



## Antares "Annie" Emily White

October 18, 1982 - July 7, 2016

Antares (Annie) Emily White was born in Walnut Creek, California, on October 18, 1982. Annie spent her childhood in Lafayette, California, where she formed lifelong friendships. She graduated from College Park High School in Pleasant Hill, California, in 2000 and went on to attend Diablo Valley College to complete her general education requirements. During this time, Annie became certified as a Cued Speech Interpreter and worked as such while at DVC. She transferred to Sacramento State University and worked at a flower shop while completing her studies. She graduated in 2006 with a major in social science and a minor in deaf studies, and then went on to work as a teacher for adults with special needs. Annie enjoyed being a part of 4-H, playing softball and soccer, and caring for animals. She had a deep love for her family and friends, for the San Francisco Giants, and for scouring for the best possible bargain. One evening in 2009, Annie was at Fanny Ann's Saloon in Old Sacramento, celebrating her friend's bachelorette party. She was approached by Anthony (Tony) Mistretta, who offered to buy her a drink. "I was drawn to her personality," Tony said, "and her beautiful eyes and smile." Annie declined the drink and the offer to dance with Tony. He was intrigued. After some persistence, Annie finally agreed to allow Tony to get her some water. Within a month of meeting, Annie and Tony started their romance; they were engaged in February of 2014. Among those who knew or even just met Annie, the consensus was that she was one of the most selfless people anyone had ever known. She was a woman of action. She embraced

life by spending time with those she loved, and she loved everyone. Annie knew no stranger, and she came to the aid of anyone who needed her. She had a sweet soul and a gentle strength that others were drawn to. She made life personal. Friends were family, and family was everything. On July 7, 2016, after a brave battle with cancer, Annie passed away. She was surrounded by her family and the love from those who knew her. We can continue her legacy of love for others as encouraged by her cousin Tara, who beautifully charged people to please pay forward a kindness in Annie's name. Annie is survived by her parents, Dale and Joan White; her fianc?, Tony Mistretta; her siblings, Timothy, Candice, and Zachary; her grandmothers, Lorraine Jacoboni and Syliva Kotecki; and an abundance of family members who adored her. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: California 4-H (<http://ca4hfoundation.org>), and No Stomach for Cancer (<http://www.nostomachforcancer.org>)

# Tribute Wall

MK

“ So sorry to hear of Annie's passing. I remember her well from 4-H. She was always so beautiful inside and out. Truly a loss for our whole world. My condolences.

Michelle Kinder - July 15, 2016 at 11:36 AM

MK

“ A candle was lit in remembrance

Michelle Kinder - July 15, 2016 at 11:34 AM

RD

“ I'm Estee's mom, Rachel Dunn. I'm so very sorry to read the news about Annie's passing. I'll never forget her beautiful eyes and warm smile. I have the best memory of standing in my kitchen talking casually with Annie while making dinner, and I turned around and realized she was listening so intently, and her eyes immediately pulled me into her heart. We both looked at each other and burst out laughing. It was just a very joyful moment between both of us, and I'll cherish this memory of your very sweet daughter.

Rachel Dunn - July 14, 2016 at 09:24 PM

KC

“ Dear Joan and Dale, My deepest sympathy to you and your family. Annie was such an inspiration for so many people. She recently reached out to Ali with encouragement after her surgery. It made me so happy that she thought to contact her and help her through her anxiety. We were all blessed to have had her in our lives. KC

KC Chatham - July 14, 2016 at 02:48 PM

AP

“ To Tony and Annie Family. I send my deepest condolences. She was such a sweetheart. Sheets person I knew. Loved her smile. She was 1 in a million. Now she flying with the Sngles. Bless HER soul. She will be missed but not forgotton

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**Alexandria Plascencia** - July 13, 2016 at 10:33 PM

DP

“ Dear Joan and Dale, Jim and I send our heartfelt condolences , please know that we are sending our love to all of you. Annie will always be remembered as the kind soul she was. Always a character with raising those animals that she and Valerie did together. A true beauty to all she met. Sending our prayers to you, love, Debbie and Jim

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**Debbie and Jim Peirano** - July 13, 2016 at 04:28 PM

CC

“ Dear Joanie and Dale. I am so sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. Annie was so young. Beautiful girl. Praying for strength to help you through this. Love to you

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**Connie Conser** - July 13, 2016 at 03:33 PM