



## Sarah Marie (Cross) Fetterer

February 27, 1979 - November 6, 2020

Sarah Marie (Cross) Fetterer, 41, of Bourbonnais, passed away peacefully, on Friday (Nov. 6, 2020) surrounded by the love of her family and close friends after a courageous battle with metastatic triple negative breast cancer.

Sarah was born February 27, 1979, in Kankakee, to Michael and Karen (Gravlin) Cross.

Sarah spent many years as a fitness instructor and personal trainer. The last two years, she taught the silver sneakers class through the Bourbonnais Park District. She sincerely loved the ladies in her class, and they provided her with a purpose and drive to continue to stay active through her cancer journey. After her first fight with cancer in 2014, she became a Restorative Yoga Instructor for breast cancer survivors. Sarah had a deep passion for fitness, nutrition and for helping people accomplish their goals. She loved to run and completed several half marathons. Painting was a source of relaxation and self-expression throughout her battle with cancer.

To those who knew Sarah, she was inspiration, light, and love. Sarah always chose optimism in the face of adversity, found magic in the small moments, and lived her life full of intention and purpose. Sarah shared her smile and warmth openly with those around her. She left an indelible mark on so many lives and leaves friends from every stage of her life. It is remarkable how her spirit touched so many. Being a mother was her greatest, and most proud accomplishment. All she ever wanted was to be a mother, and she was a model for all of us in the way that she loved her children. Sarah leaves behind an incredible legacy which will strengthen and comfort her boys in the days ahead as they keep Sarah's spirit alive in their hearts. Her legacy is love.

She was a member of St. Joseph Parish in Bradley.

Surviving are her four sons, Jack, Bobby, Peter, Jude and husband, John, of Bourbonnais; her mother, Karen Cross, of Bourbonnais; brothers, Bryan (April) Cross and children Oliver, Isabella, and Frankie, of Limestone; Brett (Teri Ridley) Cross, of Chicago; one

sister in-law Emily (Kim) Fetterer-Kranich and daughter Azmi, of Champaign; in-laws Brad (Renee) Fetterer, of Bourbonnais; uncle, Mark (Sandy) Gravlin, of Bourbonnais; aunt Linda (Lou) Gasperini, of Countryside; Cousins, Amanda (Scott) Carnes and children, of Kankakee, Lindsay (Jesse) Arseneau, and children of Kankakee, Ryan (Jenny) Gravlin, and children of Lowell, IN, Cindy (David) McCarty and children, of LaGrange Park, Godparents, Jon and Frida Schreiner, of Bradley, special friends, Alicia Wolf, of Bradley, and Victoria Malloy, of Bourbonnais; and numerous other friends.

Preceding her in death was her father, Michael Cross; grandparents Ellis and Marian Gravlin, Gordon (Doris) and Virginia Cross.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2020 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley.

Please wear a face mask and practice social distancing guidelines. We will be limiting numbers of people inside the building at one time during the visitation.

Inurnment will follow at All Saints Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to her children.

# Cemetery Details

## All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

NOV 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
295 Main St., NW  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Memorial Mass

NOV 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
211 N. Center Street  
Bradley, IL 60915  
<http://www.stjosephbradley.org>

# Tribute Wall

SR

“ I knew Sarah from school we were the same age. She was wonderful and amazing in so many ways. Always a friend when you really needed one. She will be missed in many ways. John I was your neighbor across the street and praying for you and your family. May God continue to heal you and touch your life in all ways. Praying for you  
Sharon Kurien Robinson

Sharon Robinson - November 16, 2020 at 01:11 PM

RN

“ Sarah was one of the joys in my life. No matter how long it had been since we talked ,she made it feel like it had only been a matter of hours. She became a fast friend, and was always the first person to open up at any event. Knowing her was an actual delight and her absence will be felt. Sending all my love to John and the boys.

Rachel Nietfeldt - November 14, 2020 at 01:10 AM

BA

“ I am happy I had the chance to talk with Sarah recently on how I'll never forget the day she taught us our friend Andy and I how to Tie-dye T-shirts at her house when we were kids and only wish I would've talked with her a little more. I'm gonna miss her and her big beautiful smile. Pray for us Sarah that we will be as strong and brave as you were.



Bruce Alvey - November 12, 2020 at 04:32 PM

BA

“ Bruce Alvey lit a candle in memory of Sarah Marie (Cross) Fetterer



Bruce Alvey - November 12, 2020 at 02:20 PM

LS

“ My heart goes out to Sarah’s beautiful family. I had the opportunity to meet Sarah and speak with her on a few occasions. Sarah carried an amazing amount of grace with her. Her love for her children was so evident every time I spoke with her. May she forever know peace, love and happiness. May she forever smile down upon her family. Sending the family strength and happiness in all their days ahead.



Lisa Studebaker - November 12, 2020 at 01:10 AM

PG

“ My sympathy and prayers to the Cross family and Sarah’sBoys. May she Rest In Peace!

Pat Grob - November 11, 2020 at 10:29 PM

AN

“ John. We are thinking about you and your family. May you find peace in the many memories you share. In sympathy, Angela Morrey

Angela - November 11, 2020 at 06:44 PM

TT

“ John I'm so sorry to here about Sarah. She was always such a wonderful volunteer at St Joe's when all of our kids were still there, and such a joy to be around. She will be dearly missed. Love to your sweet boys.

Tina Thompson - November 10, 2020 at 11:12 PM

PR

“ I recently joined an exercise class at BTPD, and was so impressed with the instructor, Sarah, especially when I became aware of her ongoing fight with cancer. She was so enthusiastic and friendly to everyone. It wasn't until I read the obituary that I realized Sarah is the same little girl I knew when i went to Karen's home years ago to get my hair cut. I am sorry I didn't know the connection sooner. All members of Sarah's family and of Karen's family are in my prayers. I am so sorry for your loss. With caring thoughts.

Pat

Pat Ritenour - November 10, 2020 at 10:19 PM

CC

“ The family of Sarah has my deepest sympathy. I had Sarah for an instructor at BTPD. Sarah was a very good instructor & always talked very good of her family & friends. Thinking of all!  
Cindy

Cindy Clemans - November 10, 2020 at 08:48 PM

JK

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time

JoLynne Keiser - November 10, 2020 at 03:25 PM

PS

“ Brad, Renee and family, So sorry for your loss. Prayers for all. Gary & Pat Swartz



Patricia Swartz - November 10, 2020 at 02:02 PM

 Coleen Mast

“ Our sympathy to you all who suffer loss at the passing of Sarah. May God be with you during this time of grief.  
Blessings,  
COLEEN and KENT Mast

Coleen Mast - November 10, 2020 at 01:41 PM

D?

“ Dear Sweet Karen , I'm so , so sorry for your loss 😞 you are in my thoughts & prayers 🌹 . I didn't know your daughter, but if she was anything like you , you have lost a treasure 😞 . My deep & heartfelt sympathies are with you & the family. Be safe & take care during this most difficult time 🌹🌹🌹🌹🌹🌹

Deborah Tofte 🗣️ - November 10, 2020 at 12:45 PM

CW

“ I appreciated Sarah as she was a Senior Fitness Instructor.  
I admired her dedication to be there and continue while battling the cancer.  
She was amazing.  
-Carol Foor Watson

Carol L Watson - November 10, 2020 at 12:20 PM

JN

“ *Such sad news. I knew Sarah from when I owned and operated Brownbodies Tanning Salon. Sarah always had a smile on her face. She started bringing her mom and dad in also. We all fell in love with this family. Sending prayers to her whole family. She is with her daddy now I'm sure. Love and prayers to Sarah's family, Rest in paradise Sarah*

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**Juli Altmyer & Kay Nickles** - November 09, 2020 at 09:35 PM

MC

“ *Karen and family,  
We are so sad to read of Sarah being sick and passing away. I remember when you would cut my hair many years ago and she would be bouncing around the house. We pray for all of you, and that God will help guide you through the journey ahead for all of you an especially her boys. God hold you close.  
Marla and Rick Coy*



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**Marla Coy** - November 09, 2020 at 08:42 PM