



# Tracy Barraclough

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**W**ith broken hearts, we announce that Tracy Michelle Barraclough, of San Diego, California, passed away on March 2, 2025, after a courageous and resilient battle with ovarian cancer. Born on January 15, 1970, in La Habra, California, to the late Lance and Nancy Stewart, Tracy spent her childhood growing up in Riverside, living off the 5th fairway in Indian Hills. She spent many mornings racing her Huffy bicycle down the golf course with her siblings to join swim practice and compete against local teams, memories that shaped her early years. Tracy faced her diagnosis with extraordinary grace and unyielding strength, embodying resilience at every step of her journey. Upon receiving devastating news about her prognosis, she chose hospice care, opting to spend her final days surrounded by the love and warmth of family and friends—a testament to the deep bonds she nurtured throughout her 55 years of life.

Tracy is survived by her loving husband, Gary; her daughter, Kayla; her stepson, Michael, and his wife, Irene; her brother, Sean, and his wife, Liza; her sister, Jenny, and her husband, Jason; as well as numerous cherished cousins, nieces, nephews, Aunt Kathy, Uncle Barry, Uncle Bob, Uncle Bobby, her best friend Cari—who was like a sister—and many treasured friends who will forever hold her memory close. She touched the life of everyone she met and will be remembered for her kind heart and unwavering commitment to helping others, leaving behind a legacy of love and compassion. To her nieces and nephews, Tracy was the "groovy Aunt," whose fun-loving spirit and warm heart made every moment with her unforgettable.

Tracy lived with passion and an insatiable curiosity. She had a deep love for travel, always eager to explore new places, immerse herself in different cultures, and uncover the beauty of the world—whether in distant lands or hidden gems closer to home. She liked to explore her genealogy and was a frequent attendee to the Highland Games representing the Stewart Clan, celebrating her heritage with pride. Tracy had a deep love for her daughter and bragged about Kayla's accomplishments whenever she had the chance; they recently traveled to Scotland together, a



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journey that reflected their close bond. She was an amazing mother and had a deep love for her daughter. She cherished quiet moments with her beloved dog, Reilly, whose companionship brought her immense joy. A music enthusiast, Tracy often attended concerts, letting the rhythms lift her spirit, and she prioritized staying connected with old friends, treasuring those lifelong ties. Her dedication to learning shone through in her education: she graduated with a business degree in 2008, then pursued and completed both her bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing between 2016 and 2017. Her career culminated in her role as Associate Nurse Executive at the VA Hospital in San Diego, where she excelled at mentoring nurses and inspiring those around her with her compassion and leadership. Tracy took pride in attending to the Veterans that have served our country, a commitment that reflected her deep respect and gratitude for their service.

In her final days in the hospital, Tracy remarked that she could see her mom and dad, who had passed before her, walking through her room. She found peace in knowing they would be waiting for her on the other side—a comforting assurance that eased her journey after such a valiant fight. A celebration of Tracy's life will be held on March 29, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Clairemont, 4266 Mt. Abernathy Ave, San Diego, CA 92117. All who knew her are invited to join in remembering her remarkable spirit. A reception will follow on the premises, with food and light snacks provided, offering an opportunity to share stories and heartfelt memories of Tracy. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, a cause reflecting Tracy's journey and her hope for advancements in cancer care.

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## Events


**Tracy Barraclough**

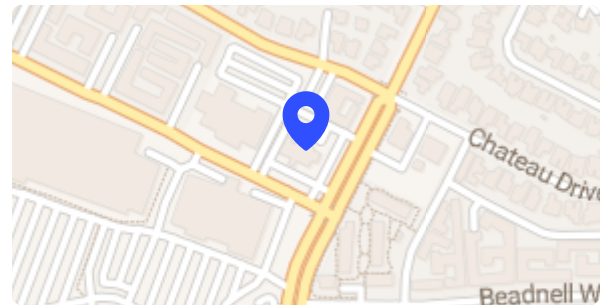
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### Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, March 29, 2025

 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM PT

 **Clairemont Mortuary**  
4266 Mt Abernathy Ave, San Diego CA 92117





# Tribute Wall

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**Angela Martin** lit a candle in honor of Tracy.

Tracy was a beautiful woman and her energy was magnetic. I didn't know her well. In fact, I only got to see her at Rosa's house for various celebrations. But, in those short encounters I always had fun around her. Laughter, dancing, and enjoying life is how I'll always remember Tracy. ❤️🕊️ God bless her and her family. With love and peace, Angie



March 29 at 10:50 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Barraclough family.



March 28 at 9:29 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Tracy.



March 28 at 9:29 AM



**Much Love, Aunts Vicki And Sherri** sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Barraclough family.



March 27 at 3:02 PM



**Dune Stewart** lit a candle in honor of Tracy.

Sitting around a table for Thanksgiving, people were sharing stories, and she interjected with one of her own about her friend and her dog, which was very random compared to the subject at hand, and it was hilarious hearing her ramble on about a story where nobody knew what she was talking about, but she was so passionate about her delivery in telling it.



March 26 at 12:27 PM



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**John Trafeli** posted:

I cannot believe this has happened. I am devastated. In 2015 Tracy was hired on to be our nurse at Naval Hospital San Diego, to assist in what would be the first mesenchymal stem cell transplant in the military. The project was 1.5 years dragging and going nowhere, and I was worse than desperate. Tracy was so positive. She knew exactly what she was doing. She was so organized, that this absent minded professor felt like oxygen had just arrived to a drowning man. Literally 2 weeks after she came on board, she had single handedly gotten it going....we were on. A year later, the study was rolling and I credit it all to Tracy. I can truly say that Tracy changed my life. Once I realized how great she was I told Tracy, in one year you will quit. She said she loved being at the Navy and asked why would she leave? I said that once everyone realizes how good you are, they will come running for your assistance....and you won't be getting paid as you should....and you'll realize you're doing everyone's work...so you'll leave. But I made her promise not to leave until I leave, we leave together. Tracy was so positive, so wonderful. I would come home and thank god she had come to us. Now, I'm so sorry to hear this news. But I treasure the time we had to speak of life....she loved her daughter so much. She spoke so fondly of Gary. We were a little team. Tracy, Susan, myself. We made Navy History together. The Navy missed you, and I'll miss you more than I did already. God rest your sweet soul in peace. My condolences to her family. John Paul Trafeli  
Navy Dermatology

March 25 at 12:21 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Barraclough family.



March 17 at 6:41 PM



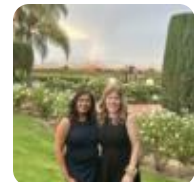
**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Tracy.



March 17 at 6:41 PM



**Darshana Abeita** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



March 17 at 3:19 PM



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JA

**Julie Aquilino** posted:

They'll never be just one memory with Tracy to share, there were so many good times! I met Tracy in 2013 when I walked up and introduced myself. She and Kayla were moving in across from my home in Scripps Ranch. We soon started enjoying many nights with drinks and goodies on my balcony as we got to know each other better. I lived across from Tracy, she was able to keep a watchful eye on her home and Kayla, who was always her priority. One of the funniest memories I have was a story she shared about tinea versicolor. We had lots of wine that night, we laughed hysterically. If Tracy was reading this now she would laugh out loud! Soon after I introduced Tracy to Jean, my home became party central for "girls night out". Whether at my house or Jeans, we always had good times with lots of laughter. Fast forward, Jean introduced us to Gary who became the love of Tracy's life, her husband and soulmate. As for Tracy, she was one smart lady, and she was determined to give Kayla the best life possible. I always admired Tracy's determination and drive, her focus and incredible intelligence. Aside from that, Tracy had a beautiful heart. When my life and heart was falling apart, Tracy was my rock. Through all my tears and devastation, which went on for a long time, she never walked away. For most, it would have been too much drama. Tracy listened without judgment, each and every time. The kindest, most empathetic woman I could ever wish to have met, I felt so blessed. At the end, I hadn't seen Tracy for a while. We planned a get together twice, unfortunately we never had the chance due to cancer setbacks. I would have been so happy to see my friend again. In reality, I did get to see Tracy. On the same day she passed away, she came to me in my dreams in the early hours that morning. We had a wonderful girls night out, I was beyond thrilled to see her. Tracy's skin was glowing, it was a silky pale white. Her hair was soft and wavy. She looked about 15 yrs younger. I believe Tracy knew how badly I wanted to see her, and what I was able to handle. I also believe she gave me the most beautiful goodbye with the gift of my dream. This will always be my most treasured memory of Tracy, our beautiful Angel in Heaven. RIP beautiful lady. I truly love you, I'm blowing so many hugs and kisses to Heaven!

March 7 at 9:42 PM

KA

**Krista Ackerman** posted:

Flooding the 5th green on the golf course to go green sliding, drinking Boones Farm strawberry hill/Tickle Pink, and teaching her how to use the clutch in her car on a hill. SO so many memories. I LOVE YOU Purdy Lady. KK

March 15 at 12:27 AM



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**Melanie Julsonnet** posted:

I have so many memories of Tracy. Starting with meeting her in 6th grade first day of junior high and didn't know anyone. Thought she was a teacher and she thought I reminded her a kid named Michael from elementary. (It was my Dorothy Hammill haircut. Spent the night at her house often. Adventures in her green Ghia. Parties that she took me to that were Sean's parties with his friends. First time I drank alcohol was with Tracy. We were so drunk, fell asleep in her tiny Ghia. I had to sleep scrunched in the front. Next morning with hangovers, we helped my brother throw his paper route. Then there was the time we slid down my staircase for hours on table placemats while my parents were in Vegas. We've been to each others baby showers but as life got crazier with kids I wasn't able to see her as much. But we kept in touch. Last I spoke with her was right before her 55th birthday. She told me about her health and I told her about mine. We agreed to speak after my last doctor appt which was yesterday 3-6-25. It was late so I was going to call her today, only to find out she passed away. We were planning on me coming to visit her this April. I'm devastated that I will no longer be able to speak to my friend again. She was so special, funny, kind, loving and one of the smartest women I knew. She will be missed. My heart and condolences go out to her family. Such a huge loss. She'll never be forgotten, and I will treasure the many many many great memories I have of her.

March 7 at 9:42 PM



## Media

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# **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Tracy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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