



Sarah Joy Shafer

March 20, 1985 - January 29, 2010

Sarah Joy Shafer, 24, of Fort Collins, also of Anchorage, Alaska, died January 29, 2010 at Poudre Valley Hospital. Ms. Shafer was born March 20, 1985 in Walla Walla, Washington to Don and Vivian "Webster" Shafer. Sarah spent the last three years at Colorado State University. She was a junior with a major in Environmental Science. She was a lover of animals, salsa dancing, knitting, the arts including photography and painting, an avid reader and she was also very interested in environmental issues. She attended West High School and graduated Valedictorian from Alaska Military Youth Academy in Anchorage. Survivors include her parents, Don and Vivian Shafer; brothers, Joshua and Justin Shafer of Anchorage; grandfathers, Cecil Webster of Anchorage, Robert Shafer of Walla Walla and Dave Davis of College Place, Washington and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins and a large extended family. Preceding Sarah in death are her grandmothers, Pauline Webster and Roberta Davis; and uncle, John Shafer. A Memorial Service will be held at Bohlender Funeral Chapel, on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. Memorial contributions can be made to the Sarah Shafer Memorial Fund in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

Tribute Wall

AD

“ I am sorry for your loss. Sarah was an amazing person. We used to eat lunch everyday in highschool. Sarah was the type of person you could talk to and get advice from. She was an old soul as I would call it. I wish we would have kept in contact after highschool. She will be missed.

Alia Davis - February 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Dear Don, Vivian, Joshua & Justin, Know that we love you all and that we are praying for our Lord to comfort and strengthen you at this time. The Lord's peace cover each one of you. We will miss Sara. She was a beautiful, special gal. Please let us know if you need anything. Love, Ray & Priscilla

Ray & Priscilla - February 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Dear Don and Vivian, I was so saddened to read of your beautiful daughter's death. May our Lord comfort you and give you peace in your terrible loss. I would love to hear from you if and when you have a chance to drop a note. My prayers and warm thoughts are with you. In deepest sympathy, Kaye Wagoner

Kaye Wagoner - February 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ I am very sorry to hear of your loss. I just wish that Sarah and I would've stayed in contact with each other throughout these years. I can't even imagine what any of your family is going through right now. My family's thoughts and prayers are with you! Beth Ann Cone formerly Bridges

Beth Ann Cone - February 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ It is with a saddened heart that i have learned of the passing of your daughter Sarah. Her time at the academy was always with a smile, for those that knew her best. I only saw her when the cadets came into the Dining facility to eat. But she seemed to know this was her calling. She always had a smile of sorts for everyone. My deepest sympathy and heart goes out to you all. Sarah was a great person, and this world has lost a great person who would have done wonder's for the environment. Michal Coffe

Michael Coffe - February 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VG

“ Sarah was an awsome young lady, she made a wonderful mark on the Alaska Military Youth Academy. She was a role model for the girls as well as some of the staff. Her good nature always shined through to us. We are sorry for the loss of such an exceptional young woman. As the Honor Graduate for Class 2002-02 she set a standard for her fellow cadets and helped many of them to achieve their own goals. She will be missed and remembered here. Our prayers and thoughts are for her family. Vicki Garner Commandant Alaska Military Youth Academy

Vicki Garner - February 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Mr. and Mrs. Shafer, Our hearts go out to you and the family on the loss of your daughter. I was her Language Arts Teacher at AMYA and remember her fondly. Our prayers are with you. Dr. Jones 907-384-6105

Dr. James Jones, AMYA Deputy Director - February 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Don and Vivian....my heart is saddened to hear about Sarah. I don't have words....however I do know prayer and I will lay this and your family at His feet. Love you all. Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

Alpha Hawk - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ thoughts swirl like the the snow and reminds me of Sarah Dancing graceful,unique and free.... with all my love mark

Mark Hulings - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Don and Vivian and family, you are in our thoughts and prayers today. We grieve with you over the loss of your beautiful daughter. Pray that God's peace will sustain and comfort you today.

Don and Jan Shields - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Keeping you in our prayers for months to come.

Bob and Karen Ross - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ If Roses grow in heaven. Lord please pick a bunch for me, Place them in my daughters arms, ANd tell her theyre from me. Tell Her that I love and miss her, And when she turns to smile, Place a kiss upon her cheek And hold her for a little while. Because remembering her is easy, I do it every day. But theres an ache within my heart Because I am missing her today. the next one is called my angel You spread your wings and you took off for flight that cold beautiful snowy night. And when I found out I started to cry. Because I was not ready for you to die But then I smiled and wiped my face Because I know your in a better place. Up in heaven with God above showering us with all your love So please know I love you and I always will remember you. So I will see you when I get to heaven I know your watching over me twenty four seven I Love you still and always will my guardian angel

Rebecca Hurley - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Cuddled In Heaven We had so little time to share, Too soon I had to leave. I know how much you love me, I know how much you grieve. I know how sharp your pain is, I feel the aching in your hearts. My life so quickly ended Before it barely had a start. I remember how you held me, And Kissed my face and hands. You cuddled me so gently; But god had other plans. I was your perfect angel, From god you knew i came. Suddenly he called me home again, And now god holds my hand. I know you'll always miss me. I understand your pain is hard to bear. Just remember that I'm in heaven And we'll see each other there. So smile when you think of me and wipe away all of your tears I'm cuddled now in heaven By our family members here. I'm waiting here in heaven And on the day we meet again. I'll be the first to smile and greet you. When god calls you home to him. Sarah you will forever be loved and missed..by all...

Rebecca Hurley - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *Parents never expect to outlive their children, and surely there is no loss that is sadder or harder to understand. Know that those who care about you are thinking of you with deep compassion and sorrow at this difficult time.*

Rev. Kenneth Buller - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Our prayers are with the Shafer family. We love you and are deeply saddened by the loss of Sarah.*

Joshua and Kara Hawley - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ *Thank you so much for having a service here in Fort Collins. Sarah will be missed deeply here. I will remember her dancing in the kitchen with Jody shaken it like Sharkia, so full of life that night.*

Dolores - February 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *I haven't met Sarah, yet. She is absolutely stunning. I see a lot of her mama in her. Hard to know what to say in these things except that I feel a deep sorrow for you Don, Vivian, Justin, Joshua, and all of those who were close to Sarah.*

Michelle LeBlanc - February 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *words cannot express our feelings, but we are thinking of you*

Joseph & Carolyn Tallman - February 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CI

“ My prayers go out to the Shafer's family and May the grace of God surround them with a season of peace while they walk down memory lane. Know that Sarah is in the arms of her Father in heaven and dancing with the angels :

Cindy - February 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Sarah was a student in my ERHS 220 class and I will miss her greatly! My heart aches for our loss and the pain her family and friends are feeling.

David P. Gilkey - February 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ If teardrops built a stairway And memories were a lane I'd walk right up to Heaven And bring you home again No farewell words were spoken There was no time to say goodbye You were gone before I knew it And only God knows why My heart still aches in sadness And secret tears still flow What it meant to lose you No one will ever know

Cindy Lynn James - February 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ My dear niece Sarah Joy, my heart aches to see you again. We still have so much celebrating to do, I'm not ready to let you go. I am forever grateful to God for the wonderful, beautiful, precious niece he gave me and all the special memories I have of you. I love you forever Sarah! xoxo

Karen Gore - February 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ To all of Sarah's friends: Thank you so much for caring for our daughter while she was alive. She loved you all and enjoyed her life in Colorado so much. I am forever grateful for that. I hope you will all attend the service at 2 on Sat and join us for fellowship at the Rio Grande. Sarah, we love you! Dad

Don Shafer - February 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GI

“ I can remember sitting in the livingroom and she would be practicing her tap dancing in the kitchen. How many times I had to force Courtney to eat after she spent time with Sarah. She was such her hero! I remember when she surprised us and came and visite Court & I on her way to Homer. She had the best smile, just like her mom's. I'm sorry. I miss her.

Gina - February 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ So Very Sorry to hear of the loss of your Beautiful Daughter Sarah. She touched alot of lives,and will be greatly missed. Your Family will continue to be in our prayers.

John & Cheryl Beebe - February 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ To the Shafer family; we are here for you. anytime.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Grimes & family - February 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ It is sad to see a young professional leave us before we can begin to know and appreciate their passions and potential contributions. I wish that we would have had the chance to learn and discover many, many more things together. May time and fond memories help to heal your loss.

Kenneth Blehm - February 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

XH

“ Although your life is short, it is colorful. You will be remembered by us!

Xin He - February 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ I met Sarah soon after she moved to Colorado when she started salsa dancing. I noticed her when she walked in the room because she had a quiet confidence about her and was quite lovely. Then she started to dance and I was instantly jealous because she was so good. She quickly became a part of our salsa family. We would sometimes all travel as a group to dance in Denver or Boulder and we always got together for each others birthdays. The last time I saw Sarah was in August when the two of us went dancing in Denver. We had a lot of fun and planned to go again but never did. Even though I had known Sarah for most of the time she lived here I don't feel I ever truly got to know her as well as I wanted and for this I am saddened. She was a brilliant, beautiful woman. My heart goes out to the Shafer family as well as my prayers that God will comfort you in knowing that she is in his arms. God Bless you.

Tammy Barto - February 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your beautiful daughter. I did not know her but was saddened to read that her precious life had ended too early. Please know that members of the community are thinking of you during this most difficult time.

jan warner - February 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Sarah, you had an amazing smile. You are missed on the dance floor. Hopefully you'll be putting in a request to get one put in up there for all of us down here. Miss you!

Joshua Grisham - February 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ I remember how your smile alone would turn a grungy basement lab into a warm joyous place. Maybe one day we can open that science themed bar we always talked about with test tube shots and "B.O.D special water" and pH indicators for fun!

Johnny Lim - February 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM