

# *In Loving Memory Of Serena VanNorman*

Serena Joy (Birchby) VanNorman age 29, passed away peacefully on June 10th , 2013 after loosing her battle with cancer.

Serena was born in Newcastle, WY on Oct.12, 1983. When she was 2 1/2 years old she moved to Luneburg Germany where she lived with her parents Nick and Rhonda Birchby and little brother Alex. Serena attended German public school until she was 15 she traveled Europe extensively with her family during the years abroad, but always returned to the United states for Summer vacation. She would spend her summers traveling all over the US to visit relatives but her favorite times in the Summer were spent with her Grandpa ( Moose) Daniels at his residence in Newcastle, WY, many a time she would share ice cream with him while tailgating on summer nights watching lightening storms. In the year of 2000 she moved to Sheridan, WY from Germany with her family. She attended Sheridan High School and Ft. McKenzie.

In August of 2003 she married James Paul VanNorman. They moved and lived in several different places before settling in Buffalo, WY to raise their three sons: Cameron, Keaton, and Kaden. Serena had many passions but none surpassed that of spending time with her family and friends. She never met a stranger in her life, she loved everyone she met for who they really were. She gave herself unselfishly and endlessly to those she loved. Even when being diagnosed 4 1/2 years ago with breast cancer she took it in stride and said, "Well, can't change it , might as well just do the best I can." She never once complained about the pain that came with her treatment. She always wore a smile, so much so that if you didn't know that she had cancer beforehand you would never have guessed just how ill she was.

Serena is survived by her parents, Nick and Rhonda Birchby, one brother Alex Birchby, her husband James Paul VanNorman and three sons Cameron, Keaton , and Kaden as well as many Aunts, Uncles and cousins.

*October 12, 1983 - June 10, 2013*



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**Serena Joy (Birchby)  
VanNorman**

DATE OF BIRTH      DATE OF DEATH

October 12, 1983      June 10, 2013  
Newcastle, Wyoming      Sheridan, Wyoming

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

Saturday, June 15, 2013 at 10:00 am  
Kane Funeral Home

**OFFICIATING**

Tommy Jahn

**MUSIC**

Save A Place For Me  
Livin Without You  
Gonna Be A Lovely Day

**MUSIC BY**

Cameron Birchby

**VIDEO TRIBUTE**

I Believe I Can Fly, Stay, Melodies From Heaven  
The Storm Is Passing Over

**“I Love You more than you can ever love anybody  
or than anybody can ever love you”**

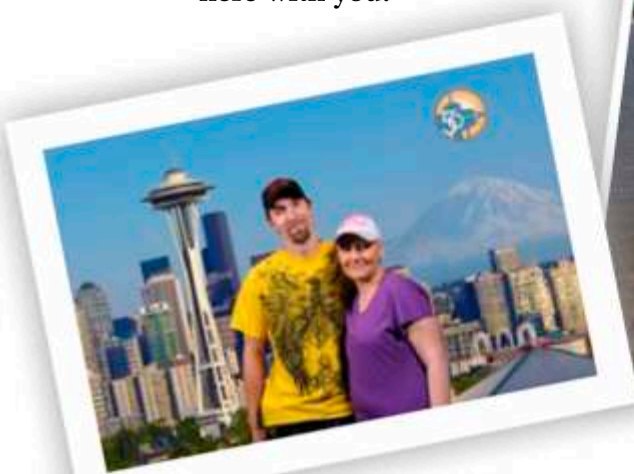
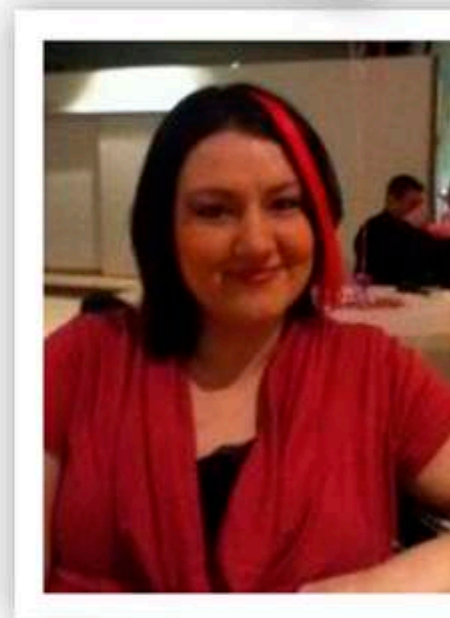
A reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers the family would like you to visit her website at  
[www.Serenastrong.com](http://www.Serenastrong.com)

to help with medical expenses and to set up scholarships for the three boys.  
Or you can make donations to the Sheridan Dog and Cat Shelter  
at 84 East Ridge Rd., Sheridan, WY 82801  
or the St. Francis Animal Shelter at  
109 Flatiron Dr., Buffalo, WY 82834.



To Those I Love



If I should ever leave you, whom I love  
To go along the Silent Way, grieve not,  
Nor speak of me with tears,  
but laugh and talk  
Of me as if I were beside you there.  
And when you hear a song or see a bird  
I loved, please do not let the thought  
of me be sad...  
For I am loving you just as I always have...  
You were so good to me!  
There are so many things I wanted still  
To do - so many things to say to you  
Remember that I did not fear...  
It was Just leaving you that was  
so hard to face...  
We cannot see Beyond...  
But this I know: I Loved you so  
- 'twas heaven  
here with you!