



Laurie Valerie Palomo

April 10, 1962 - May 16, 2021

Obituary

"Remember me in your hearts, in your thoughts, and the memories of the times we loved, the times we cried, the battle I fought, and the times we laughed. For if you always think of me, I will have never gone."

Laurie Palomo, a lifelong resident of San Jose, CA, passed away peacefully in her sleep on May 16, 2021, at the age of 59 after a short, courageous battle with Ampullary Carcinoma.

Laurie is survived by her beloved husband John Palomo Sr., her children Gabriel Sanchez, Melissa Palomo, and John Palomo Jr.; her stepdaughters, Regina, Rochelle, and Rosie; her mother Virginia Montoya; her sister Kelly (Daniel) Espinosa, as well as many grandchildren, and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Laurie is preceded in death by her father Steve Montoya, her sister Tina Mendoza, and her brother Steven (Valorie) Montoya.

Laurie was born in San Jose on April 10, 1962, to Steve and Virginia Montoya.

Laurie had a special calling in life, a greater purpose. Strong, determined, and fiercely independent, she was also selfless, kind, and loving. She was a teacher, an advocate, and a born leader, who not only touched the lives of so many but truly helped them find their way. Drawing on her 30-year personal recovery journey, Laurie dedicated herself to helping those who also struggled with addiction, and it's impossible to truly understand the impact she made in this world.

She worked tirelessly to achieve her CAADAC, her credentials in forensic domestic violence, and then ultimately worked as a clinical director in the private sector. Over the past 10 years, she worked for Santa Clara County as a drug and alcohol rehabilitation counselor, and as a jail diversion behavioral health subcommittees commissioner. An activist in the jail system, Laurie helped establish a support group for women with incarcerated children. She was passionate about giving people hope without making them feel judged, while always telling them the truth, even if it wasn't what they wanted to hear.

A major presence in the lives of everyone she loved, Laurie's family was her world. Her unconditional love extended far beyond her blood relatives, and she welcomed everyone with an open door. She lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures; either soaking up the sunshine at a poolside BBQ or on a beach, finding her luck at a casino or an opportunity to play Bingo, or supporting the Raiders every football season. Her energy was unparalleled and her quick wit brought laughter within moments of her presence.

Laurie was the ultimate warrior in life and will forever be remembered for her soft smile, beautiful eyes, caring heart, loving embrace, and unconditional

love. Although our hearts are heavy, we celebrate her life and find comfort in knowing that her time on Earth helped so many and that she lives on in all of us.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/laurie-palomos-raiders-memorial-legacy-brick?utm_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR3AfTh1S_Rw9ohYDiFy03J20ZOPgaYwGez8MMHI3oFRR1HpVqOAx7fh05A

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Tribute Wall

AP

“ A Memorial Tree was planted for Laurie Valerie Palomo
We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Sacred Space
Memorial
Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree

A Memorial Tree was planted for Laurie Valerie Palomo - May 31, 2022 at 10:30 AM

KG

“ A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Laurie Valerie Palomo
by Kristin Krissy Galindo. Plant a TreeMissing you my sweet
beautiful friend and sister.Kristin Krissy Galindo

Kristin Krissy Galindo - May 31, 2022 at 10:30 AM

EJ

“ A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Laurie Valerie Palomo
by Ephraim Rodriguez Jr . Plant a TreeAuntie. When your tree
grows tall i will bring all of my children to it and we will sit under your
protection and love again. Your legacy will always be with us. Just
like Grandfather. I love you. RIPEphraim Rodriguez Jr

Ephraim Rodriguez Jr - May 31, 2022 at 10:30 AM

KS

“ A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Laurie Valerie Palomo
by Karen Rose Sturm. Plant a TreeI wkd/w Laurie at the RRC and
found her to be fiercely opinionated, open minded, and so giving.
She brought me sweaters/tops thought would like and greeted me
with, "morn sunshine! I will miss her!Karen Rose Sturm

Karen Rose Sturm - May 31, 2022 at 10:30 AM

AM

“ *Designers choice was purchased for the family of Laurie Valerie Palomo by Alisha Maskiewicz . Send Flowers*

Alisha Maskiewicz - May 31, 2022 at 10:30 AM

TF

“ *Tradition and splendor was purchased for the family of Laurie Valerie Palomo by The Burgueno family . Send FlowersA new life has been welcomed in our Loving Father's arms. Her spirit will live on in your hearts and memories. May our Father comfort you all in this difficult time.The Burgueno family*

The Burgueno family - May 31, 2022 at 10:30 AM

CM

“ *Wings of a dove tribute blanket was purchased for the family of Laurie Valerie Palomo by CORNELL & MARY MOORE. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.CORNELL & MARY MOORE*

CORNELL & MARY MOORE - May 31, 2022 at 10:30 AM

T-

“ *A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Laurie Valerie Palomo by The Escoto Family - . Plant a Tree*

The Escoto Family - - May 31, 2022 at 10:30 AM

VE

“ *A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Laurie Valerie Palomo by Victor Escoto . Plant a TreeWe love you Laurie.Victor Escoto*

Victor Escoto - May 31, 2022 at 09:19 AM

DF

“ A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Laurie Valerie Palomo by D. Moya and family . Plant a Tree There was a beautiful, wild sapling who grew into this grounded tree. People would go to it for shelter from a storm and to gather for laughter and love. Laurie was that tree. Love and miss you always D. Moya and family

D. Moya and family - May 31, 2022 at 09:19 AM

BM

“ A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Laurie Valerie Palomo by Bernice Murguia-Gutierrez . Plant a Tree May the legacy of love, generosity, understanding and advocacy live on in the hearts of all of us! This tree will grow in your honor and be a testament of your nurturing nature! Love, Bernice & Fami Bernice Murguia-Gutierrez

Bernice Murguia-Gutierrez - May 31, 2022 at 09:19 AM

GR

“ My beautiful cousin Lori we come to another end of another one of the four M's so so wonderful to know that you are running the streets of gold hallelujah to the Lamb of God. My dear cousin we have so many memories from throwing your newspaper out on Mary Jane way every morning early riding the bike to the blue truck on Lee avenue to 7-Eleven to the baby soft shirt the pizza shirt the motor car to the carnival to the church to the side of the house to Carolyn Rose's I thank God that he saved me when he did and I thank God that you and I remained one love one blood I will always love you my dear cousin always. Georgia Romero

Georgia Romero - May 26, 2021 at 08:32 PM

BJ

“ Our hearts break for the loss of such a beautiful soul. Someone who I owe my life to! Thank you Laurie for being there when I needed you most. On behalf of Melissa and Bryan Johansen.
Bryan and Melissa Johansen



Bryan and Melissa Johansen - May 26, 2021 at 11:39 AM

RT

“ Laurie brought so many gifts to our life. We will never forget those memories.
Reentry Resource Center-Behavioral Health Team

Reentry Resource Center-Behavioral Health Team - May 25, 2021 at 03:49 PM

AF

“ I was in the facebook group she had "Just for moms" we would send cards to each other's Sons in the group for Birthdays, Christmas things like that. We would call each other "Momma Bears" the group really helped me when my son was incarcerated. I would tell other mothers about it and they would join the group and it was just amazing and then somehow I lost my Facebook page and I was never able to get back on the group but I followed her on her Facebook page and I'm just blessed to have known her she was a very beautiful person and I know she has no more pain no more suffering and I just found out. My sincere condolences to all family and all friends she was a true blessing for all of us thank you Laurie
 

Anna Flores - May 25, 2021 at 02:49 PM

SF

“ To the beautiful woman who happened to be my loving Aunt. Many lives were changed for the better because of your loving heart.
Sanchez and Segovia Family

Sanchez and Segovia Family - May 23, 2021 at 04:02 PM

JG

“ Hi Auntie I think I was your first niece/cousin I grew up with Crystal /Virginia . I wanted to be just like you, beautiful from the inside out. You called me Chula until I grew up and had my own baby girl then turned into honey. You always wanted the best for me showed me how to work for it not to let things go. How to believe in what I was doing, I needed you so much growing up you gave me my fight to keep going. You did that for a lot of people. I was lucky to have you as my aunt you never sugarcoated how you felt about somethings but you always reached for me and others to climb back up dont let go. Keep Going, dont stop and Live to the fullest. Time heals a broken heart but love never dies. I love you always, Pretty Eyes!
Forever Auntie See You Later

Justine Graciano - May 21, 2021 at 11:30 PM

AM

“ I had the privilege of working with Laurie and I'm deeply heart broken with the news of her passing. Her joyful spirit will truly be missed in our office. She was a beautiful person with a huge heart and was a fierce advocate for our patients. I will miss her arriving to the office with the best bagels and greeting me with, "good morning little one". Always making the day fun with her laughs and jokes and getting to share make-up tips and tricks with her was my favorite thing to do. She talked to me about how to keep plants alive and scolded me because I'd often forget to water my office plants. You will be truly missed Laurie but I'm thankful for the opportunity of knowing you even if it was for a short time.

Andrea Medellin - May 20, 2021 at 05:19 PM



“ Good morning my friend let's do this that's just one of those memories that I will remember her every morning good morning on Facebook I love love you my friend

T - May 20, 2021 at 10:56 AM



“ Tia I'm going to miss our conversations. You were the real deal, always told things like there were. Not ever judged me & always had my back growing up no matter what. Love 💕 You! R.I.P.

Sophia Mendoza - May 19, 2021 at 10:19 PM



“ My name is Louie Alvarez I met Laurie a little over a year ago as my counselor at Her last place of employment, aside from the raider thing 😞 She was and Her words still are a Major part of me getting it together She was gentle but Truthful In my heart She will 4ever occupy a place 🌹

Louie Alvarez - May 19, 2021 at 09:01 PM



“ https://www.gofundme.com/f/laurie-palomos-raiders-memorial-legacy-brick?utm_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR3AfTh1S_Rw9ohYDiFy03J20ZOPgaYwGez8MMHI3oFRR1HpVqOAx7fh05A

Sacred Space Memorial - May 19, 2021 at 12:34 PM