



Barbara S. Catalano

April 2, 1973 - March 24, 2018

Barbara Sanchez Catalano entered Heaven's gates on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at her home in San Diego at the age of 44. Barbara is predeceased by her grandparents Stanley and Theresa Sanchez, and Norberto and Eliza Partida. Barbara is survived by Michael her devoted husband of 19 years, two adoring children Justin 15 and Olivia 14. She is also survived by her parents Antonio and Rachel Sanchez; three, brothers Tony, Sid and Jesse; eight sisters, Irene, Rosie, Lucy, Lupe, Margo, Elizabeth, Christina, Raquel; twenty-five nieces and nephews, and five grand nieces and nephews.

Barbara was born on April 2, 1973 in Palm Springs, California. She attended Saint Theresa's Catholic School until the eighth grade and graduated from Palm Springs High School in 1991. She went on to further her education and graduated from Cal State University San Marcos with a degree in Education and was also an alumnus of San Diego State University.

Barbara was a teacher in the San Diego Unified School district for fifteen years. She taught second grade for most of her teaching career. She married the love of her life, Michael, in 1998 at Saint Theresa church where she spent childhood years. Barbara was a loving wife and mother who enjoyed cheering them on in all aspects of their lives. She had a love for running and competed in various local events with both family and friends. Barbara was affectionate aunt, an encouraging sister, a dedicated daughter and faithful servant of God.

Please join her family and friends at the Visitation being held from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at Aztlan Mortuary located at 7856 La Mesa Blvd, La Mesa. Celebration of Life service will also be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 30, 2018 at Journey Community Church located at 8363 Center Dr (Corner Room) La Mesa followed by a graveside commemoration at Greenwood Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **29**. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (PT)

Aztlan Mortuary
7856 La Mesa Blvd
La Mesa, CA 91942
(619) 337-8100
info@aztlanmortuary.com
<https://aztlanmortuary.com/>

Church Service

MAR **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Journey Community Church
8363 Center Dr
La Mesa, CA 91942
<http://journeycommunitychurch.com/>

Resting Place

MAR **30**. 12:45 PM (PT)

Greenwood Memorial Park
4300 Imperial Ave
San Diego, CA 92113

Tribute Wall



“ *I'm deeply saddened to see this news of Ms. Catalano's passing. Ms. Catalano was my first and second grade teacher, a teacher that I always remember very fondly of. I'm now in my first year of college and owe a lot of thanks to Ms. Catalano.*

Cristian Cervantes - May 16, 2024 at 12:29 AM



“ *Barbara S. Catalano*

January 28, 2023 at 12:52 PM



“ *Barbara and I taught at Chavez Elementary for many years. We went to each other's children's birthday parties. She was a dear friend and colleague and she will be missed. Rest in peace, beautiful friend.*



Sandra Laidlow - July 09, 2018 at 10:16 PM

JB

“ As Barbara's music teacher with *Guitars in the Classroom*, I felt so blessed by Barbara's warmth and sincerity as well as her sheer determination to get to class with her guitar, even when she wasn't feeling great. She said strumming the guitar eased her pain. She was loved by everyone in our group at Fay Elementary. She asked us all to learn "Put a Little Love in Your Heart," so we all did, and she led the way in her best voice. She played this song every day for her second graders, teaching them to sing with spirit, and setting the tone of loving kindness in her class. Now this song is part of classrooms around San Diego because of her. Barbara was an angel here on earth, and now she will shine her beautiful heartlight upon us from heaven. Barbara, you will be with us always in memory, spirit and song. Sing on, my friend.

Jess Baron - March 31, 2018 at 06:33 PM

LE

“ Love from the staff at Johnson STEM Elementary purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Barbara S. Catalano.



Love from the staff at Johnson STEM Elementary - March 30, 2018 at 01:00 PM



“ Glorious Memories Garland was purchased for the family of Barbara S. Catalano.



March 30, 2018 at 10:11 AM

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“ *Alexandra Sosnowski and Family purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Barbara S. Catalano.*



Alexandra Sosnowski and Family - March 30, 2018 at 02:20 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barbara S. Catalano.*



March 29, 2018 at 04:55 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Barbara S. Catalano.*



March 29, 2018 at 01:30 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Barbara S. Catalano.*



March 29, 2018 at 12:29 PM

KB

“ Dearest Justin and Olivia, I was so fortunate to spend a number of college years with your mom. Even back then, her positive love of life was contagious. Oh, the stories I could share. She was genuine, loving, wildly hilarious.

While we separated to raise our families, she was never far from my mind and we kept in touch. Your mom was always first in line for any adventure and first in line to help others. She will forever be in my heart. May her love surround you for eternity. Kim Barbieri



Kim Barbieri - March 29, 2018 at 12:43 AM

LW

Perfectly put, beautifully written. She was such an important part of my college life. I look back and smile when I think of the fun we had. God bless you all today and may her spirit live on through us.

Lina Woods - March 30, 2018 at 12:41 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara S. Catalano.



March 29, 2018 at 12:32 AM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Barbara S. Catalano.



March 28, 2018 at 02:13 PM

MR

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



matt roe - March 28, 2018 at 01:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Barbara S. Catalano*.



March 27, 2018 at 11:24 PM



“ *Ever Upward Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Barbara S. Catalano*.



March 27, 2018 at 08:46 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Barbara S. Catalano*.



March 27, 2018 at 07:47 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara S. Catalano.*



March 27, 2018 at 07:20 PM



“ *So Sory Michael fr your loss I heard she was a beatifulerson filled of love fr your family and hers our hearts go out to your two children RIP Barbara. Joan Skip Kevin and Melissa*

The ni ckel Famil y from new york - March 27, 2018 at 05:39 PM