



Serene Aria Holder

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Serene Aria Holder was born March 18, 1994 in Ada, Oklahoma, and was a proud member of the Choctaw Tribe. Serene had a big heart and was sensitive and kind. From the time she was a baby she had a wonderful imagination: she started singing before she could talk and would make up her own songs all day long. Her Grandmother would often tell her mother, “you didn’t have a baby, you had an angel”. Serene attended kindergarten and first grade in Norman, Oklahoma, after which she moved to Berkeley, CA. In addition to attending schools in Berkeley, she had the wonderful experience of spending 3 years at Canyon Elementary, where she formed many wonderful memories and friends. Serene graduated from Berkeley High School in 2012. As an adult she had started seriously pursuing undergraduate studies at community college with her sights set on furthering her academic pursuits. In the last year, she had moved to Vallejo, CA and begun making new, meaningful connections in the North Bay. Serene loved butterflies, the outdoors, hiking, the ocean, her cats (Fox & Rider) and dog (Maggie), her family and friends, and she was particularly fond of spending time with the children in her life – she loved kids. She was drawn to art – looking at it, thinking



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about it, and creating her own artistic expressions. Serene was surrounded by music lovers and had a love of many types of music. She cherished her time spent at music festivals with friends, especially at High Sierra. One of her favorite quotes was that when words fail, music speaks. Serene enjoyed working with her hands, and had a special knack for gardening and plants. She had a strong interest in sociology, the environment, and in making the world an equal and loving place for everyone, much because it hurt her heart to see ugliness in people and the world. Serene was also a food enthusiast who craved her go-to zucchini pesto pizza at Zachary's, crispy chicken tacos at Cactus, and from her family's home in Oklahoma – Bob's Pig Shop – where she always ordered the same thing from the time she was a toddler, a grilled cheese sandwich and seasoned french fries. She also loved her mom's cooking and had been working to hone her own culinary skills. Serene had a wonderful sense of humor and loved to spend time laughing with friends and family. She cared about people and was always willing to lend a helping hand. Her warmth and kindness made her a bright light for those whose lives she touched. It was never any surprise that children were drawn to her. Although her time on earth has ended far too early, she has made a lasting impact and



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impression on family, friends, and colleagues that will allow her to live on in their hearts and minds forever. Serene is survived by many family members and friends who all miss her deeply.



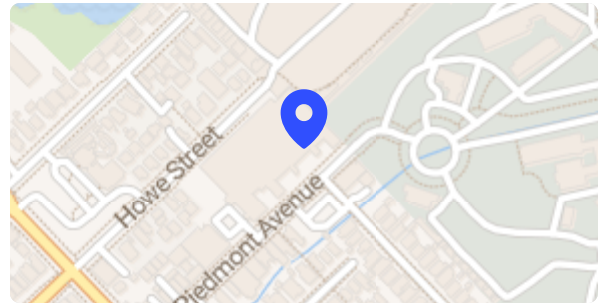
Celebration of Life Memorial Service

 **Tuesday**, January 7, 2025

 2:00 PM pst

 **Chapel of the Chimes Oakland - Chimes Chapel**

4499 Piedmont Ave, Oakland CA 94611





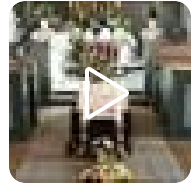
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Chapel Of The Chimes Oakland shared a **Webcast Video**.



January 7 at 10:12 AM



Jonny Ruel shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

We were in ft worth for a wedding. We were trying cowboy hats.



July 14 at 3:08 PM



Jonny Ruel posted:

She is my daughter that I moved to Berkeley to be near and have a closer relationship than me flying to Oakland and picking her up back to Oklahoma every summer and Christmas. I don't know why she would not talk to me when I got here three years ago. My friends told me give her time. But it ran out. I love her I lived for her. She was the most beautiful thing in earth!No excuse will ever suffice for the horrible division her mother placed between her and I serene needed her father and I was always willing. From her birth I held her when she came out of Christy she was a daddy's girl from the start she loved me and she was my life. With her happy exterior my daughter was in deep pain emotionally, she is able to release that now. My love my life my daughter you are free from those that hate now. Fly free and be happy forever. I LOVE YOU

April 14 at 7:23 PM



Sarah McDonald posted:

I remember playing Carmen San Diego with Serene when we were 6, at her mom's house in north Berkeley. I remember walking to soccer practice with her down the street from my house. We carpooled together to our weird little woodsy school in Canyon, and then braved the new adult world of king middle school together. I loved her, she was the best kind of friend you could have. Rest in peace Serene, thinking of you and lighting a candle. All my love,Sarah

January 9 at 3:24 AM



Adam M. planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Serene.



January 7 at 7:52 AM



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LD

Lindsay D. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Serene.

January 7 at 7:34 AM



DM

Darwin And Miyuki sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Holder family.

January 7 at 6:52 AM



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GH

Gregory Hendrix planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Serene.

January 7 at 5:38 AM



GH

Gregory Hendrix sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Holder family.

January 7 at 5:38 AM



PP

Patricia Garland Peluso lit a candle in honor of Serene.

January 7 at 5:15 AM





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Anonymous sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Holder family.

January 6 at 1:38 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Serene.

January 6 at 11:43 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Holder family.

January 6 at 11:43 AM



La Shawn sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Holder family.

January 6 at 5:05 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Serene.

January 5 at 9:59 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Serene.

January 5 at 4:44 AM





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Anonymous sent a Basket of Memories to the Holder family.



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Serene by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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