



## Dr. Sharon Nova San Juan

June 22, 1990 - July 17, 2019

A precious angel has left us to fulfill her calling with the Lord. Dr Sharon Nova San Juan was born June 22, 1990 in San Antonio, Texas. She attended O'Conner High School and graduated in 2008. She graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelors Degree in Respiratory Care from the University Of Texas Health Sciences in 2012. During her Freshman year she was diagnosed with Chron's disease and struggled with pain and depression which she overcame when she joined the Chron's and Colitis Foundation in San Antonio, Texas. Therapy for the foundation's members was running, so then began her training for the Rock-n-Roll Marathon. She completed the Rock-n-Roll Marathon (1/2 marathon) in 2012 and 2013 in Las Vegas Nevada. Sharon was a Respiratory Therapist at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Methodist Children's Hospital and touched the lives of so many babies, children and their families. After two years and deep soul searching she decided to apply for the Doctorate Program of Naturopathic Medicine in San Diego California. Sharon was ecstatic when she was accepted and during her first semester called home to share with her family that this was her true calling - to educate and heal those in need. On June 22, 2019 she received her Doctorate in Naturopathic Medicine (on her birthday) and was coming home to San Antonio to fulfill her dream of opening her own clinic, and was a strong advocate for licensure of Naturopathic Doctors in the state of Texas.

Sharon loved to cook and always shared her creations with her colleagues,

teachers and family. Always trying to find a healthy approach to prepare food. She had a passion for all genres of music and even dabbled in writing her own rap song.

Sharon touched the lives of so many people, she inspired her colleagues at Bastyr University and loved life! Anyone who knew Sharon would know what mattered most to her was making sure everyone around her felt loved! She was strong, compassionate and true in her pursuit of healing those around her. She knew true healing came from the heart and hers was PURE GOLD. Nothing would make her happier than to know her spirit will continue to live on in the recipients of her most precious gifts.

Sharon is survived by her parents Belinda and Curtis Elliott, her sister Lani and her children Malia, Junior, Avishai and Noel, her brother Ryan and his wife Clarissa and their son Rylee, her little brother Jason, grandfather Leopoldo M. Nova, father Ephraim San Juan, and all her loving Uncles, Aunts and cousins. She leaves behind her loving boyfriend Derek Schilling and their adorable miniature schnauzer Pickles.

"There are two pillars of a great clinician: Cognitive Dimension - the ability to figure out what's wrong with a patient and have technical expertise in treating them. Interpersonal Dimension - the ability to relate to patients on a personal basis and really understand not just what is the matter with them but to know WHAT MATTERS to them."

-- Dr. Sharon Nova San Juan

In lieu of flowers, donation can be made to the Texas Association of Naturopathic Doctors.

<https://txand.wildapricot.org/Go-Fund-NDs-in-Texas>



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 28. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78230

## Funeral Service

JUL 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
(210) 349-1414  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

# Tribute Wall

AM

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Amanda - July 28, 2019 at 04:53 PM

AM

*Botanical Gardens Walk, first year medical school.*

Amanda - July 28, 2019 at 04:53 PM

DJ

*Dear Dr. Sharon, I will remember you and your passion for Naturopathic Medicine for ever.*

Dr. Yousef Jasemian - July 28, 2019 at 05:37 PM

EM

“💕 Then, Now and Forever in heart💕



Emily Takeuchi Miller - July 28, 2019 at 04:28 PM

EM

💕 Then, Now and Forever in my heart 💕

Emily Miller - July 28, 2019 at 04:32 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Sharon Nova San Juan .*



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July 28, 2019 at 11:09 AM



“ *Dr Janis Gruska purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Dr. Sharon Nova San Juan .*



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**Dr Janis Gruska** - July 28, 2019 at 05:20 AM



“ *As a classmate of Sharon's I can say that everybody, literally EVERYBODY loved her. Not just liked her, but truly loved her. It is rare to find someone who shines so bright and makes such an impression all while remaining humble and burrowing down to work hard. Not only did we love Sharon for her energy and light, but she was also a top student and just as intelligent as she was hard working. On top of it all she was so fun. Sharon, you figured it all out before any of us could even come close. You were too advanced for this world and your spirit outgrew us all. We love you forever, and we miss you.*



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**Colleen Hug** - July 28, 2019 at 12:37 AM

AM

“ Sharon was the most kind hearted, gentle & sweetest soul I’ve meet, yet she was also such a badass woman. She was so smart, tough, spunky and feisty - yet so compassionate and warm-hearted. Her smile and laugh could melt a room. I can still hear your laugh and will carry that with me always.

*In so many ways, I looked up to you Sharon. You were one of the people I was really quite impressed with. You helped teach me balance in my life; hitting the books hard but also letting myself have fun without the pressure and self-guilt. You’ve impressed me so much with your wizard herb skills, your love for biochem, homeopathy, cooking skills and your ability to get down and funky with it. You were ready to take on the world and make a change for the better, all while having a good time and spreading the love.*

*I’m reminded by your spirit to keep following our passions and dreams and to do so in your honor. You dedicated your life’s mission to help heal the world through naturopathic medicine and to help as many people as you could. And that is exactly how you left this world, saving lives.*

*Celebrating you last Sunday was one of the most beautiful and heartfelt things I have been a part of. 4 people were able to wake up and start a new life with their loved ones because of you and that is pretty epic. I am reminded to enjoy every minute of life, because it is so so precious.*

*Sharon - I love you so much & can feel you looking over us. You are a beautiful angel. You’ve touched all of our lives & you will forever live on in our hearts ❤️*

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**Amanda** - July 27, 2019 at 10:48 PM

AM

“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



Amanda - July 27, 2019 at 10:42 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Sharon Nova San Juan .



July 27, 2019 at 12:19 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Sharon Nova San Juan .



July 26, 2019 at 06:16 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Sharon Nova San Juan .



July 26, 2019 at 05:49 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Sharon Nova San Juan .



July 26, 2019 at 09:03 AM



“ Sharon, I met you in 10th grade in our Spanish class. You always would wear cool band shirts and that's when we bonded over music. You told me you just moved here from Maryland and I was one of your first friends when you transferred to O'Connor. I've been listening to the Early November since we used to jam them in your room doing homework. I remember we were so into the song "Sunday Drive" and we loved the bridge of that song. I remember you would always give me your other earphone so we could both listen to the same song in class. I'm so happy to have met you. & I am so proud of everything you have accomplished. May you Rest In Peace. I will never forget you and the beautiful smile you always had. You were seriously one of the most coolest chicks I've ever met. Your spirit and love will always remain in my heart Sharon San Juan. I love you girl.❤️

yvette gonzalez - July 26, 2019 at 05:10 AM

TG

“ Taylor Gonzales lit a candle in memory of Dr. Sharon Nova San Juan



Taylor Gonzales - July 25, 2019 at 04:25 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Sharon Nova San Juan .



July 25, 2019 at 02:29 PM

Amrit Anand

“ I will always remember Sharon as an incredibly beautiful soul, who came to share her light, love, & joy with everyone around her. May she continue to shine brightly as a guiding star for those of us who choose to follow her example! My deepest condolences to her loved ones... May all of you find peace, strength, & love in honoring her memory!



Amrit Anand - July 25, 2019 at 01:17 PM

KI

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**Kimberly** - July 25, 2019 at 12:44 PM

KI

“ *I love you*

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**Kimberly** - July 25, 2019 at 12:42 PM

TR

“ *I met Sharon one time, but that moment I witnessed a passion and love to help others shine. She will be greatly missed!*



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**TJ Rodriguez** - July 25, 2019 at 11:08 AM

DI

“ *Dialyspa purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Dr. Sharon Nova San Juan .*



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**Dialyspa** - July 25, 2019 at 10:53 AM

AK

“ Ali and Jeff Kalina purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dr. Sharon Nova San Juan .



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**Ali and Jeff Kalina** - July 25, 2019 at 10:43 AM

 Cindy Thiele

“ I will forever miss you my friend. I'm so happy that I got to know you. You always made me laugh and you were always fun to be around. You had such a wonderful spirit and kind heart. We will miss you.



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**Cindy Thiele** - July 25, 2019 at 07:37 AM

JM

“ I knew Sharon when she first became a student at Bastyr University California in 2015. She always had the sweetest smile as I saw in the lobby on the way to her classes. This is how I will remember her at her graduation June 2019. You will be missed Dr. Sharon San Juan.



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**Josie Moore** - July 25, 2019 at 01:06 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Sharon Nova San Juan .



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July 25, 2019 at 12:12 AM



“ Breana Davis lit a candle in memory of Dr. Sharon Nova San Juan



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**Breana Davis** - July 24, 2019 at 11:49 PM



“ Love always Patti purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dr. Sharon Nova San Juan .



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**Love always Patti** - July 24, 2019 at 08:28 PM



“ Ginger Shepherd-Naples lit a candle in memory of Dr. Sharon Nova San Juan



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**Ginger Shepherd-Naples** - July 24, 2019 at 07:30 PM

FU

“ From Bastyr University purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Dr. Sharon Nova San Juan .



From Bastyr University - July 24, 2019 at 06:44 PM

JD

“ Johnnie Bennett USAFMSA TDA DIV purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Dr. Sharon Nova San Juan .



Johnnie Bennett USAFMSA TDA DIV - July 24, 2019 at 06:25 PM

DS

“ My sweet sweet Sharon, I am so blessed to have you as our son's love of his life. The times we all spent together are memories I will forever carry in my heart. You truly were a gift from God above who knew your body and soul would be a blessings to others. Thank you for loving me and giving me that beautiful smile every time we FaceTimed each other. I love you with all my heart and you will forever be my baby girl....Momma D



Dana L. Schilling - July 24, 2019 at 06:13 PM

SE

“ Sarah Ellis lit a candle in memory of Dr. Sharon Nova San Juan



Sarah Ellis - July 24, 2019 at 06:08 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Sharon Nova San Juan .



July 24, 2019 at 02:26 PM

BP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Belinda Pantoja-Meadors - July 24, 2019 at 01:53 PM

BP

Sharon -

*You will never know how much you impacted my life. I wish I would have gotten the chance to tell you. When we began training for the half marathon, you were always encouraging me when I felt I couldn't keep going. Your smile and energy helped me to complete this challenge. You were, and will always be, the inspiration that got me to run. My heart broke when I heard the news of your passing. I still can't believe it. To think that this world is no longer with your beaming smile, and loving personality, is just incomprehensible. I understand that you were able to give the gift of life to others, due to the loss of your own. In classic Sha fashion, you gave to others until the very last moment. My deepest apologies to your entire family. May you Rest In Peace.*

*With a heavy heart,  
- Belinda Pantoja-Meadors*

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**Belinda Pantoja-Meadors** - July 24, 2019 at 02:06 PM



“ C lit a candle in memory of Dr. Sharon Nova San Juan

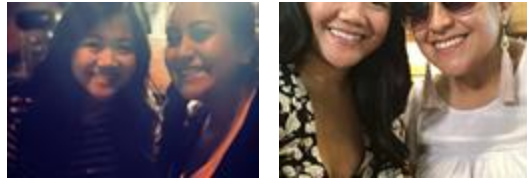


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**C** - July 24, 2019 at 10:02 AM

EM

“ My sweet friend.



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**Emma** - July 24, 2019 at 09:29 AM

AL

“ Alex lit a candle in memory of Dr. Sharon Nova San Juan



Alex - July 24, 2019 at 01:11 AM

  
Kamisha Paris

“ Kamisha Paris lit a candle in memory of Dr. Sharon Nova San Juan



Kamisha Paris - July 23, 2019 at 11:32 PM

KP

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Kendall Perrine - July 23, 2019 at 09:12 PM

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Kendall Perrine - July 23, 2019 at 09:06 PM

LS

*My beautiful baby sister* ♥

**Lani (big sister)** - July 24, 2019 at 12:30 AM



“ *Paria Vaziri lit a candle in memory of Dr. Sharon Nova San Juan*



**Paria Vaziri** - July 23, 2019 at 08:48 PM

DH

“ *Deb Harding lit a candle in memory of Dr. Sharon Nova San Juan*



**Deb Harding** - July 23, 2019 at 07:25 PM

JC

“ *JoDee Cortez lit a candle in memory of Dr. Sharon Nova San Juan*



**JoDee Cortez** - July 23, 2019 at 07:04 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Dr. Sharon Nova San Juan .*



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July 23, 2019 at 03:39 PM