



Sarah Cooksey

October 4, 1978 - October 3, 2021

Sarah Callaway Cooksey, 42 of Tallahassee passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, October 3, 2021, in Tallahassee, due to injuries sustained in an accident, just one day prior to her 43rd birthday.

Sarah was born on October 4, 1978, at Loring AFB, Maine to Dennis Callaway and Jean Claudette Carroll Callaway. Later the family moved to Green Cove Springs, FL where she graduated from high school in 1996. She immediately enrolled in First Coast Technical College, St. Augustine, FL to obtain her Emergency Medical Technician and Firefighter 1 & 2 credentials. In 2002, she began her firefighting career with Tallahassee Fire Department rising through the ranks to Staff Lieutenant/Public Information Officer just six months ago. Sarah was the perfect definition of “philanthropist.” As a young woman, she began volunteering with the Big Brother/Big Sister organization. That was followed up by working for a week each summer with “Camp Amigo,” – Children’s Burn Camp of North Florida, Inc. Through the years she was a foster parent, pet rescue mom and is most known through the area as the “Pink Heals” firetruck lady.

Her boundless energy and unselfishness were admired in our community as they were heaped upon those she encountered as she went about being “Sarah.”

Survivors include her father, Dennis Callaway (Kathy), mother, Jean Claudette Carroll Callaway, son, Michael Cooksey, daughter, Evangel Cooksey, and daughters, Amanda Haddaway and Joy Hall.

The "Celebration of Life" will be held on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at City Church, 3125 Session Road Tallahassee. The service is available for viewing online <https://talgov.webex.com/talgov/j.php?MTID=m21055bf708cfa52ad3f8e0fae61f3f8b>. At the request of Sarah's daughter, we would like everyone to honor her by wearing PINK!

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to an educational fund for her children at Vystar Credit Union, 1814 W Tennessee St, Tallahassee, FL 32304,

Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (www.bevisfh.com 850-385-2193)

Tribute Wall



“ *Holly Rose lit a candle in memory of Sarah Cooksey* ”



Holly Rose - October 27, 2021 at 02:40 PM

EC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall* ”



Evangel Cooksey - October 24, 2021 at 04:04 PM

CJ

I love this picture. Evangel your mom truly was the best

Corie Jones - October 25, 2021 at 07:33 PM

EC

“ *She had an amazing last day* ”

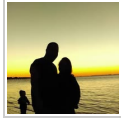


Evangel Cooksey - October 24, 2021 at 03:52 PM



Love this picture

Corie Jones - November 01, 2021 at 04:38 PM



She was an amazing woman, mom, friend...she is so missed. 💔💔💔

Alli Wright - November 09, 2021 at 07:07 PM



“ *Jeryl Payne lit a candle in memory of Sarah Cooksey*



Jeryl Payne - October 24, 2021 at 01:30 PM



“ *May you forever be at peace in the loving embrace of our Lord, Jesus Christ ❤️ All my love to you, cousin Sarah XO*



Victoria Ann - October 23, 2021 at 11:11 AM



“ *Victoria Ann lit a candle in memory of Sarah Cooksey*



Victoria Ann - October 21, 2021 at 11:28 AM

JK

“ *Jodi Keys lit a candle in memory of Sarah Cooksey*



jodi keys - October 15, 2021 at 07:28 PM

JK

You are an amazing soul and I will always be thankful for your friendship.

jodi keys - October 15, 2021 at 07:29 PM

JA

“ *I was able to know Sarah through her Mom and through Facebook. Sarah was an amazing woman here on earth and I am sure is flying in heaven spreading more of her light.*

Jodie Authelet - October 14, 2021 at 11:05 AM

EB

“ My sweetest friend,

I miss you. I love you.

You always told me you weren't perfect, but I think you were a perfect living example of God's grace. You have always been the one to hold up and help others, even when no one was helping you. You were such a HELPER. You helped your community by being a firefighter. You helped animals in need. You helped other people's children who were dying of cancer, and you somehow had the strength to get close to these children, and share their journeys and stories with us all, even knowing most of them were going to die. I don't have that kind of strength. I don't know how you did the things you did in just one month of your life, let alone over the entire course of your life. You talked so much about your self-doubt, or feeling anxious about so many things... but you were, and are, an absolute BEACON OF STRENGTH to us all: To mothers, to cancer survivors, to First Responders, and to the community you served. You may not have felt like a force to be reckoned with, but you absolutely were. We are all so lucky to have beheld your essence during your short time with us. Sarah Cooksey never walked into a room without people taking notice.

I miss you. I love you.

*You were a wonderful mother. You loved both of your children fiercely. It guts me that your children don't get to hear it from you anymore, but those of us who knew you, know how much you adored your babies, NO MATTER WHAT. I lost my mother in my twenties, and I told a therapist I was sad my relationship with my mother was then over. The therapist gave me this gentle reminder, which I hope both E and M will see: Your relationship with your mother is not over simply because she passed away. Your relationship with her can and will absolutely continue. Death only *changes* the relationship. She will live on vicariously in both of you. Talk to her. She is listening. ❤️*



Let us use your loss as a catalyst to make ourselves better. To take up the tremendous slack you left behind when you were called to be a beautiful light for God, and leave this world of tragedy, anxiety, fear, and pain. Your spirit is free from all of these burdens now. But in true Sarah fashion, you haven't completely left us here either, have you? Sunrises, butterflies, rainbows, flowers, dragonflies, all the different ways you have reached out to us to remind us that you haven't gone anywhere. Your light is one that will never be extinguished. How could it? It continues to warm us all as we move through the motions of the walking devastated. Thank you for being there even in death as the brightest star of our world. Thank you for reminding us to make the chili, to ride the bike, and that life is short. I am so comforted by the fact that at least you died spending time with someone you adored doing what you loved.

I miss you so much. I love you, my sister. Thank you for making us all better. Thank you for leaving the world better than it was before you got here. Thank you for you.

*Love, love, love. So much love.
Emily Brann*

Emily Brann - October 14, 2021 at 09:28 AM

SW

“ Sarah was a wonderful person that I had the pleasure of calling my friend. Fly high you will be missed praying for the family and Jason.



Sara Woodard - October 10, 2021 at 02:47 PM

EC

“ *Evangel Cooksey sent a virtual gift in memory of Sarah Cooksey*



Evangel Cooksey - October 10, 2021 at 08:29 AM



Thinking of you evangel... Charleigh send hugs and love

Amy McKenna - October 12, 2021 at 09:16 PM



Thinking of you constantly evangel. Charleigh send hugs and love

Amy McKenna - October 12, 2021 at 09:17 PM

JC

“ *Julie Conley lit a candle in memory of Sarah Cooksey*



Julie Conley - October 09, 2021 at 07:06 AM

CA

“ Sarah, we were the duplicate side of each other's coin. From the moment I met Momma Sarah at Camp Amigo, my world has been better. We always had each other's backs, and regardless of the time of day or night, your call was always the one I would answer. We never missed a beat, despite living 200 miles apart. Fire Departments, growing up 15 minutes from each other, marriages, babies, Burn Camp, ongoing education. Divorces, meeting our respective Prince Charmings. Adopting new dogs, trips to Gainesville, or the giggles over stunts from the past (E, you're just learning of some of these!). Above all else- the light that came from within you, when you talked about what M and E were doing at any given time. Being their momma was your favorite part of life, and no one doubted it, not even for a single minute.

These are among some of my favorites memories from my times with Sarah. Bar none- you gave 1000% of yourself in everything you were involved in. There's not a stone from your live left unturned, nor was there ever a time in which someone from your life ever doubted how much you loved us. Looking back, you crammed more in your short life than 10 of us can do if we all lived until we're 100. We will miss that drive, the smiles, and that Sarah Sparkle (with an unhealthy dose of Starbucks!!!!) that you sprinkled everywhere you went.

Until we meet again, sis, know how much we love you. We will all make sure M, E, and Jason continue feel your love.

PS Give Jenna, Scarlett, and TJ a hug for us, we miss them too. 💔💔💔

candice - October 08, 2021 at 08:37 PM

JP

“ Jack PLaster lit a candle in memory of Sarah Cooksey



Jack PLaster - October 08, 2021 at 10:15 AM

CB

“ Sarah I have no words to describe how special you are to me but I will try. The legacy you are leaving behind is amazing. You were such a giving and loving person and you were the best friend a person could ask for. I continue to read how you touched so many lives with your love and compassion. I beam with pride at being your friend for over 20 years. I wish we could have spent more time together over the years. But we always knew each other was there if needed and now you are gone and I am grieving so. I will love and miss you forever. Until we meet again sweet girl.

Colleen Brown - October 08, 2021 at 09:08 AM

MB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Marty Bishop - October 07, 2021 at 08:56 PM

DB

A very bright light that illuminated the spirit has dimmed.

Denise Mercier and Marty Bishop - October 07, 2021 at 09:06 PM

AB

Dragonfly

*Dragonfly spread your wings
Find out what this next journey brings*

*You have touched so many lives with love
Near and far
Now up above*

*Dragonfly sprinkle your magic
With more adventures you'll explore
Let your spirit soar*

*With peace within your soul
Let the whispering wind carry you home
Be free forevermore*

*Musicalspirit
October 5 2021
In memory of my niece
Sarah Jean Cooksey
Oct 4 1978 -Oct 3 2021*

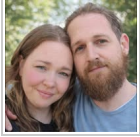
Auntie Barbara - October 08, 2021 at 05:15 PM

KP

“ *Kelly Perkins lit a candle in memory of Sarah Cooksey*



Kelly Perkins - October 07, 2021 at 04:57 PM



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Jamie Anne - October 07, 2021 at 04:19 PM

CJ

Hi Jaime!

Corie Jones - October 25, 2021 at 07:35 PM

DF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Debra Fulbright - October 07, 2021 at 02:45 PM

DF

If I had no met you when I did, I would not be here right now. You are my bright angel now!!! I love you so much!!! My Tallahassee daughter
❤️

Debra Fulbright - October 07, 2021 at 02:47 PM

TM

“ *Toni McDonald lit a candle in memory of Sarah Cooksey*



Toni McDonald - October 07, 2021 at 02:19 PM

NW

“ *Nikki Wood lit a candle in memory of Sarah Cooksey*



Nikki Wood - October 07, 2021 at 01:19 PM

AC

“ *Amy Carter lit a candle in memory of Sarah Cooksey*



Amy Carter - October 06, 2021 at 10:39 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sarah Cooksey.*



October 06, 2021 at 08:22 PM

LP

“ *My heart breaks knowing that our time to spend together on Earth is over. I am a better person, having known you. I am so thankful for our friendship and our connection through Pink Heals Tallahassee Chapter. Team members for Judy's Walk For A Cure will make certain that your love for life and your compassion to help others will continue. E, we love you so much and are here for you, whatever you may need. Be strong "Mini Me", as you are "your mother's child"!! May you continue to spread the love that you witnessed through your Mom, on so many occasions. Your loving heart will see you through this. Sarah, may you rest easy, until we meet again! Love and miss you forever!!*



Lucy L. Poppell - October 06, 2021 at 04:28 PM