



## Rachel Anne Gubler Vanderslice

April 5, 1971 - December 25, 2015

Our sister Rachel Anne Gubler Vanderslice, 44, passed away early Christmas morning Dec. 25, 2015, in Salt Lake City, UT of complications from her paralysis.

She was the 5th child of 7, born on April 5, 1971, in Lima, Peru, South America, to Joseph Lynn Gubler and Edith Langford Gubler, who were serving a LDS Labor Mission. She graduated from Hurricane High School and Dixie College. Eleven days after high school graduation, she became a paraplegic, paralyzed in a car accident that resulted in lifelong chronic pain. Rachel rallied from this major life changing experience, choosing to accept it and be positive about her challenges.

At college she wanted to work with builders helping to design accessible construction and child development. During she met and married Kurt W. Vanderslice in the St. George LDS Temple Oct. 9, 1993. They were together for 15 years then divorced. They were blessed with two boys, Jaxon and Parker. She said they were her greatest accomplishment and joy! She also competed in and won the 1994 Miss Wheelchair Utah pageant, serving in that capacity for a year, with many public appearances and speaking engagements. Rachel was a lifelong member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and especially loved serving in the Young Women's program along with speaking at many fire sides and church talks about her injury and sharing her positive attitude. She exemplified "endure to the end," and her example was a lesson to all of us.

Rachel had many talents, architecture, drafting, and designing her own homes, interior design, and crafting beautiful wreaths. She enjoyed dancing, horseback riding, four-wheeling and collecting miniature toys. But above all else she loved her boys!

Rachel is survived by: her children, Jaxon and Parker of St. George, UT; siblings: Martene (Percival) of Las Vegas, NV, Daniel (Robalyn) of Iona, ID, Wickley (Ann) of Erda, UT, Grace of LaVerkin, UT, and Clarence (Emily) of Eagle Mnt., UT. She was preceded in death by: her parents, and her sister Diane.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. at the LaVerkin Stake Center, 481 N. Main St., LaVerkin, UT. A visitation will be held prior to the services from 11:30 a.m. Interment will follow the service at the LaVerkin City Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## LaVerkin City Cemetery

600 N. State Street  
LaVerkin, UT

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 2. 1:00 PM (MT)

LaVerkin Stake Center  
481 N. Main Street  
LaVerkin, UT 84745

# Tribute Wall



“ Rachel was always so positive and upbeat. Even when she was in great pain, she found something funny to share. Her contagious smile, her enthusiasm for life, and her wonderful wit and stories made her an unforgettable woman and an inspiration to be around! She will be greatly missed. But how awesome it is to contemplate her great joy at being freed from all her pain and being reunited with her loved ones who have passed on. May the Lord bless and comfort you, her family, as you learn to live without her in your life. And may memories of her always be in your minds and hearts.

*With love, from a friend and neighbor, Gaye Lynne Wiser*

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“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Rachel Anne Gubler Vanderslice.



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“ I'm so sorry to hear that Rachel has passed away. She was one of my dearest and closest friends until we were in 4th grade and she move to La Verkin. I have so many wonderful memories of Rachel-- of playing outside and climbing trees and spending from morning until night together in the summer along with all the other kids in the neighborhood. We had a magical childhood. But I'm also happy to know that she is free from pain and free from her broken body-- reunited with Diane and her parents. I am sure that she is dancing in heaven right now. My prayers are with you all.

*Chrissy Bowen Smartt*

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