



Sarah Jean Wise

June 8, 1934 - January 28, 2014

Sarah Jean Wise, née Vandercook, was born in Wayne, Michigan on June 8, 1934. Cancer took her from us too soon on January 28, 2014.

A generous and loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, Sarah was a consummate homemaker and cook, and her kitchen was the hub of many large and joy-filled gatherings of extended family and friends. There was always room for one more at Sarah's table, and all who knew her were blessed by her fun and easy personality, nurturing, and kindness.

Sarah had a wry sense of humor and was the one adult you would find playing with the children and truly enjoying it. She played the piano and loved to hear her children and grandchildren sing and play guitar, piano, accordion, and steel pans. She also enjoyed cheering on her grandsons in their rock climbing competitions and musical performances, and she was an avid NFL and NASCAR fan.

Sarah is survived by her husband of 59 years, Larry; three sons and daughters-in-law, Tim and Betsy (and grandsons Austin and Carter); Dave and Bobbi (and step-grandchildren Melissa and AJ); and Steve and Mary. Sarah was predeceased by her and Larry's first child, Vanessa Eugenia Wise. She was able to stay at home during the final stages of her illness, and the family gives her Hospice Austin staff, Preferred Care at Home staff, and everyone else who helped care for her during this time their sincere gratitude. Sarah loved animals, and her "grand dogs" Chloe, Cody, and Milo gave her comfort and acted as her Therapy Dogs, especially at the end of her life.

We believe that all who knew Sarah will carry her in their hearts forever. She leaves her family and friends with the knowledge that they were truly loved just the way they are.

The family is gathering for a private celebration of her life. If you are interested in making a memorial gesture, we believe Sarah would appreciate donations to Blue Santa, food banks, animal shelters, or other charities that enhance the lives of children in need or just spread love by doing an act of kindness in her memory.

Tribute Wall



“ *Sarah Jean Wise*

October 05, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ *Sarah Jean Wise*

October 04, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ *Sarah Jean Wise*

September 26, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ *My thoughts have been with all of you, now and in recent weeks. I'm so sorry for your loss, but so glad that I got to spend time with Sarah often over the years. The crawfish boil has been mentioned by others, but that was definitely a most memorable event! (Lauren and Sierra couldn't have been more than about 4, but they recall it often.) I'm honored to have known Sarah. Much love, Ken Tothero*

Ken Tothero - February 03, 2014 at 08:44 AM



“ *Sarah welcomed me as a graduate student far from home for Thanksgiving in 1986 and she always had a warm smile and kind welcome whenever we would see her. Imogene and I enjoyed a crawfish boil with Sarah and Larry and their family and many other meetings over the years. She was such a bright presence with a kind and generous spirit and we are grateful to have known her.*

Ron and Imogene - February 02, 2014 at 11:54 AM

BB

“ Steve, Dave, Tim and Larry, I'm so sorry for your loss. Larry, you and Sarah showed me what marriage should look like. Sarah's kindness and generosity always made me feel welcome, and her easy going, straight shooting manner always left me feeling better about myself and the world around me. I think of her often and will continue to relive fond memories (like her making me my own pound of bacon) ... I loved those brunches ... and I loved her (my other mother).

Love, Bobby Brown

Bobby Brown - February 01, 2014 at 01:42 PM

KT

“ My family and I met Sarah when Steve married my little sister, Mary. I have enjoyed visiting with the Wise family for more than twenty years. Sarah was always kind and caring. We shared a fondness for canine companions, especially Dixie, Cooper, Cody and Milo. Sarah also knew how to appreciate a good Hoody's sub. Yum. The last time we visited we had a fun time discussing our favorite TV series, NCIS. My favorite picture of Sarah is Wild West themed. Larry and Steve are dressed as cowboys and Sarah and Mary are decked out as dance hall girls. Priceless! I hope that we can all celebrate a life well lived and a life well loved. Sarah did. Rest in peace.

Kathie Tabor

Kathie Tabor - February 01, 2014 at 12:35 PM

FM

“ Sarah was part of our MWF coffee group. Wonderful sense of humor, kind, and for me, a source of strength and support when my daughter began her cancer issues 4 years ago.

She will always be in my heart...she was a blessing Farris Morrison

Farris Morrison - January 31, 2014 at 06:14 PM

TW

“ *Vanessa Wise was added to the Family Tree.*

Tim Wise - January 31, 2014 at 05:13 PM

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“ *Betsy Brown was added to the Family Tree.*

Tim Wise - January 31, 2014 at 05:12 PM

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Tim Wise - January 31, 2014 at 05:11 PM



“ *Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of Sarah Jean Wise.*



January 31, 2014 at 04:39 PM

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“ *Dave: I'm sorry for your loss. Although I didn't ever meet your Mom, she sounds like a wonderful person and great Mom. My thoughts and prayers are with you and family.*

Jackie Klein (sister-in-law) - January 31, 2014 at 03:51 PM

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Tim Wise - January 30, 2014 at 07:10 PM

CN

“ *Larry. And family. We send our love and sympathy to all of you. We treasure the memories of Florida and Texas ,all the good times we had. Wonderful all of you had the honor to take care of her. Love Jim and Carol*

Carol and Jim Nystrom - January 30, 2014 at 03:35 PM

JV

“ *I met Sarah in water aerobics in 2005. She was always cheerful and positive and I looked forward to seeing her and visiting with her. She referred me to her orthopedic surgeon and advised me prior to my surgery for which I will be forever grateful. I am so sorry for your loss Larry! My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I know you will miss her very much. Rest in peach Sarah.*

Jeanne Vance - January 30, 2014 at 02:38 PM

DB

“ *My thoughts are with you Larry, She was a wonderful person. I have fond memories of 1954 when she helped me so much. RIP Sarah God Bless*

Don Breazeale

Donald Breazeale - January 30, 2014 at 01:48 PM

RF

“ We Browns have been enriched by having known Sarah, and gladdened by our friendship.

Robert Brown Family - January 30, 2014 at 11:36 AM

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Steve Wise - January 30, 2014 at 11:33 AM

SW

mom's facebook picture.

Steve Wise - January 30, 2014 at 11:34 AM