



Carrie Susan Bridgewater

March 17, 1971 - May 12, 2026

Carrie Susan Bridgewater, a vibrant spirit and loving soul, passed away on May 12, 2026, in Amarillo, Texas, at the age of 55. Born on March 17, 1971, in Rochester, New York, Carrie was a cherished daughter of Jose Santiago and Constance Paparo. She spent her formative years in West Los Angeles, California, where her passion for life and creativity flourished.

A dedicated mother and wife, Carrie attended The Notre Dame Academy in high school and went on to earn her Bachelor of Arts in Creative Writing and English from Southern New Hampshire University. Known for her selflessness and kindness, she was a beacon of love to her family. Carrie had a rich tapestry of life experiences; she was a punk rocker and a great singer who loved expressing her creativity through writing. Her love of literature was matched only by her adoration of her country home, Harley rides and spending time at the beach. Carrie cherished family time with her husband, John Bridgewater, and their beloved daughters, Lilith Paparo and Noelle Garcia, along with her stepdaughter, Jessie Bridgewater.

Carrie was preceded in death by her beloved grandparents, Margaret and Norman Paparo, and her father, Jose Santiago. She is survived by her devoted husband John, her two daughters, Lilith Paparo and Noelle Garcia and stepdaughter, Jessie Bridgewater; five half-sisters—Cheryl, Sherry, Julie, Linda, and Cassie—one half-brother, Joseph Michael, and her loving mother

and stepfather, Constance P. Lynch and Alfred P. Lynch. In addition to her human family, Carrie leaves behind two adoring cats— Diablo and Noche.

A true Piscean at heart, Carrie had a playful spirit and a profound love for Disney, embodying joy and wonder throughout her life. Her positivity and her dedication to her family will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Tribute Wall

MH

“ *My most sincerest and heartfelt condolences, love, support and hugs to all of Carrie's family, friends and all who knew her. She is a fierce bad *ss that was always her true and honest self. Whether in the workplace or at home or at a gathering, she was a bright light. As my boss, to a mentor to a friend. Talking about books, music, dance, shows to binge, kids, jokes, Supercross, sharing meals, traveling and everything in between. You are and will be fiercely missed, always honored and remembered.*

Maria Harrison - 6 hours ago

EB

“ *Thank you, Carrie, for always being there for me and my family.*

I'm heartbroken that you had to leave us.

I remember like it was yesterday when we first met in Cal State LA at the tender age of 19 when you moved into the dorms with the help of your grandmother Margaret and mom Connie.

You definitely made a mark in our lives forever changed it with your strength, passion, and your unforgettable boisterous laughter. You will never be forgotten.

Miss you dearly and love you always, Eva....



Eva Barragan - Yesterday at 07:18 PM

MJ

“*What a sweet spirit". I will never forget that contagious laughter. My love and prayers are with you and thinking of you in this time of loss. Asking God to tenderly care for your deepest needs. With Heartfelt Sympathy,
Mr. Jones*

Mr. Jones - Yesterday at 02:16 AM

CH

“*I will always remember Carrie. She was a friend, and mentor.*



Charita Howard - May 18 at 11:37 PM

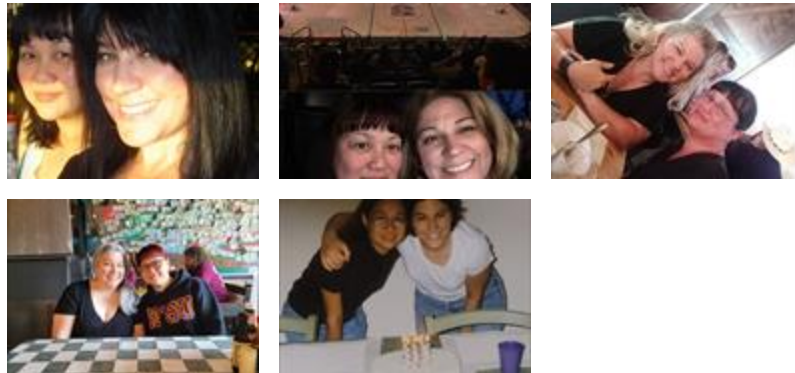
RB

“*Carrie, I will always remember your beautiful smile and how strong of a woman you were. My favorite memory of you is going to the parade together to celebrate the Los Angeles Kings winning the Stanley Cup. I'm so glad to have had you as a sister-in-law. RIP and hopefully we will meet again.*

Ramona Bridgewater Best - May 18 at 09:30 PM

EB

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Eva Barragan - May 18 at 06:46 PM

JF

“ 12 years of having you in my life as my boss, mentor, fellow SNHU student, and confidant. Whether we were talking work, reality tv, annoying professors or family stuff, we could always have a good laugh. You always offered me such great words of advice and wisdom and I hope I was a source of support for you as well. Such a strong and beautiful spirit. You will be missed dearly, Carrie.

Jessica Fontil - May 18 at 06:17 PM

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Raquel Angela Hollier - May 18 at 05:01 PM

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Raquel Angela Hollier - May 18 at 04:58 PM

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Raquel Angela Hollier - May 18 at 04:57 PM

DW

“ I will always have our childhood memories and will continue loving you . I love you cousin .



Dava ann Wallace - May 18 at 02:59 PM

CB

“ Thank you Carrie, for sharing the last few months with me at your home. I will always be grateful and will always cherish those good times we had watching Supercross, silly movies and hanging out just to hang out. Your work ethic and accomplishments were second to none, and the example you set for your daughters can't be matched. Bye for now.

Clark Bridgewater - May 18 at 02:41 PM

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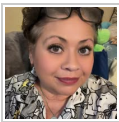
I'm still trying to wrap my head around having you in my life since we were 14 to now having to continue the rest of mine without you. I'm so proud and grateful and satisfied that you just happen to take a quicker route before me. At least I know that you'll be waiting for me LOL our mission together continues... Till I see you again! Love you ❤️🙏🤝😊

Raquel Angela Hollier - May 18 at 02:49 PM

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I am so grateful that we got to see you and hang out when you last came to California. I will always cherish that. Thank you for loving my sister Jess as your own, and for giving her dad John a lifetime's worth of happiness. You truly are a beacon of strength. Stay cool always, we will see you on the other side sweet Carrie.

Laura Oliver - May 18 at 03:14 PM



I still can't believe that you are gone but I'm grateful for the memories that I have of you. If it wasn't for you and Robert I wouldn't have been able to move out and have my own house. You were such an amazing boss and friend. Some of my favorite memories are when we went to visit Noelle and Brit while they lived in Chicago. I will cherish those forever. Stay golden Carrie, until I see you again. ❤️

Mimi Klem - May 18 at 04:52 PM