



Sarah Jayne Nicholls

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Sarah Jayne Nicholls, 49, of Spring Lake, Michigan, went to heaven on Sunday, November 9, 2025. Sarah was a child of God, wife, mother, daughter, grandmother, sister and aunt.

Sarah was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan on October 30, 1976 to her parents, Jerry & Marilyn Jonker. Upon arrival at the hospital, she let her parents, nurses and everyone on the floor know she would be a force to be reckoned with. She loved her nearly weekly visits with her grandparents. She learned from her grandparents a work ethic that few can match and from her father a craftsman's eye for detail.

Sarah loved landscaping, interior design and was an accomplished cook with a countrywide following of her Grandma's recipe for Bannet. With her simple and elegant style, she made her home into something special. Her smile and genuine personality were noticed by all. Sarah treasured her friendships with Heidi, Sarah and Paige.

Mark & Sarah were married on January 13, 1996. They were married for 29 years. She loved raising her four boys, they were the joy of her life. She loved the Lord and had a desire to pass on that legacy to her family and friends. A Bible verse special to Sarah was: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 "Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

Those left to honor Sarah's memory are her husband, Mark Nicholls; children Jacob (Jessica) and granddaughter, Noah (Chloe), Caleb, Elijah (Lydia); parents, Jerry &



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Marilyn Jonker; siblings, Jill (Lance) Davids, Russel (Anne) Jonker, Caren Benting; father- and mother-in-law, Del & Sherry Nicholls; along with many in-laws, nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles, cousins and loving friends.

Sarah is preceded in death by her grandparents, Donald & Alice Verduin and Harold & Elizabeth Jonker; and her sister-in-law, Robyn Stearns.

A Funeral Service to celebrate Sarah's life will be held 11:00 AM Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at The Gateway Church, 700 Maple Street, Spring Lake, MI 49456, with Pastor Ben Vegh officiating. Visitation will be held 5-8 PM Tuesday at The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 Harvey Street, Norton Shores, MI 49444. Visitation will also be held one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at the church. Interment will take place at Spring Lake Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be directed to The Gateway Church. Sign the online guestbook at <https://www.sytsemafh.com>



Events

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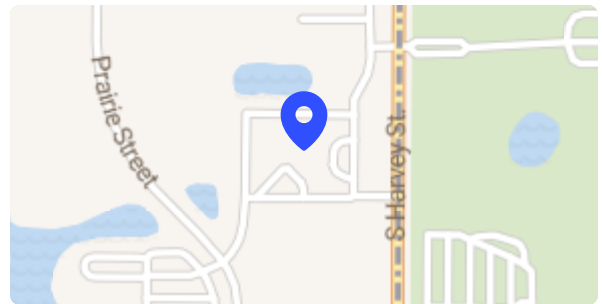
Visitation

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



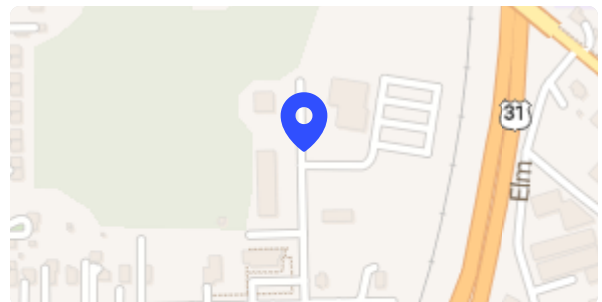
Visitation

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

Gateway Church

700 Maple, Spring Lake MI 49456



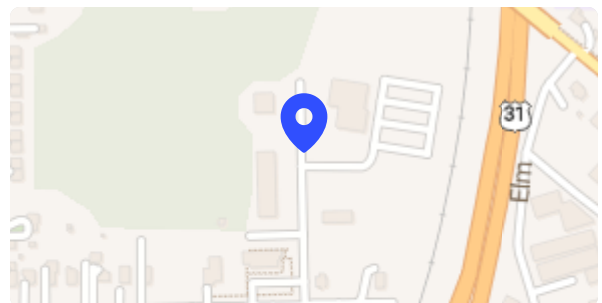
Funeral Service

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

11:00 AM ET

Gateway Church

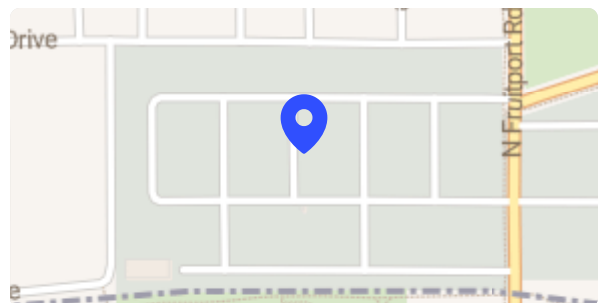
700 Maple, Spring Lake MI 49456



Cemetery Details

Spring Lake Cemetery

17181 North Fruitport Road, Spring Lake MI 49456





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Mark Nicholls shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Sarah had an ability to improve the land, people and places we lived. This photo is a snapshot of how Sarah lived. You are deeply missed on what would have been our 30th anniversary.



January 13 at 11:04 PM



Mark Nicholls shared an album called **Smile**.



November 26 at 10:35 PM



Agnes Holton posted:

For Marilyn and Jerry, their family and loved ones: I wish for you a path of prayers, love, and any comfort you may find along the way. For those who all grieve and feel empty and lost from Sarah's joyous journey onto heaven, I wish you strength and the trust in that give yourself the patience during your grief and solitude and warmth while you embark on your memories together. With compassion and condolences, love and understanding, from the depths of my heart, as well as have walked in the shoes of deep grief and shock, and disbelief. Loving, Agnes Holton

November 12 at 10:05 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Nicholls family.



November 11 at 10:55 AM



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Rachel Willoughby posted:

Sarah could ALWAYS make me laugh. Most people saw Sarah as innocent, but the moment a dark humor joke popped out, I almost in tears laughing hard as it was always unexpected from her. I think many of us envied Sarah. She was so unbelievably positive, stunning, knowledgeable, and insanely patient. Yet she was so very down to Earth. I think that is one of the things I appreciated about her the most. She was never above anyone. Always able to help and comfort people but with genuine love, compassion, and empathy. I was only a coworker of Sarah's, but we had very similar positions. Man did she really know how to talk me off a ledge when people were being the worst. She could relate to the struggles of the job and how difficult it can be working with the public day in and day out. I am so immensely grateful to have had the moments I did with our lovely hilarious Sarah. I am saddened not only for our work family, but my heart is in pieces for each and every one of her family members and friends. My heart is forever sending all of you love.

November 11 at 10:05 AM



Jana Larabee lit a candle in honor of Sarah.

Heart felt condolences to Sarah's family! She was an amazing lady to work with and I enjoyed every conversation I had with her. She was Beautiful inside and out!

November 11 at 9:58 AM



Rich And Diane Fassett sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Nicholls family.

November 11 at 9:48 AM



Love, Paige And Brandon Moreau sent a Basket of Memories to the Nicholls family.

November 11 at 8:24 AM



Anonymous sent a Fairest of All to the Nicholls family.

November 10 at 11:39 PM





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Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Nicholls family.

November 10 at 7:53 PM



Tracy Lawrence sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Nicholls family.

November 10 at 7:48 PM



Anonymous sent a Basket of Memories to the Nicholls family.

November 10 at 4:49 PM



Jack D. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Sarah.

November 10 at 4:49 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Nicholls family.

November 10 at 4:15 PM



Jessie And Amanda Dean planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Sarah.

November 10 at 4:15 PM





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Anonymous sent a Touching Tribute Spray to the Nicholls family.



November 10 at 3:46 PM



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Mark Nicholls shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

January 13 at 11:04 PM





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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Sarah by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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