



## Patricia Richards Wright

April 3, 1976 - August 4, 2024

Patricia Nyrene Richards Wright, 48, was born on April 3, 1976 at Nightingale Hospital, in El Campo, Texas to Joe Howard Richards & Veronica Sedlock Richards. She went to be with our Lord & Savior August 4, 2024.

Trisha grew up in El Campo, Texas, and graduated from El Campo High School in 1994, where she was an active member of the Derby Dolls, started the recycling program in El Campo and participated in numerous other activities. Following high school, she attended Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Photojournalism.

After interning at the El Campo Leader-News in 2009, Trisha pursued a career as a photojournalist in Houston. During her time in Houston, she met and married Corey Portella, and they welcomed their daughter, Celeste Marie Portella.

Later on, Trisha remarried and moved to San Diego, California, with her husband, Bob Wright, who was attending law school there. Together, they built a wonderful life with Celeste. Trisha had a deep love for her daughter, calling her every day after Celeste graduated from high school in San Diego. Trisha was incredibly proud as Celeste went on to graduate from the University of Texas in Austin. Celeste was the light of Trisha's life, and her

accomplishments brought her immense joy.

Trisha later relocated to Lake Tahoe, where she worked at an art studio and found a community of friends who loved and cherished her dearly.

Trisha had a huge heart. She was compassionate, dedicated, adventurous, and a stunning free spirit. Trisha stayed close with her family and friends in her hometown in Texas, as well as her friends from San Diego and Lake Tahoe. She was loved near and far and indefinitely.

Trisha was preceded in death by her granny, Judy Boyd, her granddaddy and grandmother, Joe Edward and Pat Richards, her grandpa James Edward Sedlock, her aunt Sherilyn Perrilloux, her great grandma Josephine Schimcek, great grandpa Edmund Schimcek and great aunt Earlene Janak (Errol).

Trisha is survived by her beloved daughter, Celeste Portella, her parents, Joe and Veronica Richards; her brother, Chad Edward Richards (Kim) and their sons, Lucas and Landon; her grandma, Irene Sedlock, her uncle, Tom Perilloux Sr., cousins, Tom Perilloux Jr. (Missy), Tia Perilloux-Thompson (Jason) and their sons, Colin and Charlie. She is also survived by her aunts, Carol Ann Hayes (Bobby), Shirley Sedlock, Joanne Bales, Charlotte Blume (Robert), Sandra Zemanek (Bobby) and her uncles John Sedlock, James Sedlock, along with numerous cousins.

Her family is holding a Celebration of Life at the First Baptist Church in El Campo, Texas, on September 21, 2024 at 11am with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Trisha's GoFundMe page. All donations will go to Trish's family to bring her home, prepare a memorial, burial expenses and her beloved daughter. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/in-me>

mory-of-trish-support-her-loved-ones Alternatively, flowers or donations in memory of Trisha may be delivered to the First Baptist Church in El Campo, Texas..

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Memorial Service

SEP **21**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
210 Depot Street  
El Campo, TX 77437

# Tribute Wall

AD

“ Austin & Kasie, John & Darlene purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Patricia Richards Wright.



Austin & Kasie, John & Darlene - September 19, 2024 at 09:19 PM

AD

“ Austin & Kasie, John & Darlene planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Richards Wright.

Austin & Kasie, John & Darlene - September 19, 2024 at 09:19 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Patricia Richards Wright.



September 19, 2024 at 12:25 PM

DM

“ Don and Shirley Matthews planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Richards Wright.

Don and Shirley Matthews - September 19, 2024 at 12:25 PM

CK

“ *Veronica, I'm so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.*

Charla Kulcak - September 12, 2024 at 10:47 PM

CM

“ *My deepest sympathy for your loss. Keeping your family in my prayers.*  
*Carol Marek*



Carol Marek - September 12, 2024 at 04:10 PM

EM

“ *Elaine MachCook lit a candle in memory of Patricia Richards Wright*



Elaine MachCook - September 08, 2024 at 04:48 PM

PW

“ *To my good friend Joe and his wife veronica. My deepest sympathies for the loss of your daughter I wish I had met her. Believe me, God will lead you and Veronica to a better place. I will be thinking of you. Phillip*

Phillip Winfield - September 04, 2024 at 04:45 PM

DB

“ *Diane Busby lit a candle in memory of Patricia Richards Wright*



**Diane Busby** - September 03, 2024 at 11:25 PM

VQ

“ *Vicky Quijas lit a candle in memory of Patricia Richards Wright*



**Vicky Quijas** - September 03, 2024 at 09:55 AM

VQ

“ *So sorry for your loss! Please know your family are in my thoughts & prayers! God bless your family & friends! RIP Trisha 🕊️! She will be dearly missed by everyone who knew & loved her! Vicky Blair Ustynik Quijas*



**Vicky Quijas** - September 03, 2024 at 09:53 AM

MB

“ *Just thinking of Tricia brings a smile. Remembering her at her pre-kindergarten years wearing her bathing suit into the winter months, her sense of hair styles at such a young age, always stating her opinions on style in her wide-eyed precious little face. She did make an impact on everyone's heart who had the privilege pf knowing Trish. Her light will live on in our hearts until we are together again. Love beyond eternity, dear Trish. Toodie*

**Maureen Brady** - September 03, 2024 at 01:53 AM

RW

“ *Rita Watson lit a candle in memory of Patricia Richards Wright*



Rita Watson - September 02, 2024 at 05:25 PM

RW

*My thoughts and prayers are with you*

Rita Watson - September 02, 2024 at 05:31 PM

AM

“ *My condolences to the family at this difficult time.*



Andrea McCann - September 02, 2024 at 05:07 PM

KK

“ *Kathryn Krpec lit a candle in memory of Patricia Richards Wright*



kathryn krpec - September 02, 2024 at 04:04 PM

LK

“ *Linda Kram lit a candle in memory of Patricia Richards Wright*



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**Linda Kram** - September 02, 2024 at 03:45 PM

LK

*Our thoughts & prayers are with you and your family. May she Rest In Peace. Linda & Ken Kram*

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**Linda Kram** - September 02, 2024 at 03:47 PM

JR

“ *Judy Rohan lit a candle in memory of Patricia Richards Wright*



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**Judy Rohan** - September 02, 2024 at 03:16 PM

BK

“ Everyone who knew Trisha describes her as a free spirit, and she epitomized that term. She was a bright light with the warmest of smiles. My family had the privilege of having The Richards as our neighbors for the 8 years we lived in El Campo, and as a result, I had the opportunity to have some enlightening discussions with Trisha. Enlightening for me, at least, as she shared a wisdom and spiritual perspective well beyond her years. She was two years older than I, and I looked up to her, and wanted to be like her when I “grew up.” I remember she was involved in the first play in which I was cast, her Derby Doll days, and I recall her toting around her camera. She never missed an opportunity to photograph something beautiful or interesting. She loved, and lived, the arts. She exuded kindness & love.

To her family, please know that we are holding you in our hearts, and you are in our prayers.

Much love,  
Brandi King

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**Brandi King** - September 02, 2024 at 12:08 PM

LM

“ Lit a candle in memory of Trisha Richards  
Wright  
Glenn and Lora Shult Mount



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**lora mount** - September 02, 2024 at 10:52 AM

BC

“ *Becky Chomout lit a candle in memory of Patricia Richards Wright*



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**Becky Chomout** - September 01, 2024 at 11:32 PM

LS

“ *Liz Staff lit a candle in memory of Patricia Richards Wright*



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**Liz Staff** - September 01, 2024 at 09:27 PM

MS

“ *She was always a joyful fee spirit so full of life and energy. Love Uncle Martin*

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**Martin Schimcek** - September 01, 2024 at 09:24 PM

TG

“ *Beautiful Patricia you will always be remembered and your beautiful smile will continue to light all of our hearts.*



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**Tammy Ghannam** - September 01, 2024 at 09:03 PM

DS

“ *David & Charlene Linhart Smith lit a candle in memory of Patricia Richards Wright*



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**David & Charlene Linhart Smith** - September 01, 2024 at 08:15 PM

JD

“ *Our condolences and Prayers to the Selocksand Richards FAMILIES. Have know the Family for over50 years .May God give everyone Peace and comfort*

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**Joe and Rose Davila** - September 01, 2024 at 07:13 PM