



Carrie Neel-Parker

September 2, 2016

Carrie Neel-Parker (1973-2016) passed away Friday, September 2nd in San Diego, CA. Carrie, an only child, was born and raised in Louisville, KY. She attended grade school at Christian Academy and attended high school at Sacred Heart, both in Louisville. She studied fine arts at the Art Academy of Cincinnati, and then attended the University of Louisville where she continued her study in fine arts and also studied psychology and English literature. She moved to San Diego and studied acupuncture at the Pacific College of Oriental Medicine, where she earned a Masters of Science in Traditional Oriental Medicine. She was a national and California board certified and licensed acupuncturist and herbalist. During the time of her's and her husband's adoption of their daughter from Ethiopia, Carrie co-founded the Lelt Foundation, a non-profit charity working to improve the lives of orphans and disadvantaged children in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Carrie was a lifelong artist, talented at sculpting, drawing, and painting, who deeply loved art, design, architecture, music, literature, philosophy, and eastern spirituality. She was also a gifted healer to her acupuncture patients. She loved to go thrift shopping with her mom, loved fashion, and always looked like a million bucks. Carrie was a beloved daughter, wife, and mother, and a beloved friend to so many. Carrie was a unique person, possessed of intelligence, talent, and creativity. This, and her loving nature and kindness, made her a shining light to those who knew her. She is survived by her mother Carolyn Adams Neel, father Gerald Neel, husband Lee Parker, and daughter Bynake Parker.

Services will be in Louisville at Owen Funeral Home-Jeffersontown, 9318 Taylorsville Rd. Visitation will be on Sunday and Monday, September 11-12, from 1:00 to 8:00 PM. The funeral service will be on Tuesday, September 13 at 1PM. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Lelt Foundation (leltfoundation.org). Carrie was a beautiful soul who was loved by so many, and will be greatly missed.

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ I have just learned of this heartbreaking news... My deepest condolences to all of Carrie's family. We were close friends when I lived in San Diego...and I also had the privilege of receiving her healing from her acupuncture treatments, spiritual guidance and loving and giving heart. I will never forget her. I love her very much. My deepest condolences.

Jennifer Joseph - June 28, 2018 at 04:29 PM

VH

“ I am in shock . The world has lost a very special lady, far too soon. I ALWAYS think of her smiling and laughing. :) She and Katie were BFF's, so I spent a lot of time around her, and it was a delight!

*My heartfelt sympathy to the family, especially Sue and Jerry.
Cannot get you off my mind. Many prayers will continue for you.*

Love, Virginia

Virginia Hendon - June 28, 2018 at 04:29 PM

JA

“ Lee and Carrie were condo neighbors to my late partner Charles and me. During Charles' illness and subsequent death, Lee and Carrie offered great kindness and consideration. Although I am many years and miles away from San Diego now, it's my turn to offer my heartfelt condolences.

Jack Albrecht - June 28, 2018 at 04:29 PM

SB

“ *My deepest condolences to her entire family. I loved her like a daughter, and I'll miss her so very much.*

Steve Busch - June 28, 2018 at 04:29 PM

RS

“ *Lee,
Please accept my heartfelt condolences for your loss. You and your family are in my heart.*

Robert Santucci - June 28, 2018 at 04:29 PM

CC

“ *Carol and family:*

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Please accept my deepest condolences and sympathy. You and your family will be in my prayers.

Cordell Compton - June 28, 2018 at 04:29 PM

DS

“ *My deepest condolences to Carrie's family for such a significant loss. I was at PCOM with Carrie and have fond memories of her, always kind, smiling, and radiant. She will be deeply missed. This world has been made a better place with her in it.
With love and peace to you all ~ Dalite*

Dalite Sancic - June 28, 2018 at 04:29 PM



“ Carol, Gerry and Family,
All my love and support during this sad time.
Carrie shared her many gifts and talents with everyone she met,
myself included. Her light will shine on through the people she
touched.
"The Light in me honors the light in you "
Namaste

Sarah

June 28, 2018 at 04:29 PM



“ Carol and Gerry and family,
Sending you love and support during this time.
Carrie shared her gifts with everyone, myself included. She will be
missed.
Love and Peace, Sarah

Sarah Thiemann - June 28, 2018 at 04:29 PM



“ Always hard news to hear. Deepest sympathy to the Neels and her
husband and daughter. Carrie was a big part of my childhood as
were the other CAL kids. Remembering all the birthday parties, first
and last days of school, and the other special occasions we all
shared through the years. Happy memories to balance the grief.
Again, so very sorry to hear her beautiful life ended all too soon.

Steve Mann - June 28, 2018 at 04:29 PM