



Sharry Buhanan-Decker

August 11, 1986 - June 16, 2016

Sharry Buhanan-Decker was born 11 August 1986, in St George Utah to Karl Ray and Sharroll Lyons Buhanan. Sharry passed away 16 June 2016, in Salt Lake City, Utah giving birth to her first child, James Francis (JJ) Buhanan-Decker. Sharry married the great love of her life Jared Charles Buhanan-Decker on 28 December 2006 in St George. Jared is the son of Ross and Mary Decker. Sharry also loved their cat lola.

Sharry's childhood years were spent in Santa Clara Utah where she made lifelong friends. She was the youngest of seven: five brothers, Scott, David, Kurt, Mark and Brad--one sister, Lisa.

She graduated from Snow Canyon High School in 2004. Sharry and Jared continued school together, graduating from SUU with a B.A. and continued at the University of Utah to receive a Masters in Public Administration specializing in Non-Profit Organization.

Sharry loved life and had many talents and interest to explore. As a little girl she loved painting, pottery, reading, but party planning was her favorite activity. She always made homemade confetti for her brothers and friends. As Sharry grew her love for the arts continued to grow. She learned to love the guitar, rock concerts, and creating. Sharry loved being an aunt to her nieces and nephews.

Sharry spent a good amount of time with those that others looked past. She

had a great compassion for those with disabilities. Working for a special needs preschool as well as high school students with disabilities. She was so loving and kind that they loved her in return. She loved animals. She worked for a non-profit that uses comfort animals to assist in hospitals.

After Sharry met Jared, she had a partner for all of her unique ideas. An adventurer she was, but a thrill seeker she was not. Although she was afraid of heights, she loved the views from them. They hiked in Hawaii, back packed through Europe, a humanitarian trip to Mexico, taught English in Korea, and many fun ideas --Jared was willing to do them all. Sharry was willing to stand up for what she felt passionate about, from the earth to the dignity of others. Sharry was driven by her heart.

Family was so important to her. She always wanted the family to be together. She would not allow a family tradition to be forgotten. She left lasting gifts for her child in the form of letters, music, and love. Sharry, Jared and JJ will be reunited again.

Funeral services will be held Friday, June 24, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the Santa Clara LDS Chapel, 3040 Santa Clara Drive. Visitations will be held Thursday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and again Friday morning prior to the service from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., both at the chapel. Interment will follow at the Santa Clara City Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to share condolences online at www.serenityStG.com Arrangements and memorial tree planting by Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah, 435-986-9100.

Cemetery Details

Santa Clara City Cemetery

3900 Ancestor Way
Santa Clara, UT

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 23. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Santa Clara 3rd Ward
3040 W. Santa Clara Dr.
Santa Clara, UT

Viewing

JUN 24. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

Santa Clara 3rd Ward
3040 W. Santa Clara Dr.
Santa Clara, UT

Service

JUN 24. 11:00 AM (MT)

Santa Clara 3rd Ward
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Tribute Wall



“ *Condolences to her family*



Carson Loveless - May 10, 2024 at 11:32 AM

KF

“ *Karl and Sharroll:*

we do not know Sharry, but we know you. You two are the salt-of-the-earth. We are praying for your peace, hope in Christ and peace. We are so sorry for your pain and we pray for your son-in-law.

Sincerely,

Kimball and Jonna Forbes

Kimball and Jonna Forbes - June 23, 2016 at 05:52 PM

YO

“ *Although i did not know Sharry, I wanted the family and friends to know that Jesus compared death to sleeping at Luke 8:52 and that the officers daughter was sleeping. Jesus saw sleeping as temporary and awakened her. The resurrection is a sure hope and will be fulfilled. (Matt 5:5) We can be reunited with our family and friends on a paradise earth. Psalms 37. Enjoy your fond memories!*

Yolonda - June 23, 2016 at 07:08 AM

AF

“ *Ashman and the Strawberry Valley Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sharry Buhanan-Decker.*



Ashman and the Strawberry Valley Family - June 22, 2016 at 08:36 PM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Sharry Buhanan-Decker.*



June 22, 2016 at 07:50 PM

BA

“ *Sharry was always so happy. She was always the one lifting others up and making them feel important and loved. She had a contagious smile that just lite up everywhere she went. She will be greatly missed.*

Brittney (Blair) Atkinson - June 22, 2016 at 04:25 PM

EP

“ *Early Childhood Special Education Preschool purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sharry Buhanan-Decker.*



Early Childhood Special Education Preschool - June 22, 2016 at 03:51 PM

PA

“ Sharry was my student at SUU in many English classes . She was not only a fabulous student but a beautiful spirit as well. I cannot believe she is gone. I send my deepest condolences to her husband, Jared, and to her family. She talked often about her great adventures with him and how he was her soulmate. She also wrote a wonderful story about a trip they took to Europe. I have had thousands of students over the years, but Sharry is one I will never forget.

Prof. James M. Aton

Prof. James M. Aton - June 22, 2016 at 03:25 PM

LM

Sharry and her brothers were students in my English and creative classes at Snow Canyon High. I used some of Sharry's poetry over the years as models for various assignments and her voice in both essay and creative writing was delightful. My heart goes out to the Buhanan family, and to her own family, her husband and child. Rest in peace, beautiful girl, beautiful soul.

Mrs. Lenore Madden

Lenore Madden - June 23, 2016 at 03:37 PM

AN

So sad to read about this! I did not know Sharry or your family, but feel for you in such a big way as I was informed of a good chance of passing during childbirth ahead of time. Luckily, my birth turned out very different than expected and God allowed me to stay on Earth and meet my child. I got a glimpse of the grief involved in a mother dying during childbirth. Passing on is always grief-stricken, but passing on at that time is particularly difficult for everyone involved. I am so very sorry for all! I hope you have found peace. She gave her life for her son and I cannot think of a better reason to go to God!

Anonymous - October 25, 2016 at 01:08 AM