



Anita Marie Burwell

September 19, 1967 - October 17, 2011

Anita Marie (Vegas) Burwell, 44, passed away Monday, October 17, 2011. She was born September 19, 1967 in Vallejo, CA to parents Augustine (Gus) and Melvina (Mel) Vegas.

More than anything, Anita loved her children; Phil, Jenna, and Will, daughter-in-law, Dawn, and affectionately called her grandchildren; Shelbie, Phillip, Kolby, and Leah "my babies".

Anita loved the outdoors and some of her favorite times were spent camping with her kids. She recently spent the day riding 4x4's with her son, Will. As Anita watched her children grow, she marveled at the exceptional young men and women they have become and had a tremendous amount of pride in all of their achievements often sharing their lives with her circle of friends. Her love only grew stronger with each grandchild and she couldn't help but share pictures and funny stories of their daily mishaps with those around her.

Anita had a laugh that was contagious, a sense of humor that charmed everyone and a heart that always had room for one more friend, one more cat, and she had a soft spot for one more great pair of shoes. One of the best things about Anita was her silly quirks that were known to her family and friends. One could simply say "that's Anita!" and no explanations were needed. Anita had the unique ability to make people around her feel like the most important person in the world and she will be dearly missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing her.

Anita's spirit will live on through her children and grandchildren, in their smiles,

in their mannerisms, and most notably in their strength. They were the center of her world and there is little doubt that she will continue to protect them as they continue in their journey through life.

Anita is survived by her children; Phillip Lara (Dawn), East Wenatchee, Jenna, and Will Burwell, Wenatchee, her brothers, Gus (Sandra) Vegas, Vallejo, CA, John Vegas, Richmond, CA, and Tony (Annette) Vegas, Gault, CA sisters, Margaret (Eddie) Miguel, Vallejo, CA, Angela (Carol) Orr, Jacksonville, FL and Maria Tyler, Wenatchee and grandchildren, Shelbie, Phillip, Kolby, and Leah and a vast circle of loving friends. She was preceded in death by her parents. A celebration of Anita's life will be Saturday, October 22, 2011 at Wenatchee First Assembly of God, 1520 McKittrick at 1:00 p.m. with Pastor Steve Brewer officiating. Visitation for family and close friends will be at the funeral home on Friday, October 21, 2011 from 3 to 8 p.m. Friends who wish, may make memorial donations in her name to the family. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee. You are invited to view her tribute and leave a memory for the family at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com.

Tribute Wall

DP

“ I just learned of your loss today. To say she always had room for one more friend...I recently experienced that...what a great day for me when I met Anita about 3 months ago. I immediately felt the caring and love. No words can express to you, my condolences to you all, no words can express to you, my sadness for you all. I am deeply saddened to have lost someone I just recently met, such an awesome positive person, out and willing to help others. I know and pray she will be in every rain drop, every snow flake, every flower bloom, every sunrise, and every moon light for you all...

Debbie Person - October 25, 2011 at 01:50 AM

RR

“ May your journey to the other side be one that is peaceful. Prayers for your friends and family to give them the strength to make it through this very difficult time. Rose and Allen Retasket.

Rose and Allen Retasket - October 23, 2011 at 01:43 AM

JS

“ Dear all,

My sincere, heartfelt condolences to you all. I met Anita earlier this year. In the short time I knew her, she talked extensively about her children and how proud she was of them. She was a driven person with a lot of good in her heart. One thing she always said is she is hugger so you had to put up with it whether you were or not. I loved that about Anita. I am sadden by her passing. Once again, my thoughts and prayers are with you. She will be missed!

-Juli

Juli Straub - October 21, 2011 at 02:53 PM

CW

“ Anita was an amazing woman. She never judged and when you were having a conversation with her, you were the only two people on the earth at that moment. She REALLY listened with her entire soul. That is the one trait I will remember the most, but she had many more! A beautiful smile, a sense of humor and much much more! Rest in peace my dear friend, until we meet again.....

Carol West - October 21, 2011 at 12:41 PM

RL

“ I've known Anita, for many years to me she was like my sister....I will cherish all the MEMORIES that's the one thing that even death cannot take away!!! There are so many qualities about Anita, that i loved like her dynamite personality, her amazing beautiful smile, her sense of humor which i absolutely loved...those are my memories of Anita, she was and will always be a part of my family i will forever cherish the memories that we shared and i thank God, that i was able to spend a couple days with her about a year ago!! I love you Anita, you will be forever missed and never forgotten!!

Roberta Lara - October 21, 2011 at 02:58 AM

RU

“ Amazing woman. So beautiful inside and out. Such a kind and caring heart. If we were all half the person she was, the world would be perfect. We love you and miss you so much. Rest in peace.

Ron and Krystal Upson - October 21, 2011 at 02:52 AM

RR

“ An outgoing heart and soul. Anita never knew a stranger. Her laugh echos in my mind. I thank heavens that I met Anita and she was part of my life. She will be missed in a big way.

Randy

Randy Roadz - October 21, 2011 at 01:55 AM

SN

“ A few years ago Anita came to me and said, "I wanna learn to ski, let's go". I was already a skier and was excited to have another ski partner. So we went up there and she was fitted for ski's, boots, and poles. When she was ready to go, her instructor took her to the bunny hill for her first lesson and I went off for a few runs on my own. As usual, Anita was dressed in the cutest outfit, black ski pants and hot pink puffy jacket with matching mittens and ear muffs. When I went back to see how she was doing, she was sitting on the side of the hill, completely soaked, all of the fluff from her jacket was flattened out, her hair was a mess and there were pink blobs all over the bunny hill everywhere she had fallen. Not only were there big pink blobs, the dye from her jacket was dripping EVERYWHERE! Needless to say, we never did make it up there to ski again, but like everything she did, she left a mark to let everyone know she had been there. I'm going to miss my beautiful friend. The outward beauty that was obvious to everyone paled in comparison to the beauty she had within her. Love you Neets.

Shelly Nelson - October 21, 2011 at 01:29 AM

KJ

“ Anita was a beautiful woman with a wonderful heart. She seemed to always make you laugh when you were around her. God bless Anita's family and we will always love and miss her!

Kerry and Kristin Jones - October 20, 2011 at 11:28 PM