



## Annette "Sarge" Waldman

February 15, 1942 - February 5, 2013

Annette "Sarge" Waldman of El Campo died suddenly February 5, 2013 at the age of 70. She was born February 15, 1942 in El Campo to the late Harold and Myrtle Hansen Waldman. She served in the U. S. Army for 23 years, attaining the rank of Master Sgt. She continued her love of service to her country transferring to Retired Reserves and Individual Ready Reserve. She served her community as a Girl Scout Troop Leader and as a volunteer at the Boys & Girls Club for many years.

She is survived by her sisters Beverly Burmeier of Austin and Dorothy Waldman of Richmond, 6 nieces and 1 nephew.

Funeral services will be 2:00 pm Wednesday, February 6, 2013, at Danevang Lutheran Church with Rev. Laird Engle officiating. Graveside services will follow at the Danevang Lutheran Cemetery with Military Honors under the auspices of the American Legion Post 251.

Donations in memory of Annette "Sarge" Waldman may be made to the Danish Heritage Preservation Society.

# Tribute Wall

HF

“ Try again she'd tell me at the VEW when it came to knitting or crafting jewelry. This may repeat twice in here but that ok. She was one of a kind and i know in my heart the gates flew open to welcome Sarge and cheers were heard for miles from even the rocks to God's precious butterflies. She will be missed beyond belief but what she taught me and shared with me lasts til we meet again.

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**Heather Nordland-Page - Lewisburg, TN - Gs leader #1376 & friend - March 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

WF

“ Many of my memories of Sarge revolve around church and/or crafts. Not only did Sarge work with her church at Danevang, she also had done crafts with the Wednesday evening Bible studies at First Lutheran.

Later, she helped me chose and teach crafts that would help teach Bible studies for the Wednesday night program that we had at Danevang as well as for the Vacation Bible Schools that were held there.

She provided leadership though serving on the Danevang Lutheran church council. She was active in the many children's programs at Danevang Lutheran including the Wet and Wild, Halloween carnival, and the children's circus.

Sarge stayed with us when she was recovering from a kidney infection. We really got to know her better during that time as she shared some deep feelings with us.

She was so concerned when Erin became so sick. She came and prayed with me in the hospital when I was near death.

I was thankful that I was able to visit her the afternoon before she died, and tell her that I loved her.

I think her death is a great loss to the church, to the scouts, the boys and girl's club, and to the community as well as to me personally.

Winnie Engle

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Winnie Engle - TX - Friend - February 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ On behalf of all the El Campo Girl Scouts in Troop #765 (current & past) and Troop #29040, we will truly miss Sarge. She touched many girls over the years and her memory will live on through every girl scout she ever encountered.

*On a personal note, I was just suppose to "help" where needed when I signed my daughter up for Brownies but somehow ended up being their leader :) Look at me now, a leader of my own troop...all thanks to Sarge!*

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**Sheila Henke - El Campo, TX - Friend/Fellow Troop Leader** - February 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ God Bless you Sarge, you were such an inspiration to Girl Scouts! May you rest in peace! Love you

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**Lena Escobar - El Campo, TX - Friends** - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ I moved to Michigan from Danevang Texas when I was twelve. I had been a member of Sarge's Girl Scout Troop, and was sad to hear of her passing. When I was young, I had a hard time forming friendships and often had awkward interactions with peers. Sarge and her troop provided an escape after school to do activities and attempt to bond with girls my age in a safe environment. She always made me feel as though I was included, and offered a litany of different activities and learning experiences. She helped me see the values of working with others, charitable giving, and respect for the community. The world is missing a valuable and special woman with her passing.

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**Erika Hallatschek - Former Girl Scout** - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ My condolences to the family and friends of Sarge Waldman. I knew Sarge as a devoted gs leader and crafty-caring lady! She was always ready to share her knowledge of skills that girls of Wharton Cty admired so dearly. My prayers are with the family!

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**Billie Becak - El Campo, TX - GS Friend** - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was a leader of a troop in El Campo, and I can't remember why and for what I needed some pom poms. Sarge without hesitation invited me to come by her home and she insisted that I come cause she had plenty so I took her up on it and offered to pay her for whatever I get. And, you know I had reservations, cause I didn't ever think she had what I needed. When I got to her home, she escorted me into a back bedroom, which was her craft room. Okay, my eyes got big and she was just smiling and happy that I had that look of astonishment on my face, it was a craft room filled up to the ceiling in neat formation. All the brightness and color of beads, jewelry, sequins, felt, and craft items you could imagine. She was very happy doing for others!

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**Billie Becak - El Campo, TX - GS Friend** - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ It was with great sadness to learn of "Sarge's" passing. I know the heavenly gates opened wide as she proudly entered and hearing the roars of cheering as the welcome to her in her heavenly home. She was one of my most favorite volunteers in the Girl Scouting program. Always and genuinely interested in making the best better for all girls. Her wit and her ways always being so "crafty" and the girls so enjoyed knowing that "Sarge" was going to be their "teacher" for the day. I enjoyed her stories about her childhood and growing up in the beautiful DanaVang area. She was a hoot as well. As time goes and generations change, it was always a given that when "Sarge" called me it was important and it was always the Girl Scout way. May you and you family find comfort knowing prayers are for your soothing comfort. She will be missed but not forgotten! Lord Hear Our Prayers!  
Kathy Journeay Brown, Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council, Lake Jackson, TX

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**Kathy J.Brown - Lake Jackson, TX - Girl Scouts** - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM