



Sarah A. McLaughlin

September 30, 1986 - January 8, 2016

Sarah McLaughlin, 29, of New Kent, VA passed away January 8, 2016. She was a 2004 graduate of New Kent High School, and the self-employed owner of SMC Photography. Sarah served at the New Kent County Sheriff's Office as a Communications Officer, from 2006 until her passing; it was a job, and a community, that were dear to her heart.

Sarah deeply loved her family and friends, all of New Kent County's First Responders, and animals of every kind. She possessed a strong inner faith, and had been baptized at Providence United Methodist Church. She volunteered with the New Kent Humane Society, taking photos of animals for adoption. Sarah was a friend to everyone, and wanted to fix their problems, even to the point of neglecting herself.

Sarah was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, John Joseph McLaughlin, Sr.; maternal grandparents, Robert C. Gansauer and Alice M. Gansauer. Sarah is survived by her parents, John Joseph McLaughlin, Jr. and Robin Ann Gansauer McLaughlin, who loved her dearly; a brother, John Joseph (Joey) McLaughlin, III and his wife, Shannon; a brother, Timothy Wayne McLaughlin; four nephews, Aiden, Elliot, Landon and Tyler; and her grandmother, Juaneta McLaughlin. She is also survived by several aunts, uncles and cousins, Joanne and Dean Simmons (Daniel and Phillip), James and Renee McLaughlin (Christina, Heather, Chantal and Samantha), Bobby and Diane Gansauer (Grete), John and Elaine Gansauer (Bryce and Derek); and a host of great uncles, aunts, cousins, and her first responder family.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, January 17th, at 2 p.m. in the New Kent Middle School Auditorium, 7501 Egypt Rd., New Kent, VA, 23124.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the New Kent Humane Society or a local ASPCA in her memory.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

New Kent Middle School Auditorium
7501 Egypt Rd.
New Kent, VA 23124

Tribute Wall

ES

“ Dear Sheriff McLaughlin and family,

We extend our heartfelt sympathy in the passing of Sarah. May God comfort and embrace you in his guiding light of peace during this time of sorrow. Sarah was very special.

Eileen and Don Smith ❤️

eileen smith - January 25, 2016 at 04:37 PM

 Taylor Mariee

“ *Deepest condolences to the Mclaughlin family, Sarah you were an amazing person and I will never forget the times we shared!*



Taylor Mariee - January 18, 2016 at 12:59 AM

BC

“ *Joe & Family,
My prayers and thoughts for your family.
God will bless and keep you....always.
Button Clements*



Button Clements - January 17, 2016 at 03:14 PM

EE

“ *The McLaughlin Family,
Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May God bless and comfort you during these coming days. May your heart be filled with all the wonderful memories you have of Sarah.*

Tom and Emily Clay Evelyn

Emily Clay Evelyn - January 17, 2016 at 02:55 PM

DT

“ *Diane Trittipoe sent a virtual gift in memory of Sarah A. McLaughlin*



Diane Trittipoe - January 17, 2016 at 11:53 AM

 Linda
Kopp
Smith

“ *Linda Kopp Smith lit a candle in memory of Sarah A. McLaughlin*



Linda Kopp Smith - January 17, 2016 at 09:58 AM

LA

“ *Joe and Robin, Our deepest sympathies go out to you and your family. May our Lord bless and comfort you and your family during this time. Please know that we are praying for you. Norm, Linda, Kelly and Casey*

Linda Anderson - January 16, 2016 at 09:29 AM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Sarah A. McLaughlin.



January 16, 2016 at 07:03 AM



“ Joe, Robin, Joey, Shannon, and the rest of the family ~ reflect, remember and keep the memories close to your heart. We pray you will find rest, peace and understanding during this time. Kim Turner & Family



Kim Turner - January 15, 2016 at 09:01 PM



“ May God's word provide the comfort no man can. I pray Peace and Memories shower your hearts in the days, months and years to come. We are deeply sorry for the loss of Sarah.



Mia and Daryl Eubank

Mia Eubank - January 15, 2016 at 12:46 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sarah A. McLaughlin.



January 15, 2016 at 12:31 PM

JH

“ *Jacqueline Haynie lit a candle in memory of Sarah A. McLaughlin*



Jacqueline Haynie - January 15, 2016 at 11:31 AM

LW

“ *Our deepest condolences to Sheriff Joe, Robin, Joey, Shannon, and the entire family of Sarah. May God continue to wrap you in His arms and help guide you through the days ahead. Lois Wilcox and family*

Lois Wilcox - January 15, 2016 at 11:31 AM

TF

“ *Dear Juaneta and all the McLaughlin family, my heartfelt sympathy on your loss. I am continually holding you in my thoughts and prayers, and sending God's love and healing energies to you all. Love and blessings, Trish Fulcher*



Trish Fulcher - January 15, 2016 at 09:58 AM

BD

“ *Joe and Robin, My heart aches for you and your family. Wade and I are praying for all of you, may God wrap his arms around you and comfort you always.*

Brenda Daugherty - January 15, 2016 at 08:38 AM

DG

“ To the McLaughlin family our thoughts and prayers are with you.
God Bless. Trudy and Doug Goodman

doug goodman - January 14, 2016 at 07:12 PM

PA

“ New Kent Quilters are collecting pet foods at our February mtg to be delivered to New Kent Animal Control in memory of Sarah McLaughlin. God bless this family during this difficult time.

*Patricia Ankrom,
New Kent Quilters*

Patricia Ankrom - January 14, 2016 at 02:49 PM

JU

“ Dear Sheriff McLaughlin and family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you. May peace and comfort find you during this difficult time.

*Lieutenant Julian Evans
Isle of Wight County Sheriff's Office*

Julian - January 14, 2016 at 02:36 PM

AS

“ *Though the voice is silent, her spirit will forever live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.*”

To the family and extended family of Sarah A. McLaughlin, please accept our condolences for your loss.

*Smyth County Sheriff's Office
Communications Center*

Audrey Musick, SMSO - January 14, 2016 at 02:27 PM

JJ

“ *Sheriff Mclaughlin, Robin and Joey... My heart goes out to you an your family at this difficult time. May God continue to keep you in his care.*”



Josie Jones - January 14, 2016 at 01:08 PM

CP

“ *Dear Sheriff McLaughlin and family,
Our hearts at Henrico County Jail East go out to you in this time of sorrow in your life. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*”

*Capt. C. Pickens
Henrico County Sheriff's Office Jail East*

C. Pickens - January 14, 2016 at 12:17 PM

MD

“ *Mary Ellen Davis lit a candle in memory of Sarah A. McLaughlin*



Mary Ellen Davis - January 14, 2016 at 11:58 AM

DC

“ *Debbie Huebner Conway lit a candle in memory of Sarah A. McLaughlin*



Debbie Huebner Conway - January 14, 2016 at 11:37 AM

SR

“ *My deepest condolences to Sheriff Joe, Mrs. McLaughlin and family as you grieve the loss of Sarah. May you be comforted in knowing that you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God continue to guide you through the days ahead.*

Sheriff B. J. Roberts, Hampton, VA

Sheriff B. J. Roberts - January 14, 2016 at 11:19 AM

DC

“ *My heartfelt sympathy to the McLaughlin Family. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May God continue to wrap you in his arms and help guide you through the days ahead.*

*Debbie Huebner Conway
Sandston, Virginia*

Debbie Conway - January 14, 2016 at 09:06 AM

DB

“ *My sincerest condolences to Sheriff Joe, Joey, Shannon, and the entire family of Sarah. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time.*

Dana Boothe - January 14, 2016 at 08:21 AM

SM

“ *Sara Murphy lit a candle in memory of Sarah A. McLaughlin*



Sara Murphy - January 14, 2016 at 08:19 AM

BG

“ *Brooks Gray lit a candle in memory of Sarah A. McLaughlin*



brooks gray - January 14, 2016 at 04:26 AM

KK

“ *Kimberly Kinker lit a candle in memory of Sarah A. McLaughlin*



Kimberly Kinker - January 14, 2016 at 02:27 AM

KK

My thoughts and prayers go out to the McLaughlin family. May God comfort you'll during this tragic time.

Kimberly Kinker - January 14, 2016 at 02:32 AM

AE

“ *Thinking about all who knew Sarah and the lives she touched. So very sorry for your loss; sending prayers for strength and peace...*



A. Estis - January 13, 2016 at 05:31 PM

KM

“ *Karen Mortensen lit a candle in memory of Sarah A. McLaughlin*



Karen Mortensen - January 13, 2016 at 05:22 PM

SL

“ *Sandy Mikelaties Lewis lit a candle in memory of Sarah A. McLaughlin*



Sandy Mikelaties Lewis - January 13, 2016 at 03:36 PM

ES

“ *Ellen Spain lit a candle in memory of Sarah A. McLaughlin*



Ellen Spain - January 13, 2016 at 02:32 PM

WC

“ *Wiley And Lisa Carter lit a candle in memory of Sarah A. McLaughlin*



Wiley and Lisa Carter - January 13, 2016 at 02:04 PM

FM

“ *Dear McLaughlin Family - We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you. May God give you peace and comfort during these trying times. Love and peace, John and Faye Manion.*

Faye Johnson Manion - January 13, 2016 at 01:56 PM

WC

“ *To the McLaughlin family,*

We would like to extend our sympathy and prayers to your immediate and extended family. May God continue to wrap his loving arms around you and hold you closer during this difficult time. We pray that you draw strength from God as well as each other, and that in days and months to come, that God will fill your hearts with joy as you share precious memories of your Sarah with others.

Prayerfully,

Esther, Warren, Blake Cannada
Philippians 4:13



Warren, Esther, Blake Cannada - January 13, 2016 at 12:27 PM

CW

“ *Cheri Washington lit a candle in memory of Sarah A. McLaughlin*



Cheri Washington - January 13, 2016 at 11:40 AM

BS

“ *Brandie Smith lit a candle in memory of Sarah A. McLaughlin*



Brandie Smith - January 13, 2016 at 10:43 AM

KS

“ *Karen Smith lit a candle in memory of Sarah A. McLaughlin*




Karen Smith - January 13, 2016 at 10:42 AM



“ *Dear McLaughlin family, please except our deepest sympathies from our family to yours. May Gods love and grace be with y'all daily. Would love to talk if y'all eever need it, we understand all to well the pain y'all are feeling. With Gods Love the Montez Family(Mun, Darlene, Ashton)*

Darlene Montez - January 13, 2016 at 10:02 AM

 Leslie Godsey

“ *So sorry to hear about the loss of Sarah. May God bless you and comfort you during this time.*



Kirk and Leslie Godsey

Leslie Godsey - January 13, 2016 at 07:37 AM

PC

“ *Dear McLaughlin family - Please know that Dwayne and I are lifting you all up in prayer.*

Patti Cartwright - January 12, 2016 at 10:40 PM

TF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.



Dirk and Casey Burmeister

The Burmeister family - January 12, 2016 at 10:18 PM

SH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Sarah was a very sweet, kind and loving person.



Sierra Heath - January 12, 2016 at 10:11 PM

DW

“ To the entire McLaughlin family....you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God wrap his loving arms around you and give you peace during this difficult time.
Debra Ward



Debra Ward - January 12, 2016 at 09:44 PM

TB

“ To the entire McLaughlin Family, we love you all very much. We are just around the corner no matter where you are in the county. Please call if we can help in any way
God Bless you. Amen



The Bennetts - January 12, 2016 at 09:37 PM

EV

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Sarah was a great friend and taught me so much over the years. Sarah inspired me to be a better person and to always work hard, and I know she inspired so many others as well. Much love.

Evan VanDyke - January 12, 2016 at 09:17 PM

TS

“ Tracy Smith lit a candle in memory of Sarah A. McLaughlin



Tracy Smith - January 12, 2016 at 09:15 PM

AW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers! Love, Ann Townsend

Ann Townsend Woodall - January 12, 2016 at 09:02 PM

CD

“ Christy Dill lit a candle in memory of Sarah A. McLaughlin



Christy Dill - January 12, 2016 at 09:01 PM

SG

“ *Fly high, sweet Sarah!!!!!!!*



Stephanie Goins - January 12, 2016 at 08:52 PM

CH

“ *Chris Hamlet lit a candle in memory of Sarah A. McLaughlin*



Chris Hamlet - January 12, 2016 at 08:36 PM

TF

“ *The Frye family.*



Tracey Frye - January 12, 2016 at 07:10 PM

BB

“ *To the entire Mclaughlin family you are in our prayers and thoughts.*



Brenda Burgess - January 12, 2016 at 06:52 PM

BD

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family.* ”



Brooke Dickinson - January 12, 2016 at 06:01 PM

HW

“ *Joe, Robin and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. May your faith in God give you comfort during these rough days.* ”

Henry Ward

Henry Ward - January 12, 2016 at 05:09 PM

DD

“ *The Northampton County Sheriff's Office would like to send our deepest sympathies to the McLaughlin Family. Please have comfort in knowing that we will continue to have you in our thoughts and prayers.* ”

With heartfelt sympathy, Sheriff David L. Doughty, Jr. and the members of the Northampton County Sheriff's Office

David Doughty - January 12, 2016 at 04:46 PM

LT

“ *Lynette Taylor lit a candle in memory of Sarah A. McLaughlin* ”



Lynette Taylor - January 12, 2016 at 04:04 PM



“ *Candace Gray lit a candle in memory of Sarah A. McLaughlin*



Candace Gray - January 12, 2016 at 04:01 PM



“ *Carla Gregory lit a candle in memory of Sarah A. McLaughlin*



Carla Gregory - January 12, 2016 at 04:00 PM



Prayer for Chris and your family

Carla Gregory - January 12, 2016 at 04:01 PM



“ *Sending you comfort in prayers, we are so sorry for your loss.*
Scott & Debbie Tomiko



Debbie & Scott Tomiko - January 12, 2016 at 03:52 PM

DG

“ *She was friends with my daughter. A smile that will never fade in your hearts & memories. My condolences to all the family & her friends.*

Denise & George Godsey



denise & george - January 12, 2016 at 03:08 PM

CB

May God wrap his arms around this family and comfort them during this time and always. Charlotte and Mickey Baket

Charlotte Baker - January 12, 2016 at 05:58 PM

VM

“ J

To all of the McLaughlin family, Allow your strong faith and family love to help you thru your times of need. I will be praying for the family . Vickie Marriott



Vickie Marriott - January 12, 2016 at 02:52 PM

FL

“ *My heartfelt sympathy on the homegoing of your daughter.*



Frances Lemons - January 12, 2016 at 02:47 PM

BC

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.* ”



Brenda Collins - January 12, 2016 at 02:40 PM

LE

“ *Sarah and I would go to her favorite Tai Food Place in Short Pump and she would order the grosses food I think they had on the menu and she would slurp it up in my face and let the octopus noodle hand out of her mouth and say are you sure you don't want some! Oh she made me laugh and smile for so many years. And she will be in my mind and heart and so many people's memories and hearts for the rest of our lives!* ”

Leslie Elliott - January 12, 2016 at 02:15 PM

EM

“ *Emily Minor lit a candle in memory of Sarah A. McLaughlin* ”



Emily Minor - January 12, 2016 at 02:11 PM

MF

“ *Michelle Futrell lit a candle in memory of Sarah A. McLaughlin* ”



Michelle Futrell - January 12, 2016 at 02:07 PM

BW

“ We have been thinking and praying for you continually since we heard the news. My heart has been breaking for my friend and mentor. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers here in Montgomery County.

Brian Wright - January 12, 2016 at 01:50 PM

DJ

“ Ronnie, Dianne and Merrill are heartbroken at the loss of one of the counties shining lights. We are praying for Gods grace during this period of grief. We will help in anyway that will be of help, but we will continually raise you in prayer.

dianne jordan - January 12, 2016 at 01:30 PM

AB

“ Ashley Brown lit a candle in memory of Sarah A. McLaughlin



Ashley Brown - January 12, 2016 at 12:51 PM

RG

“ Robert And Tina Gentry lit a candle in memory of Sarah A. McLaughlin



Robert and Tina Gentry - January 12, 2016 at 12:35 PM

LI

“ *Our prayers are with the McLaughlin family and Friends.*

Tim, Lisa and Jacob Bennette

Lisa - January 12, 2016 at 12:27 PM

TF

“ *Tas Family lit a candle in memory of Sarah A. McLaughlin*



Tas Family - January 12, 2016 at 12:18 PM

TF

“ *The Tas Family lit a candle in memory of Sarah A. McLaughlin*



The Tas Family - January 12, 2016 at 12:16 PM

DL

“ *The men and women of the Northumberland County Sheriff's Office send their deepest sympathies to the family of Sarah McLaughlin at this time.*

Joe, we are all family, so do not hesitate to call on us for any thing. Sheriff Doc Lyons and the men and women of the Northumberland County Sheriff's Office.

Doc Lyons - January 12, 2016 at 11:29 AM

SG

“ *Stewarts Grocery lit a candle in memory of Sarah A. McLaughlin*



Stewarts Grocery - January 12, 2016 at 11:25 AM

ES

“ *Erin Shipp lit a candle in memory of Sarah A. McLaughlin*



Erin Shipp - January 12, 2016 at 11:19 AM

KM

“ *So deeply sorry for your loss, Joe and Robin. My prayers continue on behalf of you and your entire family during this most difficult time. I will always remember Sarah and cherish the photos she took of my granddaughters. She was very talented, creative, kind and generous touching the lives of so many. Praying that you will find comfort and peace in God's love.*

Kathryn Moore - January 12, 2016 at 11:07 AM

KS

“ Joe, Robin & family, we are so for your loss. We had the pleasure and joy of meeting Sarah during your election process and at your celebration party after the election. She like the rest of your wonderful family was a beautiful sweet lady. We are here to help you any way possible. All of you are in our prayers and thoughts. Remember to "Let Go and Let God take it" He will never let you down.

Karen, Ken & Brandie Smith - January 12, 2016 at 10:47 AM

CW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the McLaughlin family and the New Kent Sheriff's Office family.

*Deepest Sympathy,
Christy J. Walker, Administrative Assistant
Mathews County Sheriff's Office*



Christy Walker - January 12, 2016 at 10:46 AM

SO

“ Sheriff Steve Dempsey and Staff, King George Sheriff's Ofc. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sarah A. McLaughlin.



Sheriff Steve Dempsey and Staff, King George Sheriff's Ofc.
- January 12, 2016 at 10:38 AM

SM

“ On behalf of all of the men and women of the Danville Sheriff's Office, we are deeply sorry for your loss. Please know that your brothers and sisters in law enforcement are here to support you in whatever capacity is needed. May Sarah Rest in Peace. With heartfelt sympathy, Sheriff Mike Mondul and the members of the Danville Sheriff's Office.



Sheriff Mike Mondul - January 12, 2016 at 10:06 AM

 Cindy Mikelaites

“ Keeping the McLaughlin family and Sarah's friends in my thoughts and prayers.

Cindy Mikelaites - January 12, 2016 at 09:22 AM

TF

“ So sorry to hear about Sarah. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

The Houston Family - January 12, 2016 at 08:52 AM

BH

The Houston Family.

Barbara Houston - January 12, 2016 at 08:53 AM

MM

Tommy and Micki Mitchell and their girls, Jennifer Mitchell Trimmer and Jessica Mitchell, wish to extend our sincere condolences and prayers for the McLaughlin family. She was a treasure and will be missed greatly.

Micki Mitchell - January 12, 2016 at 10:27 AM

 Ann Burks


“ Our hearts are very saddened, New Kent is a small community with a big family that really care for each other. This affects us all. Burks family send our deepest condolences. Sarah was a very friendly and most helpful young lady. She made me laugh and loved her fur babies. She will be missed!

Ann Burks - January 12, 2016 at 08:25 AM

BC

“ Our thoughts and sympathies are with the family
Kenny and Beth Collier

beth collier - January 12, 2016 at 08:15 AM

 Amanda Goins

“ I spent many years with Sarah by my side as a best friend, a voice in my head, my go to. The time we spent together I will forever cherish. She was always so giving of herself, willing to help anyone as much as she could. My heart breaks for her family. Keeping the McLaughlin Family in my thoughts during this difficult time.

Amanda Goins - January 12, 2016 at 07:56 AM

RW

“ Richard And Sherry Weyant lit a candle in
memory of Sarah A. McLaughlin



Richard and Sherry Weyant - January 12, 2016 at 07:44 AM



Mechelle
Ayscue
Getchell

“ Sarah was such a kind and caring woman. She loved making others smile and adored animals. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.

Mechelle Ayscue Getchell - January 12, 2016 at 07:43 AM



MS

“ Marci Siebert lit a candle in memory of Sarah A. McLaughlin



Marci Siebert - January 12, 2016 at 07:39 AM



PT

“ Will and I are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with Sarah and the family.



patty townsend - January 12, 2016 at 07:37 AM



SB

“ So sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Sandy Beck - January 12, 2016 at 07:22 AM



GC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Gone to soon. With heartfelt sympathy.
Gloria Couch

Gloria Couch - January 12, 2016 at 07:17 AM

SG

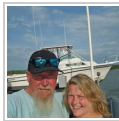
“ Sherif Joe and family: Our prayers are with you and your family. We are so sorry for your loss. Junie, Shelia & Will Gillen

shelia gillen - January 12, 2016 at 06:28 AM

JC

“ Sarah was an amazing woman and always put everyone before her, she will be missed by all and in everyone's heart forever! I had 7 wonderful years with her and she was an amazing woman. My thoughts and prayers go out to Joe and Robin and the entire McLaughlin family!. With all my love, Jonathan Chalkley and the entire Chalkley Family!

Jonathan Chalkley - January 11, 2016 at 08:05 PM



I love you Sarah. I hope you can see just how deeply you touched so many people. I treasure our times together. Love Joanne Bebecca ???

Joanne Simmons - January 12, 2016 at 07:04 AM

DR

Sarah was an amazing photographer. She was always behind the camera taking pictures of family, friends and homeless animals. Prayers for the entire McLaughlin family.

Deb Rindahl

Debbie Rindahl - January 12, 2016 at 09:57 AM

NG

“ Our prayers are with the whole McLaughlin family. With deepest sympathy . Tommy and Nancy Garthright.



Nancy Garthright - January 11, 2016 at 06:08 PM

LK

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Mclaughlin family during this very sad time.* ”



Laura Key - January 11, 2016 at 05:52 PM