



Sara Lyon

December 16, 1950 - May 11, 2023

Sara Lyon 72, of Blacksburg, went to her heavenly home Thursday, May 11, 2023. Funeral services will be at McCoy Funeral Home on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 2:00 in the chapel. Visitation will be at 1:00 prior to the service.

Sara was born in Jacksonville, FL. She was the daughter of the late Sara Carter and Charleston Carter.

Sara came to Blacksburg with her husband Frank Lyon. His friends fast became her friends, and they continued making treasured relationships with the people of Blacksburg.

Sara is survived by Frank and their two beagles Tucker and Shadow. She has two sons Mike Mims of Pembroke, Chris Mims, and her treasured grandchildren Keegan, Tyler, and Caroline Mims of Barren Springs. Her daughter Christina Gardner of Blacksburg. Her stepdaughter Katherine Luft of Bagota, TN, and stepson Frank Lyon, Jr. of Socastee, SC. Her sister Kathy (Terry) Johnson, and two brothers Joe (Sandy) Carter, and Bobby (Kay) Carter all of Florence, SC. She also had two special nieces Sally and Holly and four great-nephews, whom she thought of as her own grandchildren, all of Florence.

Memorials may be made to Christian Appalachian Project or St. Jude's

Children's Research Hospital.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **16**. 1:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060
(540) 552-3211
mccoyfuneralhome@verizon.net
<https://mccoyfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

MAY **16**. 2:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home Chapel
150 Country Club Dr S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Tribute Wall

KC

“ Frank,

I apologize for the late response, I just found out. My prayers are with you and the family. I enjoyed working with Sara and becoming friends with both of you. She will be greatly missed. Kevin Clark

kevin lee clark - July 03, 2023 at 11:32 AM

LA

“ Frank I'm not sure when you and Sara joined the football event Staff, as it seems you both are in most all of my memories!! Sara was always so happy to see you and a hug was required... I have to say that she was one of the strongest, most kind hearted and funny ladies I have ever had the pleasure to know..Heaven received an angel in Sara and she will be missed by many..all my love Frank



Lauren(Lori)Roop - May 16, 2023 at 09:39 PM

LL

“ I got to work with Sara at Rhino for two football seasons, and I'm really grateful I had that time! If you stood near her for two minutes, you'd witness several regular ticketholders come by to say hi and catch up, give her updates on their kids or grandkids or whatever. It didn't take long to realize how special Sara made everyone feel, whether they were Rhino staff or guests of the game. I also loved what a duo Sara and Frank were, how sweet and supportive they were of each other. My heart goes out to Frank and the rest of their family!

Lisa Leichner - May 16, 2023 at 01:24 PM

AH

“ When I started at Rhino, I was a junior at Virginia Tech. I didn't know what I wanted to accomplish or even where I wanted to go after college. I took up event staff because I had been at school for several years and never actually got to experience any of the "hokie spirit" it claimed to have. When I started, I was very reserved which made it hard to make new friends. However, on my first day, Sarah didn't only make me feel welcome, she made me feel like family. She had a way of talking to people that made it feel like you had known her for years. Sarah and Frank became my honorary grandparents during my time at Rhino. They took me in and looked out for me when my family seemed to have dispersed. I pray that everyone at least once in their life gets to experience the kind of love that was received by the Lyons. R.I.P. Ms. Sarah.

Allisen Haynes - May 16, 2023 at 08:32 AM

MM

This precious angel 🙏 will be greatly missed. I met Sara and Frank when I started working for Rhino sports they made me part of their family right away. Ms. Sara you will be in my thoughts 🙏 forever we will meet again later. Wishing Frank and the family strength and peace 🙏. Have Hope in Tomorrow, have Faith in the Everlasting, and take Comfort in the Love of Friends and Family. With deep sympathy from your friend at this time of sadness. May God's Love make your grief bearable.
RIP my dearest friend Ms. Sara.

Mary R Mendenhall - May 16, 2023 at 12:11 PM

“ Having gotten the opportunity to work with Sara during football/basketball, she always showed up with a positive attitude and a bright smile. Even when she wasn't feeling her best, Sara always gave it her all and made the people around her feel special. She will be missed, but will always have a space in our hearts.

Jermaine Richardson - May 16, 2023 at 06:21 AM

ER

“ Oh dear sweet Frank, Eddie and I are so sorry to hear this news and are so sorry we can't be there for her services. Please know we love you and are praying for you during this time, buddy. 💕

Eddie & Sherry Richards - May 15, 2023 at 10:15 PM