



Rebecca Joy Paul

September 15, 1958 - February 17, 2012

Rebecca Joy Paul (Ternes) of Carpinteria passed away at home unexpectedly on Feb. 17, 2012. She was born on Sept. 15, 1958, in Shields, N.D. to Larry and Stella Ternes.

In 1984, she moved to Carpinteria, where she spent most of her time raising her daughter. She owned Becky's Grooming, Buster's, and most recently, was a business partner with her husband at Paragon Builders. Her marriage to Steve was one of the happiest days of her life, as she found both her soulmate and her best friend. She had a wide circle of friends, but made each and every one of them feel like they were her best friend. Her generous spirit was evident whenever she welcomed you into her home by being the ultimate hostess. Rebecca's passions also extended to her many pets, and there was no plant that did not blossom by her touch.

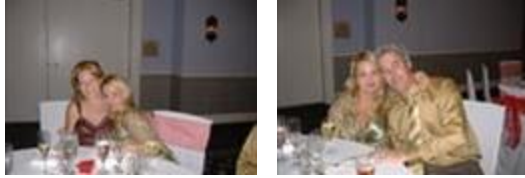
She is survived by her husband, Steve Paul; her daughter, Rachel Eggebrecht (Andy); her parents, Larry and Stella Ternes; her siblings, Jennifer Michie (Dan), Carrie Clement, Barbara Weekes (Francis), Larry Ternes Jr. (Pam), Corin Lopez (Ray), Lauree Riva (Tony), John Ternes (Lori), Alice Konieczny (David), Abraham Ternes, Edna Sanabia (Eric) and Audree Ternes; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, friends and her special pets (Harley and Bentley). It goes without saying that she lived up to her middle name, Joy. Service were held on Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012 at noon at Carpinteria Community Church. Following will be a reception at the Carpinteria Woman's Club, from 1 to 4 p.m. Condolences can be sent for Steve and Rachel to 3616 Foothill Rd.,

Carpinteria, CA 93013.

Tribute Wall

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Lauree Riva - April 10, 2012 at 10:25 PM

LR

It is very hard to believe that Rebecca is not going to show up at the next wedding, host the next Easter, or get together. I miss her greatly, I cannot imagine the loss that Steve, Rachel and Andy are experiencing. Rebecca was Tristan and Taylor's favorite Aunt, they always told me they loved going to her house because it was so much fun. Rebecca had a way of putting her home together that made everyone, adults and children feel welcome. After her service the first time I went into her home, I felt a sadness that was unbearable, at that moment I thanked her for being such a force in our lives. The last time I was able to spend a lot of time with Rebecca was for the Ternes family reunion two years ago in North Dakota. Rebecca was without Steve during that trip and I was without Tony so she my kids and I became a group in one of Dad's cars and traveled to most of the events together. She was patient and just at the right speed for the kids and I, we really enjoyed each other's company. You know how family can be when we are all together, well she was always the calm one that was going along with the flow but every so often late at night over a cup of coffee at Mom and Dad's table she would come up with "what the H was so and so's problem today" :). That was so Becky. When the kids and I were on the plane Taylor gave me a card and told me that Aunt Rebecca gave it to her and told her not to give it to me until the plane took off. I opened the card and it was a paragraph thanking the kids and I for making her so at ease during her vacation without Steve. She said she was disappointed to be on vacation without him and that she loved us for being so kind to her during that whole week and making her vacation enjoyable.

I moved out to California because of Rebecca, to be with her during her second heart surgery. I always loved spending time with her and Rachel in those early years. She had some tough years in the beginning in California but was always positive and stayed so busy. When I did make the trips to Carpenteria to see her we would sit up until the early morning hours talking, I am going to miss that! No matter how late we stayed up, she was back up at the break of daylight making lattes and the kids waffles.

When I told Taylor that she had passed Taylor told me, "Well Mom in religion class today they told us that God promised us everlasting life so now Aunt Rebecca will have everlasting life".

Just like Rebecca children always know what to say.

Lauree Riva - April 10, 2012 at 11:13 PM

BW

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Barbara Weekes - March 26, 2012 at 11:52 AM

AT

“ *Audree Ternes lit a candle in memory of Rebecca Joy Paul*



Audree Ternes - March 21, 2012 at 08:54 PM

PT

“ *In loving memory of Rebecca Joy Paul. Larry, Pam and family*



Pam Ternes - March 08, 2012 at 09:31 AM

BW

“ *Barbara Weekes lit a candle in memory of Rebecca Joy Paul*



Barbara Weekes - March 07, 2012 at 09:21 PM

BW

“ Rebecca has made such a difference in so many peoples lives especially mine. Growing up with Rebecca was a blast we had so much fun and were always there for each other through unfair teachers, break ups with boyfriends, mean girls, and all the trials teenagers go through. We left home together and were roommates for many years. We thought we could concur the world we just had fun in the big city. Rebecca was always in a good mood and loved to entertain from our first tiny apartment. She would make a turkey and squeeze 30 friends in for a giant meal and was happy to do all the work. We worked at a pet salon and decided we could open our own salon so with more guts than money we started B&B Puppy Salon. Rebecca always had fun at whatever she did weather it was work or play. After she moved to California I got really homesick for her and when calling wasn't enough I'd fly out to see her and it was always like old times. We enjoyed the same things, liked going to the same shops, and had fun just waking up to a big mug of coffee and good conversation. Walking on the beach will never be the same without her. Rebecca's happiest years were with Rachel and after she met Steve. Her smile was always there but it was so much bigger with Steve, Rachel, and Andy in her life. She was so proud of Rachel and Andy and knew how hard they worked. She was always thankful for having Steve for a partner and expressed it to us sisters often. As sad as I am and as much as I miss my sister I'm happy Rebecca's in heaven with her contagious laughter. I will love and miss you forever.

Barbara

Barbara Weekes - March 07, 2012 at 09:13 PM



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Abe Ternes - March 07, 2012 at 06:41 PM



“ Abe Ternes lit a candle in memory of Rebecca Joy Paul



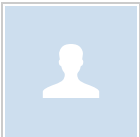
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MW

“ *Its been an honor knowing Such a Friendly,
Kind and honest human being.*

*You were a shining light, Someone who
always wanted made sure everyone around
you were happy.*

*Words can not describe how much of a difference you made to the
lives you touched and your presence will be greatly missed.*

*Ive only knows you and Steve for a brief moment but you have
treated this stranger like one of your own, like a son.*

*I dont think I could ever really believe your not in our presence.
Youve tough me about being a strong person. And i hope the
strength you had, Steve and Rachel would have in the days to
come.*

*You will be forever missed.
Mishan*



Mishan Warnakulasuriya - March 05, 2012 at 10:13 PM

KK

“ Rebecca, I miss you so much. I met you almost 20 years ago when you were first dating Steve, as I was a friend of his. You took me under your special wing and we became friends in our own right. I am one of the people that you made feel that they were your best friend. Although I only saw you about once a year, because of your warm ways, we were always able to pick up our conversation from the year before, "Ok, where were we?" it would seem as if we would say. You always made me feel welcome in your house, even if I didn't give much notice that I was coming to visit. You had such a loving way with my daughter who you saw grow up, under your watch, from a toddler to a young college woman. It was she who insisted that she would take the train from college, and that we go to your most recent Superbowl party. I am thankful for that as I was able to see you recently. Thank you for making Steve so happy. Has anyone ever seen such a loving couple? I miss you.

Kathy Kennedy

Kathy Kennedy - March 05, 2012 at 08:53 PM

BT

“ Bert Jr And Cindy Ternes lit a candle in memory of Rebecca Joy Paul



Bert Jr and Cindy Ternes - March 05, 2012 at 07:45 PM

KI

“ *Kim lit a candle in memory of Rebecca Joy Paul*



Kim - March 05, 2012 at 05:43 PM

JM

“ *Rebecca I miss you. You were only 19 years old when I got married. Dan and I put you in charge of the guest book and taking photographs. You had never used Dan's 35mm camera, but you were a quick study, and all your photographs turned out better than the photographer we hired! We remember visiting you in college and playing chinese checkers with you. You came to California to visit us and again in Utah while we were in college. You were the best godmother to Matthew. A gift showed up for Christmas and birthdays every year for 18 years and you attended his wedding as well. I remember how hard you worked from the time you were a kid. We didn't know you had a heart condition until you were 18. It never seemed to stop you. You loved animals of every kind. Our whole family still talks about your pet goat George who would eat everything in sight; and one morning we woke up and he was standing on top of the family station wagon! Over the years you always had beautiful plants and many treasured pets. I know you were so proud of Rachel, you have every right to be. I know you are smiling down from heaven and happy that Rachel has Andy's shoulders to lean on. Steve, you made Becky so happy, and you will always be a part of the Ternes family, like it or not! Love, your sister Jennifer*



Jennifer Michie - March 05, 2012 at 05:09 PM