



Tena Swatzyna

FEB 27, 1957 - APR 18, 2013



Scan to Visit



MEMORIAL PARK
Funeral Home & Cemetery

Table of Contents

Obituary	Page 3
Tribute Wall	Page 4



Tena Swatzyna

FEB 27, 1957 - APR 18, 2013

Tena LaVonne Purcell CarrawaySwatzyna, 56, passed away April 18, 2013. She was born on February 27, 1957 in Vallejo, CA to John and Martena Purcell. She graduated from Westside High School in 1974. She worked with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for 37 years. She is survived by her husband, Roman Swatzyna; daughter, Stacy Carraway; four step-daughters, Valerie Swatzyna, Sabrina Morgan, Erica Swatzyna, and Natallia Lee; and two sisters, Sue Hill and Judy Childress. The family will receive friends 5-7 p.m., Friday, April 26 and a memorial service will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, April 27 at Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105; Ovarian Cancer Awareness Foundation, 6025 Stage Road #42-218, Bartlett, TN 38134; or Methodist Hospice Residence, 6416 Quince Road, Memphis, TN 38119. Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave. Memphis, TN 38119, (901)767-8930, "Behind the Stone Wall".



Tribute Wall

Tena Swatzyna

FEB 27, 1957 - APR 18, 2013

TB

Terry Browning posted:

I loved Tena as family. Even though I was not family, Tena and Roman always made me feel like family. I've seen and heard of a many heros during the war in Iraq but I think that they would not find one that displayed more courage or bravery than Tena. She loved life, her family, and her friends. She fought for many many years to prolong these joys. I miss her dearly and my heart is heavy for Roman and all of Tena's family. I know that the words, she is in a better place and it was God's plan, seem redundant and sometimes are not as meaningful in these times, but truer words could not be spoken. I know she is singing with the heavenly host and I celebrate her life as she was an important part of mine. I am hopeful that this will give some comfort. God bless you Roman and Tena's family. Terry Browning

April 26 at 4:14 AM

NR

Norma R. posted:

Norma R. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Tena Swatzyna.

April 23 at 2:15 PM

SS

Sheila Swartz posted:

Tena was a blessing to everyone she met. She was a wonderful person and a great friend. Strong, brave, and beautiful. I will never forget the emails, calls and questions she gladly answered for my sister when she was diagnosed. A true inspiration to all.

April 22 at 6:02 AM

DM

Dave Marshall posted:

Roman, please accept my heartfelt sorrow for the loss of your beautiful wife and mother of your children. I cant even begin to try to understand the pain that you are all feeling! I know it is hard but please trust in God during this trying time to help keep you strong! Dave Marshall

April 21 at 8:22 AM

DL

Donna Lankford posted:

My friend and co worker of 26 years will forever live on in our hearts. She was the strongest woman I have ever known and her smile was infectious. Heaven got a beautiful angel and I know I will one day dance on the streets of gold with her. Fly high beautiful butterfly! Donna Lankford

April 20 at 6:15 AM



Tribute Wall

Tena Swatzyna

FEB 27, 1957 - APR 18, 2013

CR

Carol Rodman posted:

"Tena has touched many lives and her legacy will go on. She made me laugh and cry and this world is a better place because of her. Peace dear one."

April 19 at 1:52 PM

JL

Johnny Luckey posted:

A lot of folks come and go. Some herocially, some quietly and some quietly heroic. Tena, the quiet hero, has left a huge lovely footprint behind for all to examine and learn from. As she quietly battled this horrible disease, she never missed an opportunity to smile and laugh while causing those around her to do the same. Nor did she but seldomly miss the opportunity to share her time and devote her energy reaching out to help with a good cause such as OCR. As Vicki has already mentioned, she will be sorely missed and never forgotten. May God bless and guard the loving family she leaves behind. Johnny

April 19 at 12:06 PM

VL

Vicki & Johnny Luckey posted:

A beautiful lady inside and out. She touched my life, heart, and soul. She will never be forgotten. An inspiration for many.

April 19 at 8:28 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



Scan to Visit



MEMORIAL PARK
Funeral Home & Cemetery