



## Rebecca Arnold Florence

October 10, 1991 - March 29, 2020

Rebecca "Becky" Florence passed away peacefully Sunday, March 29, 2020 at the young age of 28. We are grateful for each day, especially the last four years as she fought synovial sarcoma. Born October 10, 1991 in San Francisco, CA to Robert & Kathy Arnold, she grew up in Clovis, CA, and attended Dry Creek Elementary, Alta Sierra Intermediate and Buchanan High School. Becky attended BYU-Idaho studying graphic arts before marrying Matthew Florence May 29, 2010 in the Fresno Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Becky loved life. She was spunky and funny and sometimes sarcastic. She loved to create an Occasion (with a capital O). She could custom design an invitation and coordinate the decorations to match. She would create special foods and games. She loved playing the piano and singing. She had a knack for graphic arts where she worked under the name of Pineapple Princess Design Co., and had some of her designs purchased by Latter-Day Bookstore & More in the U.K.

In January she participated in an investigational study for her cancer. One last time she went through chemo and the grueling sickness that accompanies it. She hoped to benefit many others. The tumors that were filling her lungs and creeping close to her heart began to shrink! Our joy and gratitude was without bounds. But then the respiratory infection that sometimes follows bone marrow transplant claimed her life. We are grateful for her courage and desire to stay with her family. We pray that her sacrifice blesses other cancer patients.

She leaves behind her husband Matthew, sons Adam (8), Hyrum (6) and Brigham (4), her parents Robert and Kathy Arnold and younger siblings, Katie Arnold, Wesley Arnold and Tim Arnold, along with Matt's parents Dale and Wendy Florence and his siblings Daniel Florence, Emily Hunsaker, Alissa Hunsaker, Jacob Florence, Kaitlyn Butterfield and Joshua Florence. We have to imagine that in her first moments free from her body she went immediately to her boys with messages of love.

She was loved by all who knew her well and she was so willing to share love, kindness and service. Becky loves her Savior, Jesus Christ, and chose "that good part" of following Him. She will be missed, but we look forward to the time when we will be with her again.

A viewing for family and friends will be held Friday, April 3rd, 12:00 - 2:30 pm at Premier Funeral Services, 67 E. 8000 So. Midvale, Utah, with graveside services to follow at 3:00 pm at Elysian Burial Gardens, 1075 E. 4580 So. Millcreek, Utah. Services will be streamed live on Facebook - Mountain Standard Time.

# Tribute Wall

KA

“ I'm grateful for Becky's candid nature and her expressions of faith shared on social media. I didn't know her personally, but draw strength from her example of goodness, endurance and love.

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**Katrina** - April 03, 2020 at 05:18 PM

SS

“ I am so sad to hear of Becky's passing. She was a darling girl. It was fun to watch her grow into a lovely young woman. We wish you love and peace.

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**Susan Stout** - April 03, 2020 at 02:38 PM

BM

“ If I ever needed to know what I should be doing, I simply just needed to look at Becky. She was always doing the right thing in such a Becky way. She was smart, brave, elegant and kind. She unapologetically stood for what she believed to be right. There was a fire within her that couldn't be duplicated, and I think she knew that. It was undeniable. I'm so lucky to have had her as an example growing up.

*Sending my love to her beautiful family.*

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**Bret Mortimer** - April 02, 2020 at 01:26 PM

MS

“ Becky was lovely. That is the best word to describe my memories of her. She was kind and spunky and carried herself beautifully. We are so sad to hear of her passing.

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**Marilyn Smith** - April 02, 2020 at 10:31 AM

HP

“ Dear Matt and family,

*We were saddened to hear of Becky's death and are praying for the comfort and well being of you and all the family she has left behind.*

*We're so glad we had the opportunity to get to know you and Becky and your boys during your short stay in Lebanon, TN. We have great memories of playing games together and attending amazingly planned birthday parties for the boys.*

*Matt, you and Becky are great examples of trusting in God and persevering! We hope and pray your trust in God will carry you through this next phase of your life.*

*Heather and Jason Pollei*

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**Heather Pollei** - April 02, 2020 at 09:52 AM

BS

“ *The first time I met the naturally beautiful curly haired Becky I thought I'd tell her that I absolutely LOVED her name because we shared the same name. So, I told her :) she was nice and said hello and flipped her beautiful curly locks. I remember thinking that I was almost positive she thought Matt's cousin named Becky was pretty strange!*

*Becky always had such strong faith in her Heavenly Father and His plan for her and was not afraid to tell the world. I loved this about her. Her faith in her Father is a legacy I hope all of her boys (including her sweet husband Matt) will always have. ❤️*

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**Becky Densley Sorensen** - April 02, 2020 at 12:32 AM

BE

“ *Becky shared her amazing artistic talent as a volunteer at the local elementary school in the Great Artist Program. The children that she taught were so blessed to have her! She was such a talented artist! She was an example of giving and helping despite her own personal difficulty. I am so grateful for the hours of art instruction and service she gave not only to her own child, but to the entire classroom. I hope that her volunteerism amongst personal trial will stand as an example and a beacon of strength to others who try to say they don't have time or that they can't do things. Her strength of giving and doing was legendary! Thank you to her family for sharing her with us. My heart is broken for her sweet little family. I am praying for you.*

*With Love from Becky Evans - PTA Great Artist Program coordinator at the boy's elementary school*

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**Becky** - April 02, 2020 at 12:24 AM

KG

“ Sadness doesn't begin to truly express how sorry I am to hear this. Becky was beautiful and kind. Our condolences to all of her family and especially her beautiful sons. My your memories of her greatness and bravery carry you through this time.

Love

Kim and Larry Gobel

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kim gobel - April 01, 2020 at 10:12 PM

BC

“ Matt and family,  
I am so sorry to have learned the passing of your wife. What a beautiful lady and mom. My heart and thoughts go out to you all. I'm so very sorry.

Bill Cannon

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Bill Cannon - April 01, 2020 at 03:10 PM

KB

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Becky. She was so lovely, sweet and happy. Always doing good. I remember working at the Chocolate Factory when she came in and introduced me to her fiancé. She was so happy. I just loved her! I am thinking of you all and my love and thoughts to you Bob and Kathy. Bless you all!  
Kim Bowen.

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Kim Bowen - April 01, 2020 at 02:54 PM

JW

“ I didn't ever have the honor of meeting Becky, but I still mourn her passing. I am sorry to her of her death, but am grateful for the knowledge that her earthly trials are over and that she is now, and will forever be cancer free. My heart aches for all of her family, but especially for Matt and their sons. I will be praying for all of you.

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Janet Wellman - April 01, 2020 at 01:39 PM

JH

Matt, so sorry to hear about Becky. Fond memories of you both from Fresno N. Stake, also seeing you both with your newborn baby at Kaiser that night. Prayers are with you.

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James Horspool - April 01, 2020 at 11:55 PM