



Lesa Marie Scharnett

August 20, 1963 - April 25, 2025

Lesa Marie Scharnett, 61, of Austin, Texas, formerly of Salem, Illinois, passed away on April 25, 2025. She was born on August 20, 1963, in St. Louis, Missouri, to James and Peggy (Moore) Scharnett.

Lesa is survived by her daughter, Megan Parr and husband Austin; her mother, Peggy Greenwood, and stepfather, Dan; and her beloved granddaughters, Palmer and Joey. She is also survived by her nine siblings: James Dean Scharnett (Pam), Troy Scharnett (Sheila), Kerrie Colwell (Tom), Christy Elwood (Troy), Rachel (Spartan) Scharnett, Stephanie McCay, Leah Muth (Micah), Sarah Scharnett, and Paul Scharnett (Anne); as well as 28 nieces and nephews: James Dean Jr., Zachary, Cammie Beth, Nicolas, Aiden, Evelyn, Matthew, Michael Nathan, Mindy, Molly, Johnathan, Niamh, Marissa, Mariah, Mia, Madyson, Mylz, Asher, Ella, Daniel, Charity, Johnathan, Andrew, Joseph, Ezra, Elijah, and Otto. Her loyal four-legged best friend, Marley, also survives her.

She was preceded in death by her father: James Scharnett; and a brother: Thomas Scharnett

Lesa was a beautiful, free spirit who brought laughter and light wherever she went. She loved the beach and the sunshine, and had a natural gift for making others feel welcome and loved. A passionate fitness instructor and a longtime “mom” to many through her involvement with sororities and fraternities, Lesa was known for her positivity, her vibrant spirit, and her incredible sense of humor. Her greatest joy came from spending time with her family, especially

her daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughters, who were the light of her life. Her warmth, beauty, and quick wit will be deeply missed by all who were lucky enough to know her. "She lived by the sun, loved by the moon, and laughed with the stars."

Cremation rites will be accorded per family wishes. A memorial service, in honor of Lesa, will be held from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Sunday May 18th, 2025, at the Sutherland-Rankin Funeral Home Chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Megan Parr and will be accepted at Sutherland-Rankin Funeral Home, PO Box 97 / 310 N. Broadway, Salem, Illinois 62881, who is honored to be of help to Lesa's family at this time. Online condolences may be made by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com or by visiting Sutherland Funeral Homes Facebook page.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 18. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Sutherland - Rankin Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lesa Marie Scharnett.

May 14, 2025 at 04:56 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Lesa Marie Scharnett.



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“ Love Jan, Dennis Buerkett & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lesa Marie Scharnett.

Love Jan, Dennis Buerkett & family - May 12, 2025 at 07:41 PM



“ Love Jan, Dennis Buerkett & family purchased the *Forever Our Angel Bouquet* for the family of Lesa Marie Scharnett.



Love Jan, Dennis Buerkett & family - May 12, 2025 at 07:41 PM

EW

“ Lesa and I met at the Little Rock Air Force Base when we were 13 years old and became best friends instantly. We had so many wonderful times together. We celebrated our birthdays together every year because our birthdays were only 10 apart. When she moved, we stayed in touch through the years and she stayed with us when she came through town for our class reunions. I’m so thankful I got to see her New Year’s Day 2025 when she was traveling through Arkansas to go to her new home in Austin, Arkansas. I’m heartbroken that she is gone too soon. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family and to her friends and her beloved dog Marley.

Evelyn Witham - May 12, 2025 at 02:17 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Lesa Marie Scharnett.



May 07, 2025 at 10:39 AM



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May 07, 2025 at 10:39 AM

SK

“ Lesa was a girl who could light up a room anywhere she went. I’m so saddened to hear of her passing. She was a beautiful friend and even though years have passed I loved staying in touch through Facebook. She was the most dynamic girl I knew. Prayers to her family and for Marley

Sue Augustine Kowa - May 06, 2025 at 11:54 PM

 Charles Mayfield

“ I was probably one of the smallest guys in High School she made me feel like a giant with her warm hello's and always made me feel special. She was a corner stone of North Pulaski high school Beautiful inside and out. Never forgotten.

Charles Mayfield - May 04, 2025 at 12:55 AM

CS

“ Lesa and I shared a lot of laughs in High School. Great memories. She will be missed. Our condolences to her family for the loss.

Chuck Sampson - April 30, 2025 at 09:41 PM

JB

“ Seems like she always had a smile and was very kind in high school. There is no doubt that she will be missed. Prayers for comfort and peace for her family.

Jerry Benton - April 30, 2025 at 04:49 PM

DS

“ Lesa was a great friend at North Pulaski High School. She always had a contagious smile and really loved life. Prayers and condolences to her family.

Donna Skaar - April 30, 2025 at 02:42 PM

JA

“ *JT Anderson lit a candle in memory of Lesa Marie Scharnett*



JT Anderson - April 30, 2025 at 10:33 AM

JA

I remember one day in school Lesa came up to me and asked if she could use my little red convertible car and naturally I said yes I will miss her very much rest peacefully I will always remember you

JT Anderson - April 30, 2025 at 10:36 AM