



Sarah N. Paluso

June 24, 1977 - January 15, 2022

Sarah N. Paluso,

“Save the World” Sarah. That’s the handle Sarah Paluso earned at a very young age. One moment she could be saving a baby bird that had fallen from a nest. She would feed it mushed dog kibble and nurse it to a fledgling in a makeshift incubator. Or re-home a baby bunny who’d been orphaned by predators. Then there was the time she repaired the cracked shell of a box turtle who unwisely crossed a busy thoroughfare. She eventually released it into nearby woods after bringing it back to health with super glue and staples. After graduating from Indiana University with a degree in anthropology Sarah worked briefly but effectively in raptor rehabilitation. Ultimately, she settled in as a purchaser for over 20 years at Franciscan Health. There, her decisions on where to find and how quickly to acquire specialized equipment and urgently needed supplies sometimes meant the difference between life and death for patients, and the effectiveness of a hospital medical staff. She frequently earned high praise from doctors and administrators alike for her dedication.

Clocking out of her job didn’t change the altruism in Sarah. There were countless times she could be seen in her neighborhood tracking down a neighbor’s escaped dog in the middle of a moonless night, picking up groceries for others unable to get to the store, or unloading hundreds of Girl Scout cookie boxes off pallets as a wind-slashed driving rainstorm soaked her to the bone. As a best friend of Sarah’s said, “If anyone needed help, Sarah

was the first to volunteer.”

Sarah was equally known as a devoted wife, a dutiful daughter and a nurturing, loving mother. Each aspect of her life was in service to others before thinking of herself.

She frequently volunteered at her children’s schools – as front office help, teaching remedial ASL in an afterschool club, and organizing student drop-off and pick-up at the quarterly school Movie Night.

Having a home and a yard in which to meticulously work, cooking for a multitude of family and friends, or teaching her children how to distinguish one wild bird from another – by sight, or by ear – these were the things that made everyone love her. These were the things that also made Sarah happy.

Visitation will be Saturday, January 29, 2022 from 12 noon until the time of service at 2:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Road, Fishers.

Sarah is survived by her loving husband of 14 years, Philip Paluso; children, Roman Paluso and Celeste Paluso; stepchildren, Nicholas Paluso and Natalie (Neil) Thomas; and mother, Rosemarie Hansell. Sarah’s father, Ronald Hansell, preceded her in death.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Humane Society of Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038.

To view a tribute of Sarah's life please click on the following link:

<https://vimeo.com/671379394>

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Memorial Gardens

9700 Allisonville Rd.
Indianapolis, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 29. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel
9900 N. Allisonville Road
Fishers, IN 46038
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

DB

“*Rosie, Words feel so inadequate, but I want you to know I am so sorry for your loss. May your good memories of Sarah comfort you and may the thoughts are prayers of those around you help sustain you. Dori Betjemann*

Dori Betjemann - February 02, 2022 at 02:04 PM

BS

“*Dear Rosie, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your beautiful daughter. I know you were very proud of her, and her loss will be hard on you and many others. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of the family.
Love, Betsy Mesterharm Schuster*

Betsy Mesterharm Schuster - January 27, 2022 at 08:36 PM



“*Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Sarah N. Paluso.*



January 27, 2022 at 08:22 PM

PO

“*Dear Rosemarie, I am so sorry for the tragic loss of your daughter. Reading the obituary shows me what a loss it is to so many other people too. You are and will be in my prayers today and for days to come.
Love, Patty Ryan O'Neill*

Patty O'Neill - January 27, 2022 at 05:45 PM

MS

“ Rosie, I'm so sorry to hear about Sarah! From what I see and hear she was a beautiful person in body and spirit. Sending my love and prayers to you and her family.
Marisa Pugliese Stewart.



Marisa Pugliese Stewart - January 27, 2022 at 04:32 PM

JJ

“ Julie, Kathy Dani, Karen, Jill purchased the [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Sarah N. Paluso.

Julie, Kathy Dani, Karen, Jill - January 27, 2022 at 02:23 PM

KW

“ Sarah was always willing to help and share a smile. She gave countless new Girl Scout troop leaders her ideas on how to have fun and teach girls how to succeed. We'll all miss her.



Kate Weidner - January 26, 2022 at 05:52 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Sarah N. Paluso.



January 26, 2022 at 05:49 PM

BR

“ Still in disbelief that I won't get anymore messages from you out of the blue, just to tease me about my fear of birds or my love of pineapple pizza. You are one in a billion, Sarah. Much love to your family and friends, and Myrtle <3

Brooke - January 21, 2022 at 01:17 PM

YS

I loved Sarah as if she were a niece. I'm so saddened by her premature death. One memory of Sarah is when she was a little girl...I think around 12 years old, she came to visit me in Puerto Rico. I had just purchased a baby cat. Well...as we all knew Sarah, she loved animals. And so the kiddie slept with her the whole time she visited. Well, the kiddie was the bearer of ringworm! She and I got a horrible case of it! She was fine with that ...I send a big hug to Rosy, Phillip, Roman and Celeste....and uncle Chuck.

Yvonne Shepard - January 27, 2022 at 01:55 PM

RM

“ Rosy, we are so sorry for your loss. Prayers to you and your family.

-Russell and Linda McClure



Russell McClure - January 21, 2022 at 10:10 AM

AM

“ Alexis Moore lit a candle in memory of Sarah N. Paluso



Alexis Moore - January 20, 2022 at 11:56 PM

JU

“ I will miss you forever. 💔



Judy - January 20, 2022 at 07:21 PM

TG

“ Tony Garner purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sarah N. Paluso.



Tony Garner - January 20, 2022 at 01:10 PM

FT

“ Franciscan Health Supply Chain Team purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Sarah N. Paluso.



Franciscan Health Supply Chain Team - January 20, 2022 at 10:32 AM

KJ

“ Sarah was the girl next door. Two doors down to be exact. When I moved on our lane, first thing I learned about young Sarah, who was probably a 3rd or 4th grader at the time---was that the parameters of her home and yard did not exist. Sarah was driven by curiosity---an adventurer of her natural surroundings and an explorer of all ideas. She was a scientist, politician, sociologist, and so much more all wrapped in one beautiful soul who made all our lives better. It is unimaginable that you not in our world with. Prayers and love for you and your family. Thank you for being a truly bright star in our lives.

Kim Jacobs - January 20, 2022 at 09:42 AM

Jl

“ Jill lit a candle in memory of Sarah N. Paluso



jill - January 20, 2022 at 07:56 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sarah N. Paluso.



January 19, 2022 at 11:03 AM