



## Sara C. Sterphone Rind

April 6, 1988 - April 25, 2021

Sara Sterphone Rind, 33, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 25, 2021, at 4:28 a.m. surrounded by her husband, sibling, and mother. Sara was born April 6, 1988 to Stacy and Joseph Sterphone at West Point, NY. She was raised in Hillsborough, New Jersey with her sibling, J, where, in her sophomore year of high school, she met her husband, Eric Rind.

Sara was an active member of school and regional choirs her entire youth, including a high school performance in *The Met* at Lincoln Center, NYC. Her love of performing extended to drama productions. She was a standout in a County College of Morris variety show and as Jessica in “*The Merchant of Venice*” at Playhouse 22 in East Brunswick, NJ. During this time, she also found community in playing and ultimately designing board games with a cadre of friends and colleagues, developing a lifelong hobby.

In 2013, Sara moved to Santa Barbara, California, where she was reunited with Eric and where she and J rekindled their relationship. Here, she took on a job as an academic advisor for the College of Creative Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara, where she became an integral member of the campus community. During her time at CCS, Sara redefined what it meant to be a student advocate through her tireless service. Sara and Eric were married in 2013 in a small ceremony in the hills overlooking Santa Barbara county attended by their immediate families and close friends.

Among Sara's hobbies and interests were snowboarding, hiking, and scuba diving. She and Eric traveled with his parents, Guy and Eileen, for scuba diving trips, including a trip to the Philippines in August 2019. Sara and Eric also frequently took trips to national parks and mountains for hikes and snowboarding. During her time at home, Sara was quite partial to nights in playing board games with her husband and friends or heckling campy horror movies with J and her friend David.

A memorial service and celebration of life are planned for Saturday, May 1. Viewing will begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by a service beginning at 11 a.m. Lunch and a celebration of life will follow at Goleta Beach Site B from 1 p.m. until sunset.

In lieu of flowers, donations in remembrance of Sara can be made to some of the following organizations Sara was passionate about:

#### Sara Sterphone Memorial Fund

The UCSB College of Creative Studies is establishing a memorial fund in Sara's name recognizing student service and accomplishment. Donating here would help to fund this student award.

<https://ccs.ucsb.edu/give>

#### Planned Parenthood

<https://www.plannedparenthood.org/get-involved/other-ways-give>

#### Wheeling, WV YWCA Women's Shelter

<https://ywcawheeling.org/programs/womens-residence/> (use donate button)  
or <https://bit.ly/3t6RMI9>

#### Save the San Marcos Foothills

<https://www.savesanmarcosfoothills.org/>

Ridley Tree Cancer Center / Cancer Foundation of Santa Barbara

<https://www.ridleytreecc.org/cancer-center/cancer-foundation-of-santa-barbara>

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY 1. 9:30 AM (PT)

Welch-Ryce-Haider Goleta  
450 Ward Dr.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93111

## Funeral Service

MAY 1. 11:00 AM (PT)

Welch-Ryce-Haider Goleta  
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# Tribute Wall



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**Welch-Ryce-Haider Funeral Chapels** - April 30, 2021 at 05:10 PM

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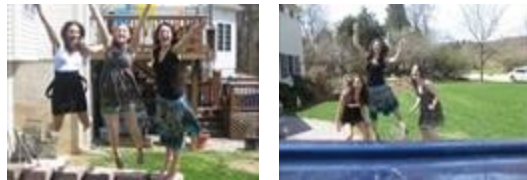
“ *Continuing to feel the brilliance of your beautiful spirit in my life, sweet friend. Thinking of all those who love you today as we remember the joy you brought to the world and our lives.*

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**Shalauna** - April 25, 2024 at 02:47 PM

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**Joseph Sterphone** - April 30, 2021 at 02:20 AM

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**Treasa Shaw** - April 29, 2021 at 10:00 PM

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