



## Sarah Wiper

September 4, 1960 - September 9, 2021

WIPER, Sarah Louise; Passed away on Thursday, September 9th, 2021 at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre, at the age of 61. Sarah is survived by her son Alex (Paiten). Sister of the late Peggy Anne, David (Liz), Virginia (the late Gary, late John David “Boots”), Janice (Fred), and Jimmy (Nancy). Predeceased by her parents Jim and Peggy Wiper (nee Kerr). Survived by her beloved cat Oda and “sister-niece” Jean (Ken). Sarah was a supremely talented and innovative papier mache artist who created life size 3-D versions of famous figures and paintings such as “The Scream “ and Picasso’s “Dora Maar et Chat” (see below and her Instagram profile “joyful\_\_kitty\_\_kitty” for some of her portfolio). Sarah won top prizes for her Farini, the Niagara tight rope walker at the Port Hope annual fall fair and most recently, after surgery in 2019, embraced body positive art which she shared to the delight of the gynecological team at Lakeridge Health. Sarah had several works in progress at the time of her passing, including a very timely and appropriate version of Jean-Michel Basquiat’s “The Warrior”.

Sarah will be dearly missed by her paper mâché people, and other family and friends, including those she met most recently at PRHC who spoke at her bedside in her last moments of Sarah’s genuine warmth and appreciation for others. For instance, when Sarah recovered this past spring from a bout in the ICU at PRHC and regained her voice, her first thought was to inquire about her sister Virginia’s health as Virginia had recently undergone significant

surgery while Sarah herself was in the ICU.

In addition to her artistic and creative skills and open heart, Sarah was endlessly patient to provide IT help desk support for her siblings, made friends wherever she journeyed and made the world a better place for her presence, having taught her somewhat repressed WASP family the courage to say “I Love You” in her frequent phone conversations. Her EQ was off the charts, arguably in the “genius” category.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. In Sarah’s memory, donations may be made to the Lakefield Animal Welfare Society through the funeral home. Condolences may be made online at [www.CommunityAlternative.ca](http://www.CommunityAlternative.ca)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest sympathies to all of Sarah's family members. I am very sorry for your loss. May you hold all your treasured memories of your dear mother, sister, and aunt. If your hearts are heavy, it is because you cared so much; Grief is the price we pay for love. Sarah once shared with me that she was an empath, and felt deeply, absorbing the world's joys and stresses like an emotional sponge. I trust that is what made her the special person that she was. She always seemed to care, and truly understand. Again, my deepest sympathies. "When you are sorrowful look again in your heart, and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight."Kahlil Gibran*

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**Randi Shulman** - September 14, 2021 at 12:48 PM

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“ *I'm going to miss you dear sister Sarah so, very much but I do have such wonderful memories with you. Love you sis, give mom and dad a big hug, Peggy-Ann and Boots for me.*

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**Janice** - September 13, 2021 at 07:27 PM

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“ *sad*

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**Virginia** - September 13, 2021 at 07:22 PM

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“ *I love that picture Alex . Sarah was a great mother.*

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**Virginia** - September 13, 2021 at 07:14 PM

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“ Sarah was the youngest of our family of 6 siblings, she could hardly get a word in , we can be quite boisterous. Sarah was kind and friendly to all. Sarah will be dearly missed by all she knew, from family and friends, hospital staff and people she dealt with in her health problems. Sarah was the best.

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**Virginia** - September 13, 2021 at 07:13 PM

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“ Sarah was a wonderful woman and I had the great honour of meeting her. She was nothing but loving and warm-hearted and opened her arms for me when I first met her. I'm very lucky to have met her and I will miss her very much. I will remember her very fondly and think back at all the special moments her, Alex, and I shared \u2764\u2764

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**Paiten Smolen** - September 10, 2021 at 06:25 PM

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“ I've enjoyed witnessing all the love being spread in memory of my mothers kind and beautiful soul. I'd like to share my favourite picture of me and her in her memory

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**Alex Spoltore** - September 10, 2021 at 05:16 PM

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“ My sincere condolences to Jean, Ken and Sarah's family. Over the years working with Jean I have seen her Aunt's artwork and heard fun-loving tales of family events and stories. Deep and lasting family relationships are such a blessing and were obviously richly abundant amongst all of you and cherished. My prayers and heartfelt thoughts are with you all as you grieve this loss. A donation has been made In Memory of Sarah Wiper to the Lakefield Animal Welfare Society.

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**Christine Thomas** - September 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM



“ *With heartfelt condolences,*

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**Izabella Sowa** - September 10, 2021 at 10:43 AM