

Kari Sue (Hanson) Parker was born to Larry and Barbara Hanson on September 20, 1973, in Escondido, California. Kari attended Miller Elementary, Del Dios Junior High and graduated in 1991 from San Pasqual High in Escondido, California. She continued her education at Concordia University in Irvine, California where she graduated in 1995 with a Liberal Studies/English degree and went on to Cal Baptist University in Riverside, California to get her Masters in Education in 2000.

Kari's first teaching job was at Sherman Indian High School in Riverside, California from 1995-1997. Then she went to Temescal Canyon High School in Lake Elsinore, California and taught English, AVID, and was a girls' soccer coach from 1997-1999. From 1999-2003 she taught at Chaparral High School in Temecula, California as an English and AVID teacher, girls soccer coach and assistant golf coach. Kari was also an instructor at Cal Baptist University for positive interaction between teacher and student and a Special Interest Speaker from 2001-2004. Kari transferred to the new Great Oak High School in Temecula in 2002 as an English and AVID teacher. In 2005 she moved to Julian Charter School as an Educational Facilitator, until her death on June 28, 2007.

In high school Kari played on the girls' soccer team, and also played on a traveling soccer team. She loved the sport and was quite good at it, and that got her into coaching high school soccer. She also loved to golf, thanks to her husband, Matt, so she also was a golf coach.

Kari was always involved in everything at school and church and this carried over into her career as a high school English teacher and AVID coordinator. Her master's degree was written on "Helping the At-Risk Student Become Successful" and this she took very seriously. She was very excited to attend some of her students' college graduations. Kari inspired hundreds of her students to embark on a course of uncharted territory. She was right there to support them every step of the way. So many of her students went on to college and became successful while more importantly became contributing members to their communities. Several even went on to teach in her footsteps.

Kari's love for home decorating, scrapbooking and crafts gave her great enjoyment, along with anyone who received one of her completed projects. If there was one place on earth for Kari to enjoy the views of nature and life, it was the beach. Any beach, none in particular, just the beach. Walking and watching- she loved that.

Kari's two greatest joys were planning her wedding to Matt Parker on August 2, 2003 and the birth of her daughter, Keira Lyn. In a beautiful sunset wedding she married her best friend and soul mate. Giving birth to their daughter, Keira Lyn on August 5, 2005, was a dream come true for both Matt and Kari. Kari truly was meant to be a mother to little Keira Lyn, she made each day of her life and Keira's one that was filled with hugs and kisses, with smiles and laughter, and last but certainly not least, prayers with God.