



## Shauna L. VanDeMark

October 27, 1975 - December 22, 2020

Shauna Leigh VanDeMark, 45 of Visalia, California passed away on Tuesday, December 22, 2020. Shauna was born on October 27, 1975 to Randy VanDeMark and Deborah Heemstra, in Visalia, California.

Shauna grew up in Porterville and Tulare, California where she went to school. After she graduated from Tulare Union High School, she continued her education at College of the Sequoias and then Fresno State where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Criminology. Shauna always worked hard and did well in school, so much so that she once said if she could go to school and be a Student as a career she would. She had always been interested in the justice system and briefly worked as a Paralegal. She went on to work for the Tulare County Probation Department as a Juvenile Probation Officer, where she met some of her lifelong friends. Shauna then went on to work at the Central Valley Regional Center in 2004, where she continued to work until she passed. She loved CVRC and was dedicated to the work she did there. At the time that Shauna passed, she lived in Visalia, with her partner Raul Marroquin and their Labrador Rocco. Shauna enjoyed spending time with Rocco, and all her nieces and nephews. In their spare time Shauna and Raul would go for drives in his 1968 Volkswagen Bug, and his truck. She enjoyed bug rides with their local community of VW owners, participating and going to car shows. Shauna also was a lifelong Raider fan, thanks to her Dad and hardly ever missed watching a game. She enjoyed camping during the summer and trips to the beach as often as she could.

But the most important thing in life to Shauna was her family. She was a rock to so many and touched people's lives and hearts throughout her life. She wanted to help everyone she could and wanted nothing more than her family to do well and be well. She was encouraging, nurturing, and had a big and caring heart. Shauna never missed a birthday or the holidays with her family, it was so important to her. She was a loving daughter, sister, friend, aunt, and partner. We are all devastated and heartbroken by her sudden and unexpected passing. We will all miss her laugh, smile and her big blue eyes. She will be forever missed and loved.

Shauna leaves behind her partner Raul Marroquin, her mother Deborah Heemstra, and her partner Larry Mattos. Her father Randy VanDeMark, and step-mother Kae VanDeMark. Her sister, Nicole Allen, fianc💎 Michael Huerta, and their daughter Sophia. Sister Brook Vyatkova, husband Aleksey, and their twins Katya and Dmitry. Her brothers William Allen, Blake VanDeMark, and Brandon VanDeMark. In addition to many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews, all whom she loved dearly.

Shauna was preceded in death by her Gram Lilly VanDeMark, her Gramp Don VanDeMark, her Grandfather Orlan Heemstra, and her Grandmother Joyce Heemstra.

The viewing is January 10, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel located at 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia, CA 93277. Funeral and graveside services are private at the request of her family. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel  
127 E. Caldwell Ave.  
Visalia, CA 93277

# Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Shauna L. VanDeMark*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - January 11, 2021 at 12:59 PM

MH

*beautiful to video and tribute to a wonderful lady My condolence to her family. May you find acceptance thru our Savior.*

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**maria C herandnez** - January 13, 2021 at 07:13 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Shauna L. VanDeMark*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - January 11, 2021 at 12:59 PM

LH

*I would like to Thank the Family for allowing this as it means the world to be allowed to participate in saying goodbye to Shauna. The service was beautiful. The priest was very helpful in saying goodbye until later. I met Shauna when I worked at Probation. I was there for a lot of what Amy talked about until I had to move. Lunches on Friday at Probation were great the only time we got to get away. Lots of laughter. When the inmate jumped out in front of her on her way home that was an interesting night. We talked about probation, CVRC, Amy and her children. We were at Amy's wedding. Shuana is a true treasure of a friend. Then I would hear about it from Shauna on the phone. She was so giving. She did worry about everyone, always wanted to know where everyone was at all times. She even knew where I was and my daughter Michaela were. I had promised her that she was on my emergency call list. True friendship. She had food in her car to give to homeless. If they were hungry she would even go get them something. She loved all her nieces and nephews in Raul's family and his parents I wish there were more pictures of them in the video as his family was her family too. She loved them dearly. Shauna was happy as long as everyone else was happy that is what made her happy. That is what made us true friends. Real friendship you never lose no matter where you move to or how far you are apart you are always there. I miss her in the middle of the night calls, her text messages, just short voice messages. I can't imagine how Raul is doing or Rocco. Poor Rocco, he may finally lose some weight lol.. private joke Shauna you are laughing from heaven. He isn't getting those "little" snacks all the time. In the video you see the smile on Shauna that was her even when she was stressed unless you knew her best. We just had a conversation about how she knew her sisters Nicole and Brooke were going to be OK and she was so proud of them. How her brothers were doing they would be OK. I don't think she would ever quit worrying about her dad, mom, or Larry. She missed Gram, every day. She worried about Raul driving to Fresno. Knew exactly what time he would be home 4:15am no later than 4:30am. She didn't want anything to happen to him she loved him dearly. How Rocco would go to the door and start waiting for his dad about that time. How Raul was "Disneyland" dad and she was the "disciplinary" mom. Sure she was the one giving him ice cream. She worried worse during this pandemic. How I had done the social work and her degree was in criminal justice but she how she loved helping her families so much more than anything. It gave her a greater gift. How she felt she got more out of it and she wished she could give more. She worried about how the pandemic was affecting everyone. We discussed this at length. Oh we talked about so many things and supported each other. We understood each other. Shauna you were more like my sister than a friend. If you knew Shauna you loved her. I am so missing our conversations at any hours of the evening, night or early morning. You are forever in my heart and always in my memories and I hear you all the time your little comments. Until we meet again. I*

*love you. Lisa*

**Lisa Henderson** - January 11, 2021 at 03:27 PM

VM

“ *Shauna was a long time member of the Visalia CVRC Social Committee. Throughout the years Shauna would help set up/clean up for an event, assisted in operation turkey, and soda rotation. Shauna (and her mom) always contributed creative and delicious baked goodies to our annual bake sale. During our last meeting in December, Shauna gave suggestions and input to our continued events. In memory of Shauna, the Social Committee will be giving a donation to the Visalia SPCA. Rest in Peace Shauna. We are thinking of you and your family.*

VM

**VM** - January 11, 2021 at 12:14 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shauna L. VanDeMark.*



January 08, 2021 at 11:25 PM



“ *Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of Shauna L. VanDeMark.*



January 05, 2021 at 04:10 PM

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“ *Central Valley Regional Center purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Shauna L. VanDeMark.*



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**Central Valley Regional Center** - January 05, 2021 at 01:58 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shauna L. VanDeMark.*



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January 04, 2021 at 11:48 PM

BN

“ *Shauna & I met through work at CVRC - and have always shared a love of our fur-babies. Even during this past pandemic year - Shauna would reach out and ask how mine were doing, and we'd talk about how much Rocco and my babies mean to us. I was heartened when she'd reach out to talk about our little ones.*

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**BN** - January 04, 2021 at 04:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shauna L. VanDeMark.*



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January 01, 2021 at 01:55 PM

JM

“ I remember when she opened up her heart and home to me and my closest friends when another friend of mine had gotten killed thanks again for everything you did for me what a true blessing to have been there may u rip until we meet again God bless you and your family



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**Jeremy Martin** - January 01, 2021 at 01:41 PM