



Sara Elizabeth Cardenas

February 6, 1984 - January 6, 2025

Sara Elizabeth Moss-Cardenas, AKA Mrs. Cardi to her students was reunited with her daddy, brother, and Maw-Maw Mary on January 6th, 2025 to walk the beaches of San Francisco for eternity.

Sara was a loving wife, an amazing mother, and a dedicated teacher with a passion for her special needs students. She was born an old soul that was shown through her love for Billy Joel, Fleetwood Mac and Richard Marx as well as all things California.

Sara was a Nitro Wildcat Alumni who graduated in 2002 where she was the head majorette having won festival Grand Champs at the 2001 Kanawha Valley Majorette Festival. As a long time White Sox Super fan, she showed her loyalty with her support of the worst baseball team in modern MLB history. Beyond her love for sports and music, Sara was never one to back down from a challenge. In-fact, she once agreed to teach a semester of Spanish while openly admitting her level of Spanish was muy poquito. True to form, the class passed with flying colors. Sara's other loves in life included dancing at Kelly's Dance Studio, shopping at Trader Joes, and watching her favorite television show Seinfeld - "not that there's anything wrong with that."

Sara was preceded in death by her father Gary; brother, Charlie; Maw Maw Mary; Grandma, Wanda; and grandfather, Clayton.

She is survived by her husband of 16 years Shawn; daughter, Kailee (Bailey) Walker; son, Clayton; mother, Debbie Moss; Pawpaw Charles Carpenter; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Janice and Alex Cardenas; aunt (Ant Kim) and uncle Troy Dunaway; nephews: Andrew, Sam, and Sean; nieces: Shelby and Emme; sister-in-law, Amie and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Special thank you to her cousin Charles Cyrus and wife Valerie, the staff on 3 South at Charleston General Hospital and Hospice at Charleston Memorial Hospital for the exceptional care given to Sara.

A Celebration of Life for Sara will be 2:00 pm Sunday January 12, 2025 at Nitro High School Auditorium.

Friends may visit with family one hour prior to the service.

In honor of the things Sara loved, please wear Red and Black (Nitro), Orange and Black (South Charleston), or your Favorite band T-shirt.

In Lieu of flowers, the family asks that a memorial donation be made to your local school Special needs classes.

Anyone wishing to leave an online memory may do so by visiting Sara's tribute page at: www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com.

Chapman Funeral Home 3941 Teays Valley Road Hurricane, WV 25526 is honored to serve the Cardenas family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Nitro High School Auditorium
1330 Park Avenue
Nitro, WV 25143

Celebration of Life

JAN 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Thank you for being the best mom a daughter could ask for. ☐

Kailee Walker - January 10, 2025 at 12:01 AM

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“ Sara was the first friend I made on the first day of middle school at Andrew Jackson. She was warm and friendly and made me feel not so scared on my first day of school. She was a great friend and I'm so grateful I knew her.

Sonia Patton - January 08, 2025 at 07:19 PM

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“ Honestly I didn't get to know Sarah Elizabeth for a very long time. But for the short amount of time I did know her, she was very genuine. She helped me just recently by donating money to me so I could feed my child. She said she understood what it was like since her children were also on the same formula as my child and how important it was. Sarah would've given the shirt off her back to help anyone. I am so heart broken for her children because I know it is so hard to lose a parent so young. She will always hold a place in my memories for her kindness

Emily Bailey - January 08, 2025 at 06:12 PM

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“ Sarah, I met you last school year at SCHS, shortly after I began working with your daughter Kailee. You both are amazing people. You were a wonderful teacher and your personality shined so bright everyday! May you rest peacefully! You'll certainly be missed! Thank you for all you did for our special needs students and all the students at NHS AND SCHS!! We love you! Brandie and Wanda.

Brandie and Wanda RamseyBalsler - January 08, 2025 at 04:17 PM