

BORN 1980, PLACERVILLE, CA - DECEASED 2026, LOS OSOS, CA

Lasca Ann Gaylord



Lasca lived a wonderful and full life of 45 years. She was born in Placerville, California, on November 18, 1980, and lived locally in the foothills of El Dorado County where she attended Ponderosa High School. It was there that she lettered in both cross country and track each year. In 2010 she graduated cum laude from Cal Poly with a degree in Landscape Architecture.

As a member of the San Luis Obispo County Parks & Recreation Department, she started her career as a Parks Aide and retired in 2025 as a Supervising Park Ranger. Lasca was a spirited colleague and trusted friend to those who worked beside her. She had a deep passion for her work and her community - bringing warmth, dedication, and an infectious smile that lifted everyone around her.

Lasca loved being outdoors in nature — kayaking across the bay, hiking in flip-flops, exploring local tidepools, backpacking in the mountains, and diving in oceans in numerous locations including the Galápagos. She had an artist's eye for beauty, capturing coastlines and wildflowers in sketches and watercolor. Along the way, she delighted in quizzing us on plant names. She embraced nature, her friends, and her family with joy, gratitude, and deep respect. Her absence leaves a space as wide and enduring as the landscapes she loved. We will forever see her in all that is beautiful.

For information on how her family will be honoring Lasca's beautiful life, please contact a friend of the family, Mary, at 805-550-2952.