



Sara N. Liston

June 12, 1954 - May 1, 2023

Sara Noelle Liston, 68, passed away on May 1, 2023 at her Corvallis home. She was born on June 12, 1954 in Keene, New Hampshire to Edward William and Eleanor 'Skip' Meury (Hoblin). She was the youngest of four children and is survived by her husband Aaron Liston; siblings Jonathan 'Spike' E. Meury (Teresa 'Tracy' Wilson) of Claremont, California; Margaret 'Peggy' Richieri (Denny Chicotel) of San Diego and Paul A. Meury (Mary Skelton) of Olympia, Washington; three nephews, three nieces and two grandnieces and one grandnephew.

Sara's father was a minister who served churches in Keene, New Hampshire; Wellesley, Massachusetts; Claremont, California and Durham, New Hampshire before retiring back to Claremont. These frequent moves brought Sara in contact with people, places and experiences that she would have not missed for the world, but were also very disruptive to her childhood and young adulthood. Sara and Aaron bonded on a 1987 'super bloom' camping trip to Death Valley and were married for 32 years. The stability of their life together in Corvallis – a small college town like all of her previous residences – was a great solace to her spirit.

Sara was an avid reader and accomplished gardener. She loved and worked in libraries, bookstores and gardens. Sara excelled in sharing with others precisely the book that they needed, the ideal kitchen utensil, the perfect plant for a place in their garden. Sara also took great pleasure in carefully observing birds and beachcombing on the Oregon coast.

Sara was a 'cancer thriver' who lived a full life with ovarian cancer since 2015. She was a cherished and valued member of local and online cancer support groups. Her gift for connecting people with a critical piece of information was a godsend to many. Sara will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Donations in Sara's memory can be made to Lumina Hospice in Corvallis, Oregon.

A celebration of life will take place from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21. at the family home. More information will be on the McHenry website, www.mchenryfuneralhome.com..

Previous Events

Celebration of Life open house / open garden / potluck

MAY 20. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Family Home

This Celebration of Life will take place over two days, to accommodate as many people as possible. For this reason, masking & social distancing will be strictly enforced from 9am to noon each day. Masks are optional from noon -5 pm. Come for 5 minutes or 5 hours. It will be a very informal event. You are welcome to bring food to share, but not required. RSVP appreciated.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ *Such wonderful memories of Sara with Aaron from decades ago. I know she will continue to be a blessing to all who knew and loved her.*

Jim Morefield - July 06, 2023 at 02:14 AM

BR

“ *Sara's voice is what I will always hear--it was lovely, and it was backed by a very steady presence.*

Bitty Roy - July 05, 2023 at 10:03 PM

MB

“ *I met Sara about eight years ago when she joined the Awareness Through Movement® class I teach. We spent an hour together nearly every Tuesday since, with interruptions for chemo or the renewing trips to the Bandon tidepools. I witnessed Sara's caring concern for other students -- reaching out in her quiet way to offer support and a listening ear. Whenever she shared her experience of the movement lesson at the conclusion of class, there invariably would be nods of affirmation and recognition. She could put words to subtle experience to guide and deepen the learning of others -- and mt own, too! I appreciated Sara's love and support directly as I faced health challenges in my own family these past few years. I saw how she was quick to search out resources for others in need. Sara was indeed a "librarian" -- connecting people to what would nurture, support and delight them, even if they didn't know what to look for. I am grateful for the books she recommended to me. Dear Sara, I will miss your gentle voice, your warm and inviting smile, your curiosity and your insight. You've helped me be a better teacher and I am grateful you've been in my life.*

Marg Bartosek - May 21, 2023 at 11:07 AM

LS

“ I am sorry you left this either, leaving Aaron and family alone. You will be missed. Cousin Linda 🥹

L seitz - May 19, 2023 at 09:03 AM

ML

“ Melissa Lambert lit a candle in memory of Sara N. Liston



Melissa Lambert - May 17, 2023 at 10:24 PM

DM

“ So sorry to hear of Sara's passing. My condolences to Aaron and her entire family. She was a dear friend in junior high and high school in Claremont, with the sweetest singing voice I ever heard. Rest easy, Sara.

Debra L. MacLaughlan MacLaughlan - May 12, 2023 at 01:09 PM

KB

“ Kelsey Britton lit a candle in memory of Sara N. Liston



Kelsey Britton - May 11, 2023 at 12:05 AM



“ 27 files added to the album Oct 2015- April 2023



McHenry Funeral Home - May 09, 2023 at 03:02 PM



“ James Mickley lit a candle in memory of Sara N. Liston



James Mickley - May 05, 2023 at 08:24 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



McHenry Funeral Home - May 03, 2023 at 05:29 PM