



Samantha J. Alvarez

February 14, 1970 - September 1, 2019

Samantha J. Alvarez, 49, of Goose Creek, passed away Sunday, September 1, 2019 at MUSC, Charleston after a long and hard-fought eleven-year battle with a rare auto-immune disease called Dermatomyositis.

Family and friends are invited to attend her Celebration of Life Service on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at Cathedral of Praise Church, 3790 Ashley Phosphate Road, Charleston, SC 29418 at 2 o'clock.

Samantha was born February 14, 1970 in Brooklyn, NY, daughter of Roberto (Bobby) Alvarez of Charleston and Iraida (Yayi) Lugo-Gelpi of Goose Creek. In addition to being a wonderful and passionate teacher at the Daniel Island Academy (she had so many stories about her students that she loved so much), Samantha was a fierce and talented writer of children's literature. She was a proud Puerto Rican who had an awesome sense of humor, a whimsical personality, a love of sweet treats, and a knack for singing and dancing. Samantha was selfless to a fault and thoughtful beyond measure. Her bull-headed stubbornness was matched by her intelligence and sassy style. She touched so many lives and will continue to do so through her beautiful writings and indomitable spirit.

Survivors include her mother and step father: Iraida (Yayi) Lugo-Gelpi and Maurice Paul Gelpi and her father and step mother: Roberto (Bobby) Alvarez

and Catherine Alvarez; three sisters: Misty Michelle Sanders (Jimmy) of North Charleston, Kim Deborah Cazzetto (Michael) of Savannah, GA and Langley Chang (Jayson) of Seattle, Washington; three brothers: Nicholas B. Alvarez of Moncks Corner and Robert J. Alvarez (Daniela) of Mt. Pleasant and Jared Wright (Amy) of Nashville, TN; two step sisters: Lauren E. Adams (Josh) of Charleston and Sara C. Robinson (Chris) of Goose Creek; one niece and one nephew: Hannah Michelle Sanders and Gracen James Sanders.

Yellow Flowers are warmly welcomed or donations may be made in Samantha's honor to: The John Hopkins Myositis Center, 301 Mason Lord Drive, Ste. 1201, Baltimore, MD 21224.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at www.jamesadyal.com.

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

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Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **12.** 2:00 PM (ET)

Cathedral of Praise
3790 Ashley Phosphate Rd.
North Charleston, SC 29418

Tribute Wall



“ *Samantha J. Alvarez*

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *The Maioriello Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Samantha J. Alvarez.*



The Maioriello Family - September 09, 2019 at 02:31 PM