



Sara J. Blum

March 6, 1963 - January 6, 2017

Sara J. (Goodenow) Blum, age 53, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Friday, January 6, 2017 at her home in Storm Lake.

Memorial services will be held Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be at a later date. Visitation will take place Monday, January 9, 2017 from 5-8:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Sara's name to the oncology department at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Sara Jane Goodenow was born March 6, 1963 in Carroll, Iowa, the daughter of John and Karen (Kolbe) Goodenow.

Sara attended Wall Lake Community School where she graduated in 1981. She continued her education at Buena Vista University where she earned a degree in finance.

On July 7, 1984, Sara was united in marriage to Michael F. Blum in Wall Lake. Together, they were blessed with two children, John and Katie.

Sara was a huge sports fan and seldom missed a sporting event involving

John or Katie. She also was a loyal Iowa Hawkeye fan. In her spare time, she volunteered to many school related boards and committees while her kids were in school. Sara never had an enemy and was friends with many. Sara was a devoted and loving wife and a caring and loving mother who always had a smile on her face. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, Michael Blum of Storm Lake, Iowa; son, John Blum of Englewood, Colorado; daughter, Katie (Nolan) Cone of Alta, Iowa; parents, John and Karen Goodenow of Okoboji, Iowa; brother, Steve (Michele) Goodenow of Okoboji, Iowa; sister-in-law, Brenda (Jim) Kropf of Wall Lake, Iowa; sister-in-law, Becky (Tom) Lockhart of Sydney, Iowa; brother-in-law, Gene (Steph) Blum of Aurora, Colorado; sister-in-law, Kris (Dave) Schonrock of Sioux City, Iowa; brother-in-law, Dan (Beth) Blum of Wall Lake, Iowa; extended family and friends.

Sara was preceded in death by her father and mother-in-law, Francis and Roma Jean Blum; and brother-in-law, Bruce Blum.

Memorials may be made in Sara's name to the Oncology Department at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **9**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,
Storm Lake, IA 50588
(712) 732-1911
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Memorial Service

JAN **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church -- Storm Lake
211 East 3rd Street
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Tribute Wall



“ *Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Sara J. Blum.*



January 11, 2017 at 08:29 AM



“ *Jeff & Marjean O'Bannon lit a candle in memory of Sara J. Blum*



Jeff & Marjean O'Bannon - January 11, 2017 at 06:52 AM



“ *Larry And Marcia Pepper lit a candle in memory of Sara J. Blum*



Larry and Marcia Pepper - January 10, 2017 at 08:53 PM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Sara J. Blum.*



January 09, 2017 at 05:57 PM

LM

“ Sara was a friend to everyone she met. So kind and thoughtful, classy and fun loving! She was the whole package! We had so many fun memories thru out the years...from pregnancies, endless sporting events & awesome dinners, both in and out. Sara was an amazing cook and entertainer and opened her heart and home to so many! Sending healing thoughts, prayers and hugs to all of the Blum & Goodenow families.
Love, the Meylor's

laurie meylor - January 09, 2017 at 01:02 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes - January 09, 2017 at 12:31 PM



“ Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of Sara J. Blum.



January 09, 2017 at 11:37 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Sara J. Blum.*



January 09, 2017 at 10:42 AM



“ *So many happy memories growing up with Sara in Wall Lake. She remains one of the kindest, gentlest souls I have ever known. My prayers go out to the Blum and Goodenow families as they look for the courage to live as she would wish for them to live in the days ahead.*

Janet Lightfoot - January 09, 2017 at 10:18 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Sara J. Blum.*



January 09, 2017 at 09:55 AM



“ *Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of Sara J. Blum.*



January 09, 2017 at 09:34 AM

JM

“ Our deepest sympathy to Saras family. Will keep you in our prayers
Rick and Jackie Meister

Jackie Meister - January 08, 2017 at 07:58 PM

GF

“ Glenn & Janice Determann and family purchased
the Pink & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the
family of Sara J. Blum.



Glenn & Janice Determann and family - January 08, 2017 at
07:25 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the
family of Sara J. Blum.



January 08, 2017 at 07:04 PM

IR

“ Growing up as a friend and neighbor of Sara Goodenow Blum, I
have so many fond memories of her and the great times we
enjoyed. Sara was a kind, caring, wonderful soul that was always
laughing and loving life. On behalf of my family and all of those who
have had the pleasure of knowing and loving Sara, we send our
love and prayers to the Blum and Goodenow family.

ic Rohde - January 08, 2017 at 12:53 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Sara J. Blum.*



January 08, 2017 at 08:19 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to all of the family and friends of Sara. She was a beautiful person inside and out.*

John blum - January 08, 2017 at 07:58 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Sara passing. Love to all of you may God give you peace and comfort.*

Johanna Tenuta - January 08, 2017 at 07:12 AM



“ *Deborah Zerfoss lit a candle in memory of Sara J. Blum*



Deborah Zerfoss - January 08, 2017 at 07:11 AM



“ So sorry about the lost of your loved one



Nancy Lane - January 08, 2017 at 12:14 AM

MC

“ Hugs to Mike and fam!
Sara was my partner-in-crime at BV. We got our finance degrees together; struggling thru computer & accounting classes! Lol!! She will always be in my thoughts & her wonderful family in my prayers!! Sara was a incredibly kind, down to earth person. I'm so thankful she was a friend!! ...Only happy memories!

Michelle (Knudsen) Clifford - January 07, 2017 at 09:19 PM

NF

“ My prayers go to you, Karen and John...and Sara's husband and children. In this photo she is so like you, Karen.....a beautiful woman. I can't imagine the loss you feel. I'm so very sorry for all she and you have been through....and the hard days ahead without her.

Nancy Flanders - January 07, 2017 at 07:19 PM

TC

“ Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of Sara J. Blum



Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh - January 07, 2017 at 07:14 PM

RL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. So very sorry for your loss.



Ryan & Peg Lundgren - January 07, 2017 at 07:01 PM

TF

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to Sara's family. Sara was such a kind, caring person and her beautiful grace will be missed by all who knew her. Heaven truly gained an angel.

The Solem Family - January 07, 2017 at 06:42 PM

EG

“ I will always remember Sara because of her beautiful smile and sweet and kind words. I'm so thankful I got to know her and share lots of bleacher time at the different sporting events that our kids shared. My heart goes out to all of you and I pray that memories will help as time passes.

Echo Guenther - January 07, 2017 at 06:42 PM

DS

“ Mike and rest of family - I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I didn't know Sara well, but I always thought she just sparkled. Her smile lit up the place wherever she was.

Diane (Rohde) Stevens - January 07, 2017 at 04:14 PM

HM

“ *HELEN MALOY lit a candle in memory of Sara J. Blum*



HELEN MALOY - January 07, 2017 at 03:39 PM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Sara J. Blum.*



January 07, 2017 at 03:26 PM

RB

“ *Our hearts go out to the Blum's and Goodenow's. We cannot imagine the pain and sadness you are experiencing at the loss of your wife/mother, daughter/sister/aunt. We will keep you in our prayers. Wish I was there to give you all a big hug. Love, Bobbi and Patrick*

Roberta Byrnes - January 07, 2017 at 03:05 PM

EL

“ *Sara is the mom of my friend and former classmate John who attended school with me from West School to Storm Lake High school. I know this is a very hard time for him right now*

Elizabeth - January 07, 2017 at 12:52 PM

AK

“ Angie Kutz lit a candle in memory of Sara J. Blum



Angie Kutz - January 07, 2017 at 08:32 AM

AN

“ There aren't many people who truly fit the description of 'kind and sweet' but Sara was that and more. She always looked for the good in people and situations and because of all that, she was admired by everyone who knew her. My heart goes out to Mike, John, Katie, her extended family, and the entire community of people who are feeling understandable sadness about this loss. Ann Mackrill Kelly

Ann - January 07, 2017 at 07:41 AM

BP

I feel your sadness as I think of you . Tears with love !!bev

bev pearson - January 08, 2017 at 04:26 PM

DP

*Thinking of you all at this sad time. Sara was one of the nicest people I have ever known. Peace and prayers.
Diane Porter*

Diane Porter - January 09, 2017 at 12:35 PM

JE

“ Sara was such a beautiful person both inside and out!! I am so glad that I had the opportunity to know her!! She is now at peace!!



Jane A Else - January 07, 2017 at 07:20 AM



“ *Kim Zimmerman lit a candle in memory of Sara J. Blum*



Kim Zimmerman - January 06, 2017 at 07:14 PM



Heaven gained an angel today. God Bless You!

Kim Zimmerman - January 06, 2017 at 07:16 PM



We are so sad to hear that Sara passed away! Life can be cut short too quickly! Mike, John, Katie and Nolan...you are in our thoughts and prayers. Sara will truly be missed. She was a wonderful person!

Roxi Pertzborn - January 07, 2017 at 09:16 AM



I have many fond memories of Sara but the best was just getting to know her. Always so sweet. She was a great person, great wife, and a great Mother. I will miss you Sara.

HELEN MALOY - January 07, 2017 at 03:29 PM



“ *Rest in peace friend. Nothing better than a fun found of girl golf with you. Peace.*



Debi Germann - January 06, 2017 at 06:55 PM

BS

“ Mike, John and Katie. Sara and I shared a very special relationship after we moved to Storm Lake. Times and memories I will always remember. After Mike and I were married, we also enjoyed times together at BV games. After moving to North Carolina we have grown apart but I will always remember her as a very kind, generous and fun loving person. Sara, u r missed already and loved forever. Becky & Mike Sharar, Mooresville, NC

Becky Sharar - January 06, 2017 at 05:28 PM