gilliland - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I am very sorry for your loss. She fought an incredible battle. Sarah was a very good friend of my parents, especially my mother. Sarah with her 3 girls and my mother with her 3 boys, they kept each other sane during those early years. She will be greatly missed, but remember the good times and she will always be you. God Bless you and your family.

Ken Brown - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ I knew Sarah thru Patti Andre's painting class. Sarah was so passionate about her art; she pursued learning with enthusiasm and dedication. She was so goal-oriented and took each of her pieces to completion--a challenge for many of us artists. She will be missed! May fond memories of her comfort you.

Liz Wakita - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Hello Susan, I was so sad to hear of the passing of your mother. I can tell from this webpage and your email that she was a special woman, and the sorrow from missing her will be a sad burden for many in your family and circle of friends. I wish you and your family peace during this difficult time. Joan

Joan Pehta - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Dear Julie, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. From your lovely stories over the years and this beautifully written obituary, I know she was an amazing woman who was so loved. Take heart and know that she is comfortable and happy now. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to ask. Love you Amy Niswonger

Amy niswonger - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ I worked with Cindy many years ago in Knoxville and wound up in Denver, just an hour from Sarah and Bob. I see now where Cindy got her smarts and determination. To have survived ovarian cancer for nine years puts Sarah in the stratosphere of high achievers. My sincerest condolences to all, along with my humblest tribute to Sarah for having so clearly and beautifully made so much of what life offered her.

Ron King - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Bob, Julie, Cindy & Susan, My heart goes out to all of you with prayers for peace and comfort during this time. Sarah was a gifted and wonderful woman and we will all miss her. I always feel joy when I think back on the holiday times our families shared together back in Illinois. Memories of the charade games and the ping pong tournaments still bring a smile to my face. May the memories of the many blessings that Sarah brought to each of your lives help carry you through this time. Peace & love to you all.

Jim Fasth - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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Ron King - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Thank you for sharing Sarah with us over the years. She will always have a special place in our hearts as she continues to live through the remarkable family she so influenced and empowered. You all are a very special gift and we cherish you more than we can ever express. Wishing you Peace. With you in spirit. Pat and Rod

Pat Bruns & Rod Bird - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Dear Mr. Lollar, Julie, Cindy, and Susan, I am deeply saddened to hear about the loss of your beloved wife and mother, Sarah. She was a tremendous friend to our family, and especially to our mom. I have many fond memories of her and mom sharing some QT together while talking in the kitchen or on the porch. I know how hard it is to lose someone so close to you, and I wish you peace and comfort at this most difficult time. Sincerely,

Bill Fasth - January 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ She will be missed by many because she lived more than most.

Lori Williams - January 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ To the Lollar family, Growing up with my friend, Julie, in Arlington Hts, IL, I remember the Lollar household as being vibrant with energy and youth. Mrs Lollar always had projects going that included her girls. It was a fun and happy home to visit. I know Mrs.Lollar was such a large part of that loving environment. I am so sorry for your loss. She struggled for many years and is now at peace. She will be missed. May the happy memories of your wife and mother support you in these days of change and grief. My sympathy and warmest thoughts are with you. Debbie

Debbie Meyerhoff Meloy - January 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Dear Bob, Julie, Cindy, and Susan, We are so sorry to read about Sarah's passing away. She was a very, very courageous woman. We met her and you during Helen Booth's 100th birthday celebration in St. Louis. What a brave person she was! During the visit in St. Louis, she was not making any fuss about her illness. Our thoughts are with you in these difficult days. Klaus and Ute Truemper

Klaus and Ute Truemper - January 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BV

“ Dear Bob and Family, Words are one way to express our deepest sorrow to you and your family. The loss and pain is such that each will feel at different times. I'm sure that you will lift each other's spirit with the beautiful memories of Sarah that you will share together. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Bonnie Vetter and Family

Bonnie Vetter - January 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Bob and family. My sympathy. You and your family handled Sarah's 9 year journey with grace and dignity. Status reports were always upbeat and spirited; no self pity. Sarah was full of fire; refreshingly honest. I won't forget your last visit here with me in Arizona a few years ago, or your visit to Copper Mountain or Lance and my visit with you in 2000. You were blessed to have Sarah as Wife and Mother. God bless you all.

Ed Boehm - January 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Bob & family - We have so many wonderful memories the old days at Northwestern & the more recent group "get-togethers" across the nation. No question we're gonna miss her. Much love, Pat & Marion Smith

Pat Smith - January 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Dear Lollar family, Cindy told us many stories of her mother's resilience and determination and her family's abiding love and support. We are so sorry for your loss --and we know she will live on beautifully within each of you. Peace and ease, Diane & Margo

Diane Herz - January 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ How I loved and deeply admired your dear mother and wife...I was blessed with a 20 yr. friendship with Sarah. I was drawn to her from the start at Plymouth by her deep questions and open-mindedness...Sarah was so real and proved this more when she made her decision to end her cancer treatments in June, 2011. Sarah was so grateful for the time with her loving family and dear husband, Bob...I encouraged Sarah to join our Book Club many years ago and it was always such a treasure to hear her comments/opinions each month....what a void we have felt the last few months but so grateful we were all able to say our good-byes to her in Nov. Thanks to you all for sharing your mom and wife with all of us...Peace and Blessings

Barb Lehner - January 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ It is with great sadness and also relief that I share with you Sarah's passing. What a woman, true to her vision and convictions-she was an inspriation that the Golden Leaf book group looked forward to each month. How ironic that she passed in the afternoon of the day the book club met. We could almost hear her comentary that morning. My thoughts and love go out to all of you in your new adventure without Sarah. Peace to you all.

Cheryl Beckett - January 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ I so enjoyed knowing Sara thru the book club and hearing her "take" on the various social and political aspects of books we read. She was so strong and courageous and taught me a lot on how to face life's difficulties. I will miss her a lot.

Elizebeth Kearney - January 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Uncle Bob and girls, your wife and mother was a great model for me growing up as the essence of a strong and loving person. Her commitment to her family was as powerful as her search for truth and knowledge! My memories of Aunt Sarah are forever of a bright and smiling woman who loved her life and feared nothing! All my love and peace to each of you.

Kassandra McPheron - January 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NA

“ I have such nice memories of Sarah, her beautiful smile, so small but so mighty, and very bright! She was a special and delightful woman to know. Love and prayers to all of you.

Nancy Ahrens - January 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ My fond memories of "Mom" Lollar have been with me through many years. It is with great sorrow that I read of her passing yet rejoice in the knowledge that she suffers no further. I know Mom led a full life and I will always admire her approach to it. She made a life-long impact on me and for that I am eternally grateful. To all of the family but particularly to "Dad" Bob and dear Susan, please know that you are all in my thoughts during this time. Much love goes out to each of you as you walk this path.

Staci Cannady - January 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Susan - thanks for letting me know. My heart goes out to you. Jane

Jane Weatherford - January 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Dear Bob and family members, Sarah was an inspiration and support for me during a difficult time in life so long ago. We had many good laughs over the years too - a favorite memory was trying on hats in a Michigan Avenue shop in Chicago years ago. The sales clerk had the good sense to ignore our giggles as we plunked hats on and admired one another's good or not so good "taste". In the past week I found myself thinking of Sarah more often. I feel privileged to have known her, and to know her was to love her even though I never quite "forgave" her for moving away. I know that you, your daughters and family members were surrounding her with love in these final days. I will never forget her. I wish you all peace and comfort as you come to terms with her passing. Best wishes and prayers. Betty Hansen

Betty Hansen - January 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *In the seven years I knew Sarah, she was fun, involved, interesting, dedicated, sweet, a friend and lovely to be with. And this was during the time she battled her illness and struggled with the side-effects of her treatments. She was nice to be around as a fellow-artist and a friend, even though she had to be suffering. Her courage and strength humbled me. She enriched my life, and I will miss her greatly.*

Ayleen Burns - January 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM