



Tara Nicole Smith

July 12, 1977 - December 31, 2012

Tara Nicole Smith was born in Southern New Jersey on July 12, 1977 to loving parents, Thomas and Ruth Hill, and joined her brother Tommy Hill at their home in Marlton, NJ, where she grew into a striking and vibrant young woman. She met Chris Markley while bowling one evening and married him in September 2001. They had the joy of her life, a son name Christopher "CJ" Markley, on February 2003.

She loved being a mother. She loved dancing. She loved her friends. She loved life. She loved her family. She was fun and funny and giving and so very beautiful.

Chris and Tara, though they eventually divorced, remained good friends and excellent parents. In 2006, she discovered a small mole on her back and had it surgically removed. It turned out to be Melanoma.

Tara and Drew Smith met, fell in love, and were married November 20, 2010, the day she started a new experimental trial for the treatment of Melanoma. Tara fearlessly participated in several trials of new drugs and treatments and though several were effective for a while, in the end the cancer spread through her body. It eventually reached her brain, and claimed her life on December 31, 2012.

Tara was a strong advocate for Skin Cancer awareness and the family asks that in place of cards or flowers, that a donation be made to the Melanoma Research Foundation in her honor, <http://www.melanoma.org/support-mrf/donate-mrf>.

Relatives and friends are invited to a viewing on Saturday 10:30am to 11am at BOUCHER FUNERAL HOME, 1757 Delsea Drive, Deptford. Funeral service 11am at the funeral home. Interment private.

Tribute Wall



“ *Tara Nicole Smith*

November 27, 2022 at 03:45 PM



“ *DEAR DREW, WE ARE VERY SADDENED TO HAVE LEARNED OF TARA'S PASSING :(WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HER LAUGHING & RIDING MOTORCYCLES WITH US. OH , & YEAH , KAROAKE @ MY B S DAY PARTY :) LOVE CINDY :)*

CINDY FULTON - January 08, 2013 at 12:49 PM



“ *To Tara's Family and Friends, I am praying for God to quickly fill your aching hearts with peace from Tara's and his immeasurable love for each of you.
Friend of Tara's Dear friends, Denise*

Denise C Nestor - January 04, 2013 at 05:37 PM



“ *My heartfelt sympathy to the family. We worked together at PHH and she always could make you smile. A beautiful soul whom was taken way too early. She is now an Angel watching down on all of you. Rest peacefully my friend.*

Danielle Permenter - January 04, 2013 at 05:17 PM

BK

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family. So very sorry for your loss. I did not know Tara well, but I will always remember her smile and great sense of humor. I remember how beautiful she looked at her wedding. When I had the pleasure of seeing her at Markley Family gatherings she was always telling a funny story and so upbeat. She was a very generous and giving soul and she will be sorely missed. My deepest sympathies. Becky Karmels

Becky Karmels - January 04, 2013 at 03:36 PM

AC

“ So sorry for your loss. Hope you find strength and please know that all of you are in my prayers.

Ana Cintron - January 04, 2013 at 11:32 AM

RD

“ I used to work with Tara at PHH Mtg. She was a very nice person. She always knew how to make us laugh her wit was just so brightening. I'm so sorry for the loss that the family has to face. Be encouraged .

Renee Dixon - January 04, 2013 at 12:59 AM

DR

“ The video tribute of Tara was so touching. Very very emotional. Drew, Chris and family. you in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless Dom

Dom Reitano - January 03, 2013 at 09:33 PM

RD

“ Condolences to Tara's family. She was an absolutely wonderful person. She always had a smile and kind word to say. I was grateful to have met her while working at Cendant Mortgage. Tara will truly be missed by family and friends.
R.I.P. Tara

Rose Dow - January 03, 2013 at 07:39 PM

TF

“ Soccer games will never be the same."Duct Tape" Tara:) You gave life to the sidelines and were a Crazy soccer Mom through and through.Your smile lit up our Sundays and your life was full of fun and vibrancy. Your sense of humor and so many laughs that will be forever missed. We will yell at the ref for ya Tar:)Love and Prayers,
The Willis' (Lauren, Warren and Alston)

The Willis Family - January 03, 2013 at 07:23 PM

CR

“ I am so sorry for the loss of a beautiful vibrant young woman. My prayers are with you all.

Christine Ricart - January 03, 2013 at 06:56 PM

LM

“ Dear Drew, Tom, Ruth, Tom Jr and CJ Mike and I would like to extend our condoances to all of you for your loss. We have so many good and funny memories of Tara growing up. Our thought and prayers are with all of you at this time.

Lorrie and mike McGary - January 03, 2013 at 06:32 PM

SC

“ Tara was a great person with a personality to match. She will be sadly missed. My prayers go out to her family.

Sherie Capehart - January 03, 2013 at 06:25 PM

LM

“ Tara was sweet and funny . I am so glad I met her. She was more than a client she became a friend. My thoughts are with all who loved her. She will be missed .

Sincerly, Lynn Mertz Cherry Hill, NJ

Lynn Mertz - January 03, 2013 at 05:09 PM