



## Sara Jean Lutigheid

February 11, 1959 - December 27, 2017

Sara Jean Lutigheid  
Pumpkintown, South Carolina

Born February 11, 1959 to loving parents Cornelius and Margaret VanDerPuy passed from this life Wednesday, December 27, 2017.

Sara went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ after her journey with cancer.

She moved to South Carolina to be near her children in 2014 after being diagnosed with a rare disease that put her in a wheelchair.

She was known to all who traveled the Dacusville Highway as the lady with all the flowers. She loved to bake cookies and goodies for her family and church friends. Needlework was also God's gift to her, she was always working on something.

She loved her family here and in Michigan. Her love for her church, Fairview Independent Baptist, was obvious as she tried to make it to every service she could. Sara wants to thank the members of her church for their incredible support, including driving her to all the many medical appointments, shopping, taking care of her home duties, and above all, prayers.

In Sara's battle with cancer, God caused the very best to come out in her. The spirit of gladness and gratitude was amazing and infectious to all who came in contact with her. She proclaimed that it is only through God's love and forgiveness and grace that she gained the knowledge and comfort to know she would be dancing and praising God on streets of gold.

She was preceded in death by her father Cornelius VanDerPuy, her husband Richard Lugtigheid and her sister Connie De Haan (VanDerPuy). She is survived by her daughter Lisa (John) Moss and her son Matthew Anderson and six grandchildren: Addison Moss, Emma Moss, Laurel Moss, Hunter Moss, Kenzie Anderson, Corbin Anderson. Also, her mother, Margaret VanDerPuy, brothers, Fred (Barb) VanDerPuy, John (Mary) VanDerPuy, Michael (Deb) VanDerPuy, Mark (Sandy) VanDerPuy, and a sister Beth (Paul) Rau.

Sara's funeral will be at Fairview Independent Baptist Church, 130 Fairview Drive, Pickens, South Carolina 29671 on Saturday, December 30, 2017. Visitation from 10 am until 11:45 am, service immediately following with Pastor David Lambert officiating.

After the committal service in the cemetery, Sara's request was that everyone gather in the fellowship hall for food and ice cream.

Mountain View Funeral Home is serving the Lugtigheid family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

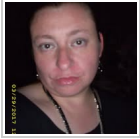
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130 Fairview Drive  
Pickens, SC 29671

## Service

DEC **30**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Want to send our Condolences to Sara's family. She was a great neighbor. Every time we pass by her house. She would always wave. We would stop by for a visit. She had a bright and bubbly on look on life. I use to bake her homemade goodies and take them to her. Give her extra fresh garden veggies and fresh eggs. She would grow lovely flowers and had veggie garden. Gave her some small garden boxes for her garden. One Christmas got to see handmade needle point ornaments. She had made me one and gave it to me. Now every time i see it i think of her. One of the last times we had stopped by. She told us she had cancer. It was emotional. She was such a nice and sweet person. And she will be missed. Love The Redding Family. Her Neighbors.

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**Becky Redding** - December 31, 2017 at 01:50 PM

JG

“ Dear family, sending my love and condolences from Sheboygan, WI. Wishing I could be with you, cherishing memories of Sara.

*Sara had a way of lighting up the room with her big smile, her mischievous laughter, and twinkle in her eyes. Whether we were walking to get an ice cream, goofing off in Aunt Betty's backyard, or watching a tv show, it was more fun with her along. She turned everything into an adventure.*

*Sara's mischief sometimes backfired though! One year we came to Grand Rapids to visit for a weekend. We were snuggled in bunk beds for the night when we saw my parents' car backing out of the driveway. Sara told me they were leaving me there! I immediately burst into tears. Fred and Beth were quick in responding, assuring me that our parents just went out to eat without the kids! (Insert her quiet laughter )*

*I could go on and on about her fun spirit. She will always hold a special place in my heart. May God comfort you and give you all what you stand in need of.*

*Grace and peace, Cousin Julie Van Der Puy Gabrielse*

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**Julie Gabrielse** - December 30, 2017 at 09:31 AM

MS

*Julie, this post made me smile. You captured Sara's spirit so well. As a childhood friend of Sara's, I could pack a book full of adventure stories. Like the time she convinced me to walk to Fred and Barb's to swim in their pool. We were 12 years old, packed a lunch and headed out arriving 4 hours later. Along the way she would stick out her thumb just to get my reaction and told me we would have to cross the highway and dodge cars. Having Sara as a friend certainly added color to my life and stories galore.*

*But what I appreciate most about Sara in recent years has been her wit and intelligence, her unwavering faith and her strong conviction as she faced her death. She had the blessed assurance that she belonged to Jesus and she shared that whenever she could. Her last words to me a few weeks ago were, "the devil is about to loose his battle with me and I can't wait!". Love that girl, she has blessed me in uncountable ways and I will truly miss her.*

*Sympathy to the family.*

*Sincerely, Marti (Schultze) Slot*

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**Marti Slot** - January 03, 2018 at 06:53 AM