

About Lana

Lana was born on December 25th, 1963, to John and Lorraine (Wargo) Olivero in Peru, Illinois, and was surely the best Christmas present they received. Lana grew up in Peru, Illinois, graduating from La Salle-Peru High School in 1982.

After high school, Lana went on to earn a business degree from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign in 1986, where she also met her future husband, Eric P. Elder of Chenoa, Illinois. After college, Lana moved to Flint, Michigan to work as a Systems Analyst for Electronic Data Systems. She later moved to Houston, Texas, where she worked with Eric in the computer department of Texaco, Inc., and soon after married Eric in Houston on April 29, 1989. Lana continued to work at Texaco until the birth of their first child, when she decided to dedicate her full time to raising and homeschooling all of their six children.

Lana was a strong believer in Christ and brought much peace, joy and hope to many people in her everyday life and through her family's ministry at theranch.org. Her smile was radiant and her spirit soared, bringing joy to everyone she met. She had a passion for studying the word of God, and always took strength from the verse that says "those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint" (Isaiah 40:31). Through her life and her testimony, many people came to know Jesus. She touched so many lives and brought so many people to know and love our Lord. Her words of encouragement, hope and love were shown through her everyday life and in her written words. Lana's grace, strength and strong desire to live her life to the fullest was demonstrated even to the end of her battle with Stage 4 breast cancer.

Lana was a loving wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend to all. She was actively involved in several homeschool associations, encouraging other families who also chose to homeschool their children. She loved serving in the church with children and youth and was a huge inspiration and role model in their lives. To them she was always just "one of the kids." Lana's desire has always been that people would find comfort in the Savior who had comforted her and that they would always Believe in His love for them and His unique purpose for their life. While our hearts ache at the lack of her presence with us, we rejoice knowing she is with the Savior she loved, resting in the palm of God's hand.



Lana and family, November 1, 2012

In Loving Memory of

Lana J. (Olivero) Elder



*"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."
Isaiah 40:28-31*

Lana Elder on Mother's Day, May 13, 2012

To Lana, With Love...

**A Celebration of the Life of Lana J. (Olivero) Elder,
Eastview Christian Church, November 20, 2012**

Piano Prelude: Marilyn Byrnes, sister-in-law

Welcome and Opening Prayer: Pastor Jason Sniff, friend

*Songs of Worship: Led by Gary Marini, friend, Lucas Elder, son,
and Makari Elder, daughter*

Song: "Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)" by Brenton Brown

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:28-31, Makari Elder, daughter

Song: "Everlasting God" by Chris Tomlin

Song: "How He Loves" by John Mark McMillan

Scripture Reading: John 14:1-3, Mark Olivero, brother

*Expressions of Love: Laurie Landsman, sister, and John Paul
Olivero, brother*

Scripture Reading: Revelation 21:1-5, Josiah Elder, son

*Dance: "I Can Only Imagine," Kaleo Elder, daughter, and nieces
Shana, Tara and Erica Olivero*

Eulogy: Pastor Eric Elder, husband

*Scripture Readings: "What God Says About Fear," Recorded by
Lana Elder, with music by friends Brent Mitchell and Chuck and
Lynette Giacinto*

Invitation to follow Lana's Savior: Karis Elder, daughter

*Invitation Song: "It Is Well With My Soul" by Horatio Spafford, sung
by Lucas Elder, son*

*Closing Songs: "Happy New Life To You" and "O Come Let Us
Adore Him," Led by Bo Elder, son, and the family*

Closing Prayer: Mark Dossett, friend

(Please join us for a meal in the atrium immediately after the service)

Lana J. (Olivero) Elder, 48, of Chenoa, passed away peacefully at her home on Thursday, November 15, 2012, surrounded by family and friends. Lana is survived by her devoted husband, Eric, and their six beautiful children: Karis (21), Lucas (20), Makari (18), Josiah (14), Bo (12) and Kaleo (9). Lana is also survived by many loving family members, including her mother, Lorraine (Wargo) Olivero of Peru; eight brothers and sisters: John Paul Olivero of Peru, Lisa Olivero of Ladd, Laurie (Steve) Landsman of Willowbrook, Mark (Laura) Olivero of Fort Wayne, IN, Linda Olivero of Springfield, Tom (Wendy) Olivero of Utica, Lucy Olivero of Chicago and Luke (Jeanna) Olivero of La Salle; and twelve nieces and nephews. Lana was preceded in death by her loving father, John Olivero of Peru.

Isaiah 40:28-31

Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

**The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow tired or weary,
and His understanding no one can
fathom.**

**He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.**

**Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;
but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.**

**They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.**

John 14:1-3

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in Me. In My Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am."

Revelation 21:1-5

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away... And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with

men, and He will live with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"

Please accept our most sincere thanks for all of your gracious expressions of love, care and prayer for us, both over the years and especially at this time. While Lana supported many worthy causes in her life, the cause in which she most heavily invested was her family. Although gifts are not necessary, if you would like to make a donation in honor of Lana, please make it simply to the family of Lana Elder. Thank you so much for your presence in our lives!