



# Tracy McAllister

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**A** lamo: Tracy's courageous battle with breast cancer ended on Wednesday, September 13, 2023. She was surrounded by her loving family at home when she entered Eternal rest, where Tracy reunited with her mom, her grandma, and many other loved ones and friends.

Tracy was born on April 5, 1976, in McAllen, Texas, to Verne and Sharon Kay(Robinson) Vanderpool. Her confident and outgoing attitude was evident even as a child. Tracy participated in almost every sport offered throughout her youth and high school despite not having a competitive spirit.

After graduating from Weslaco High School, Tracy attended Texas A&M University, earning her Bachelor's Degree. Tracy taught in Weslaco and PSJA for many years. Most of the time in PSJA, Tracy was a Chemistry teacher. The students adored Tracy. Her charm and charisma would attract all students to her room. Tracy continued her Education and earned a Master's in Education from the University of Texas RGV.

Tracy was then promoted to Administrator of the Science Department for the PSJA school district. Her commitment to nurturing young minds had a lasting impact on countless students.

Outside of her professional life, Tracy possessed a vibrant and creative soul. With a passion for interior design, Tracy could effortlessly transform any space into a masterpiece. She had an eye for color and detail that emanated from her fingertips through every painting stroke or piece of handmade jewelry she created. Tracy was known for hosting parties that were larger than life - gatherings filled with laughter, warmth, and joy. She was the first person you would choose when you wanted to go shopping because her talent could bring the most unique pieces together. Every fall, Tracy would celebrate her grandmother and others through a great gathering, where skull decorating, loteria, and pumpkin carving were essential.

In her leisure time, Tracy loved lighting candles while working on crossword puzzles



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or listening to books on Audible. Tracy was adventurous and fearless, traits that would fuel her passion for travel with her family. She traveled the country and the world. Tracy spent time in Greece, Mexico, and Puerto Rico and, most recently, took a mother-daughter trip to London, Paris, and Amsterdam. Tracy's travel created priceless memories for her husband, children, and best girlfriends. Back home, the beach was one of Tracy's favorite spots, where she found tranquility amongst the crashing waves while cherishing moments spent with family and friends. Speaking of the beach, it was on a hot summer day in 2011 when Tracy's cousin, Wendy, insisted they stop at a small tavern named "Harleys" in Bayview. Tracy met her future husband, Jay McAllister, on July 6. They were married the following March and have spent the rest of their lives together. Tracy had an appreciation for plants. Tracy's home was surrounded and filled with all sorts of plants. Most trips to the grocery store included a new green friend to add to the collection. Tracy's fondness for plants generated a love for nature, the outdoors, and birds. While Tracy was earning her Master's Degree, this enthusiasm prompted her to take classes in Ornithology. This knowledge allowed Tracy to be a well-versed bird watcher for the rest of her life. Tracy began rescuing dogs and cats many years ago. She loved animals, and her compassionate heart was a magnet for strays. The family home included many of these animals, along with goats, chickens, and fish. This family tradition was passed down from her father to her, and now her children continue to care for animals as their mother did.

In 2015, Tracy was diagnosed with Breast Cancer. Surviving cancer stands as one of Tracy's proudest accomplishments. She exhibited unwavering bravery and resilience throughout her battle, inspiring all fortunate to witness her journey. Tracy's fighting spirit reminds us to find strength within ourselves, even in adversity. Tracy continued to light up the mood throughout the years with her beautiful smile. Most importantly, Tracy's courage came from her Lord and Savior. Tracy was very spiritual and was a Christian. She didn't attend one church. Tracy's love for people and making new friendships drew her to many denominations. The churches Tracy attended had a couple of things in common: faith and friendly people. Tracy is preceded in death by her mom, Sharon Vanderpool.



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She is survived by her loving husband, Jay McAllister, whose unwavering support and devotion were a source of great comfort during her illness. Tracy is also survived by her father, Verne Vanderpool; her children, Leo Sullivan Enloe, Ella Holland Enloe, and Griffin Ross McAllister; her brother, Scott Vanderpool, and his wife, Melissa; nephews and nieces, Helen and Ashley Vanderpool and Julianne Alejandro; Brianna, Jodie, and Joey McAllister, and great nephew, Silas.

Visitation will be held on September 19, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., with a Celebration of Life at 6 p.m. at McCaleb Funeral Home in Weslaco. The warmth and support of friends and loved ones during these events would be greatly appreciated.



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**Anonymous** shared a **Video**.



August 7 at 4:19 PM



**Kevin** posted:

What to say other than you'll be missed, and you were a great friend. How you made it through the year at The Colony, I'll never know! Rest in peace, Tracy, and gig 'em.

November 13 at 1:28 PM



**Geoff Unland** posted:

Tracy was always warm and welcoming, cheerful and willing to try new adventures. I will miss her very much, but I am grateful to have had her as a cousin and friend.

November 13 at 1:28 PM



**Arlan L Euler** posted:

We send our sincere sympathies to the family. God has called Tracy home and we pray that she's at peace. May God bless her heavenly soul. The Euler family- Great Aunt Julia, Arlan, Rosie, Derek, Dustin, Darian & Alana

November 9 at 7:47 PM



**Nikki** posted:

Nikki v. Love â€¦ you guys so much I'll be there ,

September 19 at 10:15 PM



**Doug, Loli And Family** posted:

Verne, our sincerest condolences and prayers to you, your family as well as Tracy's family. May our Lord give you comfort, strength and peace during this difficult time. Beautiful Tracy, you will be greatly missed. Rest in paradise ðŸ™™

September 19 at 5:42 PM



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**Koko Varela** posted:

Tracy represented love. She was kind hearted, caring, helpful and beautiful inside and out. You will be truly missed my friend â ¤ï,

September 19 at 5:31 PM



**Alicia Stockstill** posted:

The most beautiful and Strong, outgoing woman. Who will be dearly missed by all. She had the strength and courage You donâ€™t find an a lot of people rest in peace Tracy.

September 19 at 5:28 PM



**Diana Polin** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Rest in peace Tracy. Thank you for being a great and amazing boss back in the Wild Olive Cafe days and an even more spectacular friend. My deepest condolences to Jay, Vern, Leo, Holland, Griffin and all the other family and friends that you have left behind. You will always have a special place in my heart. ðŸ•Šï,ðŸ™



September 19 at 4:33 PM



**Gladis Victoria** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Tracy is a lovely soul that will be always remembered, thank you for all the laughs I will never forget her beautiful smile and warm heart. â ¤ï,



September 19 at 1:00 PM



**Patti Brooks** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

RIP Sweet Angel



September 18 at 4:53 PM



**James Lappin** posted:

Very nice young lady.Enjoyed her company. I knew her since she was a baby.

September 18 at 1:33 PM



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TL

**Taormina Linda** posted:

Tracy was so very smart and had such a great personality. She was so much fun and never held a grudge nor berated anyone. My heart breaks her and I send my condolences to her family. Another good one lost to Cancer. So not fair.

September 17 at 9:44 PM

LD

**Liz Douglas** posted:

She was such a beautiful young lady. I went to church with her and her mom for years. Her mom was hilarious. So sorry to the family for the loss of this beautiful lady.

September 17 at 7:50 PM

CV

**Christina Vela** posted:

Tracy had such a beautiful spirit and a kind heart. We were truly lucky that she was a part of our PSJA family. Sending love and prayers of comfort to Tracy's family and friends.

September 16 at 12:38 PM

RR

**Roxanne Ruelas** posted:

My sincerest condolences to Tracy and her family. She was a fun and beautiful person inside and out. I remember eating lunch together as science teachers at PSJA Memorial. My heart goes to her children, husband, father, and brother during this difficult time. May you rest in peace Tracy.

September 15 at 9:34 PM

SG

**Susanne From Germany** posted:

My sincerest condolences to the whole family. Tracy was a such wonderful person.

September 15 at 4:46 PM



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BF

**Billie And Paul Floyd** posted:

Vern and family, our deepest condolences go out to you and your family. As had as this is she did it her way. She was so sweet and had so much love for her family. So many great memories there to treasure. Please let us know if we can do anything. Prayers go out to you at this difficult time. God be with you to deal with this loss.

September 15 at 7:22 AM

VF

**Vicki Ellison Feedback** posted:

My deepest sympathy to the family and friends. I met Tracy only once at her mother's memorial service last year. Her mother Sharon was one of my dearest friends in high school. Tracy was a sweet and beautiful lady. The world will miss her.

September 14 at 12:18 PM

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**Vicki Ellison Feedback** lit a candle in honor of Tracy.

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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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