



## Sarah Ida Pettersen

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Sarah Ida Pettersen, 43, passed away suddenly on January 21, 2024. Sarah was born in St. Paul, to Gary and Michelle O'Blenes, and grew up primarily in Apple Valley. Sarah attended Rosemount High School and the Minnesota Zoo School program leading up to graduation in 1998. Sarah then attended the University of Minnesota, earning a bachelor of arts degree in Psychology and was enrolled in the sign language interpreter program at St. Paul College after graduation. Sarah had a passion for assisting others in challenging circumstances, working first as a live-in at a group home for PKT Enterprises for over a decade and as an adult rehabilitative mental health services worker for CSS and Pathways for much of her career; towards the end of her life, Sarah was able to work primarily from home, giving her an opportunity to spend extra time with her beloved daughters. Sarah enjoyed exercising, spending time outdoors, taking day trips around Minnesota, maintaining and coming up with renovation ideas for her house, and checking out new eateries. She is remembered as being a tremendous joy to be around and devoted to her friends and family.

Sarah is survived by her husband Erik; daughters Alyssa and Lauren; mother, Michelle O'Blenes; father, Gary O'Blenes; brother Sam O'Blenes; mother-in-law, Linda Pettersen; father-in-law, Cleve Pettersen; brother-in-law, Leif

Pettersen, as well as many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Visitation will be held at Southtown Baptist Church. 2600 W 82nd Street, Bloomington, MN, on Saturday, February 10, at 10 AM, with a memorial service at 11 AM, a reception in the dining hall will follow the service. A private burial will take place at a future date.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55418

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Southtown Baptist Church  
2600 West 82nd Street  
Bloomington, MN 55431

## Memorial Service

FEB 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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2600 West 82nd Street  
Bloomington, MN 55431

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ A gentle soul, a warm ❤️ heart and a pure, loving and generous spirit.

Deborah H - February 09, 2024 at 11:17 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Sarah Ida Pettersen.



February 09, 2024 at 10:03 PM

AG

“ I will miss Sarah's gentle presence and smiling face at our Pathways meetings and parties. I was interviewing one of her clients who was describing a success story, and the client said "I don't know how I would have made it without Sarah's help." Sarah was clearly a compassionate practitioner. So very sorry for your loss.

Ava Grover - February 08, 2024 at 10:47 AM

AE

“ Ava E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sarah Ida Pettersen.

Ava E. - February 08, 2024 at 10:40 AM

AU

“ I had the opportunity to speak with Sarah at the Christmas party, and I was deeply touched by her warm-hearted nature and genuine passion for her work. The clients I shared with her speak highly of her, expressing their admiration and sending their prayers her way.

*Please convey my heartfelt condolences to Sarah's family.*

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**Anna Ueda-Herath** - February 08, 2024 at 10:19 AM

GC

“ Sarah would e:mail me pictures almost every Monday of her daughters. She knew the girls smiles would cheer me up and make my Monday a better day. I will miss her so much. She was such a joy to be around. She will be missed.

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**Gretchen Crowley** - February 08, 2024 at 10:06 AM

LM

“ Sarah and I had clients in common. To a person they all adored her. Some said she saved their lives. They spoke of her as "an angel" and a warm, competent and consistent presence in their lives. Her passing is going to leave such a void. What a sweet, smart and beautiful woman she was!

*My deepest condolences to the family and friends of this remarkable lady.*

*Lisa Morgan, Pathways Counseling Center*

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**Lisa Morgan** - February 08, 2024 at 09:06 AM

DO

“ Dave Osborn purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Sarah Ida Pettersen.



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**Dave Osborn** - February 07, 2024 at 07:18 PM

ST

“ Sarah's Pathways Team purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Sarah Ida Pettersen.



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**Sarah's Pathways Team** - February 07, 2024 at 04:12 PM

LL

“ Love, Liz Reichow-Lutz and Joel Lutz purchased the *Days of Sunshine Bouquet* for the family of Sarah Ida Pettersen.



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**Love, Liz Reichow-Lutz and Joel Lutz** - February 06, 2024 at 10:27 PM