



## Lisa Marie Palata

September 6, 1968 - August 17, 2025

Lisa Marie Palata, 56, of Orlando, Florida, passed away on August 17, 2025. She was born on September 6, 1968, in Kansas City, Missouri, to Helen Lee Stewart Dunham and Thomas William Becker.

Lisa grew up in Orlando and graduated from Colonial High School. She began her career in the hospitality industry and, through dedication and hard work, rose into management and later became an executive leader with IHG Hotels & Resorts. This past April, she proudly celebrated 25 years with IHG, a milestone that reflected her commitment, leadership, and love for her career.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her first husband, Atiae Palata, with whom she had three children: Kurtis (Ashley), A.J. (partner Tiane), and Kennedy (Chandler). She is survived by her loving husband, Tigi Purcell; her children; and her sister, Melanie Becker.

Active in her community, Lisa gave generously of her time and heart, always offering support and creating a sense of belonging for those around her. She loved cheering her children on from the baseball, football, and tennis sidelines when they were young, always their biggest fan. As her children grew up, weekends became cherished family time. She enjoyed strolling the farmers market with her daughter, Kennedy, barbecuing with her son, A.J., and spending time with her son, Kurtis, and his beloved animals. Lisa truly loved

those moments, and she delighted in showing off her “grand-dogs” and cats. She also adored sharing those family times with Ashley, her daughter-in-law, Tiane, A.J.’s partner, and Chandler, her son-in-law.

Lisa’s compassion and kindness were felt by everyone she met. She was a supportive friend and neighbor, and above all, a devoted mother. To many of her children’s friends, she was like a second mom, and to her extended circle of friends and family, she was lovingly regarded as a nurturing grandmother figure. She was also a devoted stepmom and a loving step-grandmother to Tigi’s family, embracing them with the same warmth and love she gave her own.

Lisa loved to travel and never passed up the chance to enjoy a nice glass of wine. That shared passion with her friends brought laughter, connection, and countless cherished memories, moments that reflected her joy for life and the way she found meaning in being with others.

She enjoyed sunshine and swimming in her pool, and she cherished vacations by the beach, the place she always dreamed of retiring. Lisa had a gift for making her home a place of comfort, where everyone felt welcome. Her warmth, generosity, and vibrant personality touched many lives, and her memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew her. Among her closest were lifelong friends who were like family, sharing in her joys and standing by her through life’s challenges.

Lisa’s celebration of life will be held on Tuesday, August 26th, 2025, at 2:00 PM at St. Luke’s United Methodist Church, 4851 S. Apopka Vineland Road, Orlando, FL 32819. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG **26**. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Luke's United Methodist Church  
4851 S. Apopka Vineland Rd  
Orlando, FL 32819

# Tribute Wall

KB

“ I was so saddened to hear of her passing. She was kind and funny, always such a joy to sit next to in a meeting and share a side comment or two. She taught me things along the way, but more than that, she was a friend and a delight to work with. We all knew how deeply she loved her daughter, and we were so happy to cheer her on in her recent marriage. Gone far too soon. With love, gratitude, and appreciation.

Kathy Bannasch - August 28, 2025 at 05:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lisa Marie Palata.

August 26, 2025 at 12:22 PM

LL

“ Lisa was such a beautiful soul. We were just starting to get to know each other.

LaVada Lusk - August 26, 2025 at 12:01 PM

LA

“ Leticia Adams purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Lisa Marie Palata.



Leticia Adams - August 25, 2025 at 07:39 PM

LA

“ Leticia Adams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lisa Marie Palata.

Leticia Adams - August 25, 2025 at 07:39 PM

MS

“ Megan S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lisa Marie Palata.

Megan S. - August 25, 2025 at 06:17 PM

CF

“ Crowne Plaza Orlando Downtown Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lisa Marie Palata.



Crowne Plaza Orlando Downtown Family - August 25, 2025 at 01:43 PM

GS

“ Lisa was such a kind and compassionate soul. I’m incredibly thankful for her friendship and completely devastated that she’s gone far too soon. She cared deeply for those around her, always putting her full heart into helping others, while standing strong in her principles and integrity.

*My heart is broken for the Palata family and her children. I hope to honor her legacy by keeping our Florida family and colleagues connected, and by continuing her spirit of service and nurture toward others.*

*With love and deepest sympathies,*

*Geoff Scheibel and Family*



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**Geoff Scheibel** - August 25, 2025 at 12:16 PM

FA

“ Friends at Universal External Affairs purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Lisa Marie Palata.



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**Friends at Universal External Affairs** - August 25, 2025 at 12:01 PM

GF

“ Geoff Scheibel and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Lisa Marie Palata.



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**Geoff Scheibel and Family** - August 25, 2025 at 11:36 AM

GF

“ Geoff Scheibel and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lisa Marie Palata.

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**Geoff Scheibel and Family** - August 25, 2025 at 11:36 AM

TW

“ Twanna W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lisa Marie Palata.

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**Twanna W.** - August 25, 2025 at 09:40 AM

TW

“ Twanna Wood lit a candle in memory of Lisa Marie Palata



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**Twanna Wood** - August 25, 2025 at 09:33 AM

TW

“ I'm grateful for just being in the space of Lisa even though we only knew each other briefly as we worked on a project together. Her witty, kind, & caring personality was most helpful in getting me through this job. In a short time, I learned a lot from her. Her smile will forever bring a smile to my heart and I pray to your family as well. With sincere condolences,

Twanna Woods - August 25, 2025 at 09:33 AM

LA

“ Love, Bryn, Andrew and Monroe Auld purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Lisa Marie Palata.



Love, Bryn, Andrew and Monroe Auld - August 24, 2025 at 04:52 PM

LA

“ Love, Bryn, Andrew and Monroe Auld planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lisa Marie Palata.

Love, Bryn, Andrew and Monroe Auld - August 24, 2025 at 04:52 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lisa Marie Palata.



August 24, 2025 at 02:43 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lisa Marie Palata.*



August 24, 2025 at 08:36 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lisa Marie Palata.

August 24, 2025 at 08:36 AM



“ *Tonya Williams purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Lisa Marie Palata.*



**Tonya Williams** - August 23, 2025 at 03:47 PM



“ *Tonya Williams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lisa Marie Palata.*

**Tonya Williams** - August 23, 2025 at 03:47 PM



“ *Robert A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lisa Marie Palata.*

**Robert A.** - August 23, 2025 at 12:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lisa Marie Palata.*



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August 23, 2025 at 10:36 AM



“ *I worked with Lisa when I first moved to the US 13years back. I still quote her in my conversations about what ‘care’ means - when she asked me to take the day off just hearing my voice on the phone without me even telling her that I was unwell- she wd often say your health comes before work. They dont make ppl like her anymore. I will cherish our trip to Hawaii where she took us around to show us all the beautiful spots in Oahu! In our non-work talks, we wd often talk about Kennedy, Kurtis, AJ and she was such a proud mom! This is such a big loss. Sending prayers to your family and hoping Lisa is still smiling from above!*

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**Paarul Suri** - August 23, 2025 at 01:52 AM



“ *Sefa and Traci Leapai purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Lisa Marie Palata.*



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**Sefa and Traci Leapai** - August 22, 2025 at 07:07 PM

OK

“ I did not have a lot of opportunities to work with Lisa but when I did, it was always a true pleasure. She was so knowledgeable and on top of that so nice to talk with and always had some fun humor to make the interaction memorable. I will miss those chats. Sending my deepest condolences to her family.

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**Orit Krivis** - August 22, 2025 at 06:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lisa Marie Palata.

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August 22, 2025 at 04:14 PM

MO

“ Michelle O. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lisa Marie Palata.

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**Michelle O.** - August 22, 2025 at 01:31 PM

TO

“ Lisa was not only a colleague but also a friend and confidant. I have worked with Lisa in various capacities during my 16 years at IHG Hotels & Resorts. She was incredibly insightful, and I always left our interactions knowing more than I did before. However, my favorite times with Lisa were when we finished work and could talk about our children, Central Florida, and pets. I often turned to Lisa for parenting advice and her experiences handling certain milestones my kids were nearing. She was always caring, listened genuinely, and never hesitated to tell me if I was overreacting about something trivial. When I was in Orlando, I always invited Lisa to join me on my hotel visits. She usually did if she was in town, even though I knew she disliked going to that part of Orlando. As many have mentioned, I will miss Lisa dearly, and my condolences go to her family and everyone she profoundly influenced.

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Tony Owens - August 22, 2025 at 12:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lisa Marie Palata.



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August 22, 2025 at 12:14 PM



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KJ

“ *Such a sweet lady. It was a pleasure working alongside Lisa here at IHG. She will be missed. My condolences to the family!* ”



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**Kevin James** - August 22, 2025 at 10:26 AM

NP

“ *Lisa wasn't just someone we worked with— she was someone we leaned on, learned from, and admired deeply. In every challenge, she brought calm. In every conflict, compassion. And in every setback, she saw the path forward. Her unwavering belief in solutions—no matter how complex the problem—was a gift to all of us. She never let frustration take root. Instead, she met obstacles with grace and determination, always asking, “What can we do next?” We are better for having known her, and we will carry her spirit forward in everything we do.* ”



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**Niki Parris** - August 22, 2025 at 10:25 AM

JH

“ *Lisa was such a joy & a ray of sunshine. We worked together for the last few yrs & she was so easy to work with, as well as easy to get to know. A very kind, friendly person & a true loss for all of us. And we definitely had quite a few laughs. Sending prayers & hugs to her family.* ”

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**Janice Heath** - August 22, 2025 at 10:24 AM

LC

“ Love, Tony, Sara, Maika and Courtney purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Lisa Marie Palata.



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**Love, Tony, Sara, Maika and Courtney** - August 22, 2025 at 10:10 AM

LC

“ Love, Tony, Sara, Maika and Courtney planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lisa Marie Palata.

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**Love, Tony, Sara, Maika and Courtney** - August 22, 2025 at 10:10 AM

ST

“ Lisa will forever be missed. I loved every time we got a chance to talk on the phone or see each other in person at a work event. Our "work" calls almost always ended with us talking about our family or upcoming travel plans. She was the type of person who instantly became a close friend the moment you met her- I will cherish every single conversation we had and will forever remember her smile that would always light up a room.

*Stacie Sikes  
IHG Friend and Coworker*

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**stacie** - August 22, 2025 at 09:43 AM

VT

“ I have very fond memories of Lisa she was a light in the dark! She will be missed.

Valarie  
East Wind

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Valarie Treadaway - August 22, 2025 at 09:23 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lisa Marie Palata.



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August 22, 2025 at 08:46 AM

AC

“ We are so saddened by the unexpected loss of Lisa. Although I personally didn't get to spend much time with her, she had a great personality and loved to have fun. What I do know is her son Kurt has brought so much kindness, love and compassion into our family as my niece Ashley's husband. Thank you Lisa! I'm sure you will be watching over your children and family as their forever Angel. ❤️ My deepest sympathy, condolences love and prayers to the entire family. 🌹

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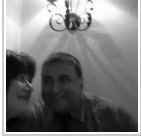
Anna Chastain - August 22, 2025 at 08:38 AM

KG

“ Kim G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lisa Marie Palata.

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Kim G. - August 22, 2025 at 05:55 AM



“ So so sorry to hear this. I remember the day Lisa lost her first husband and we watched Kennedy as she was friends with my daughter.  
Our deepest condolences go out to the whole family.

Raj Thind - August 22, 2025 at 12:44 AM

CS

“ Warren and I are so very sad to hear about Lisa! Our families shared so many good times at Ponce Inlet! Many prayers for Curtis, AJ, and Kennedy as you all feel this huge loss in your lives! Lisa was one of a kind! It didn't take long around her to know she was a loving and caring human being! She loved life and people both family and friends! She was very family oriented! The Stewart Family has only happy memories of this extraordinary lady! Melody our prayers are with you as you step up as Aunt Mama! All our love, Warren, Cindy, Katelyn, and Cg Stewart. 🙏

cindy Stewart - August 22, 2025 at 12:22 AM

BC

“ Bill Craig purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Lisa Marie Palata.



Bill Craig - August 22, 2025 at 12:13 AM

BC

“ Bill Craig planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lisa Marie Palata.

Bill Craig - August 22, 2025 at 12:13 AM

TP

“ I can't imagine the loss your family is experiencing right now. Our prayers are with the entire family and friends that were just like family. I worked with Lisa for nearly 17 years at IHG. She was an amazing human being. I am so sorry for your loss- everyone's loss. We needed more time. We needed more Lisa's in our lives.



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**Tina Parsons** - August 21, 2025 at 08:45 PM

NF

“ *Natasha, Stephanie, Kali & IHG Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Lisa Marie Palata.*



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**Natasha, Stephanie, Kali & IHG Family** - August 21, 2025 at 07:05 PM

NF

“ *Natasha, Stephanie, Kali & IHG Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lisa Marie Palata.*

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**Natasha, Stephanie, Kali & IHG Family** - August 21, 2025 at 07:05 PM

DP

“ *Danny and Stephanie Perez purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lisa Marie Palata.*



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**Danny and Stephanie Perez** - August 21, 2025 at 05:46 PM

SA

“ *My beloved Princess Lisa will always be remembered as a radiant source of positivity in my life. Her unique ability to see good in every situation profoundly influenced me. My heartfelt love and prayers go out to her entire family- Saba Asmerom.*

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**saba** - August 21, 2025 at 02:25 PM

JR

“ *So so sorry for your loss I will always remember and hold dear to my heart the times spent with Lisa when I visited from Ny. She always made me feel so welcomed and loved. My heart hurts*

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**joanne ryan** - August 21, 2025 at 01:50 PM

WJ

“ *Lisa was a light in any circle she joined, a bit sarcastic and quirky with a laugh that was infectious! I have worked with Lisa for 18 years, she was always sharing her funny stories in our group chats & text. The words “you can’t make this s&\$t up” as her punctuation mark. I always looked forward to my time at meetings with her as did our RD team. We always knew the best wine would be available in our “wine room” and it would be 60 degrees in there! Words cannot express how deeply she will be missed by her colleagues who became family!*

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**wendy Johnson** - August 21, 2025 at 01:43 PM

PR

“ *My Muffy! Always so happy and upbeat and my light of joy There with food for me after my gall bladder surgery, with the boys visiting at our Crowne, sending me cat figurines for the death of my cat... I'm forever your "Grumpy Old Man" We all have holes in our hearts and voids throughout our thoughts But one thing for sure, the world was SOOOOO much better because of YOU! Love to all who knew you, had you in their immediate family circle, and who felt the HAPPINESS of Lisa*

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**Peter Ricci** - August 21, 2025 at 01:33 PM