



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.

Previous 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>

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Sara back in the 1990s through synagogue and youth group activities. Her love for community, and music will live on forever.

Elana Gordon - June 10 at 06:37 PM

MS

“ Dan and I met Sara at her sister Becca and Jesse's wedding. She and Adam had just had Miles a few months prior. We were able to witness her joy and loving being a mom.

We can't express how sad we are for Adam, Miles, and Ruby, Janet, Becca and Jesse, and countless friends and family who are feeling this tremendous loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. We hope you find comfort in all your memories and loved ones around you.

With sincere sympathy, Dan and Maggie Schomer

Margaret M Schomer - June 09 at 06:48 PM



“ I'm very sad to hear of Sara's passing. It's been many years since my son had her as a teacher, he's now 25 years old but we always remember her bright voice and smile.



Deborah Zallen - June 09 at 01:11 PM

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“ Carol L Shansky lit a candle in memory of Sara Elizabeth Kaye



Carol L Shansky - June 09 at 09:37 AM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



illysa Foster Lasser - June 09 at 06:50 AM

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“ Sara was an encouraging piano and guitar teacher to many, including family members. She and her band performed at celebrations, venues and house concerts, always motivating dance and kindling joy. Once she performed at our home, where a friend and her husband danced for the first time since he had developed Alzheimers. She could sing Wagon Wheel and Jolene like no other, and her original compositions are a treasure. Sara was a loving soul, and will be missed by her family here in Texas.



illysa Foster Lasser - June 09 at 06:46 AM