



## Tara Diane Parente

May 7, 1986 - November 15, 2019

Tara Diane Parente, 33, passed away so unexpectedly on November 15, 2019, at Abington Memorial Hospital in Abington, Pennsylvania. She was born on May 7, 1986, in Syracuse, New York; however, she lived the majority of her life in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the city she so passionately loved. She was a PROUD graduate of the William Penn Charter School (OPC '05, but also '04 for many years), before heading to Brown University on a full scholarship.

Throughout her struggles, Tara always carried a special ability to find people who loved and cared for her. Tara held her relationships deeply. She had tremendous pride in her younger sister Shannon, or Cookie as young Tara named her baby sister, and they shared a remarkable bond. She is also survived by her mother Sandra, also lovingly known as Nemo, from whom Tara inherited her extensive vocabulary and artistic gene. Tara was the best auntie to the fur monster Finnegan, and thoroughly enjoyed being dragged down the street by him. Tara made lasting relationships with many other people throughout her life's journey and was eternally grateful for the support she received along the way.

Tara loved neuroscience, the musical Hamilton, Philadelphia sports, and Five Below. She was known for her intellect, wit, and brilliance. She was quirky and creative and saw beauty in things most people overlooked. She found humor even in struggle and sadness. The potential of Tara's life was immense. Artist, scientist, poet, she did it all. She loved speaking in metaphors, philosophizing about life's eternal questions, and searching for a deeper meaning in just about everything. She would often pose big existential questions for which most people did not have answers to. Those who knew her knew no one else quite like her.

On Monday, November 25, 2019, a viewing will take place at Tara's childhood church, Olivet Covenant Presbyterian Church, 22nd and Mount Vernon Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19130 at 9 a.m. Service will follow and begin at 10:30 a.m. Burial will take place at 1 p.m. at Whitmarsh Memorial Park, 1169 Limekiln Pike, Ambler, PA 19002. There will be a memorial service at the William Penn Charter School at a future date.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in honor of Tara Parente to the William Penn Charter School, 3000 W. School House Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19144. Nothing would honor her memory more than giving back to the place that gave her so much. Arr. Dinan

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# Previous Events

## Visitation and Service at Church

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Tara was a very bright star in my life. I looked forward to every time we'd talk or meet. There will never be anyone else like her. Her love of philosophy, science, art, games and language made every moment a treasure. Her wit had me enthralled every time and now I hear the echoes of her voice throughout the day, joking about this, or ruminating about that, always near me, guiding, confiding, advising, getting me to think deeper. There were never enough moments with Tara. Now I see how even more precious those moments were. Please, God, let her transcendence be joyous.

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**Alex Strang** - November 24, 2019 at 01:37 AM

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“ I didn't know Tara well, but what I can speak to is that she was a person that had such a unique aura. When I was younger, and we were at church together, I used to think she was so cool, and had great style. I can hear her soft soothing voice in my head, even nearly 20 years later. I'm so sorry for the loss of Tara, but I have no doubt that the impression she left on the world will continue to live on forever. - Samantha Stankus

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**Samantha Stankus** - November 23, 2019 at 09:34 AM