



Sara Elizabeth Kaye

July 22, 1978 - June 5, 2026

Sara Elizabeth Kaye passed away peacefully on June 5th with her family by her side. She was 47 years old. Sara had recently been diagnosed with a very aggressive form of pancreatic cancer and was being treated at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. She received great care, but sadly, her disease had progressed too rapidly to be cured.

Sara grew up in Providence, RI, graduated from Tufts University in Medford, MA, and then moved to Portland, OR, where she met her husband, Adam. Sara and Adam lived briefly in San Francisco, then settled in Austin, drawn there by the music scene. Most recently, Sara worked as the B'nai Mitzvah Coordinator & Music Assistant at Temple Beth Shalom in Austin.

Music was a huge part of Sara's life since she was a very young child. She was a singer- songwriter and played many instruments, including piano, guitar, and ukulele. Sara sang in an a cappella group in college and performed at open mics wherever she was living, frequently leading to long-term friendships and partnerships with other musicians. Music brought much joy into her own life, and her lovely voice and beautiful music brought so much joy into the lives of many others.

There was not a sweeter, kinder, more loving person in the world than Sara. She was a shining light in our lives, and words can't express how much she

will be missed.

Sara is survived by her husband, Adam; her children, Miles & Ruby; her mother, Janet Shansky; her sister, Becca Shansky, and brother-in-law, Jesse Schomer. Sara was predeceased by her father, Joseph Shansky, of blessed memory. She is also survived by so many loving friends and cousins.

Donations may be made to the Sara Kaye Memorial Music Fund at Temple Beth Shalom in Austin, TX.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Service

JUN 9. 10:30 AM (CT)

Temple Beth Shalom
7300 Hart Ln.
Austin, TX 78731

A livestream of the Memorial Service will be available on the Temple Beth Shalom YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/@TempleBethShalomAustin>