



Laurie Baker

November 30, 1963 - December 3, 2022

Laurie was born on November 30, 1963 in Kingston, New York. She was the first daughter of John A. Althiser and Marlene C. Althiser. She spent her young childhood in the small and quaint village of Saugerties in the Catskill mountains of New York state.

She is survived by her father John, her sister Heidi Judd, her brother-in-law, Roderick Judd and her two nieces; Jessica and Jasmyn.

Laurie lived in Fuquay Varina, North Carolina and was fortunate to be surrounded by many wonderful neighbors. She worked for many years as an ophthalmic technician and later as a veterinarian assistant. She was a history and nature enthusiast and absolutely loved animals. It was very hard for her to turn her back on a stray animal, thus she had many cherished fur-babies that she lovingly cared for.

Please remember Laurie as the fun-loving, smart and oftentimes silly human being that she was and say your personal goodbye to her keeping that in mind. If you wish, please make a financial donation in her memory to the Humane Society of the United States.

In honor of her wishes, we will not be holding a formal public funeral or service. The family will be hosting a Celebration of Life memorial on a date To

Be Determined.

In lieu of flowers, we are asking that donations be made to the Humane Society in her name. The link is here:

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Tribute Wall

RA

“ Sweet Laurie bear...I really miss you. We have so many memories. We could say anything to each other. I've known you since 1986 when we became neighbors and fast friends. Little Sophie Joe, Timmie and Jackie. Randy and Krista running to your door for a biscuit. Thank you Laurie. I hope I told you that. I'm so very sad for myself but so happy for you. I know you are with The Lord in a place to wondrous to contemplate. Please know I have your babies as we promised each other. I will take good care of them for you. Until I see you again I will keep you in my heart. I love you so much my beloved friend. 💕💕

Raye - December 23, 2022 at 11:58 PM

HC

“ I've been Laurie's neighbor for almost 30 years and have so many memories of her. Mostly I think of our chats over the fence - we solved many world problems (if only the world knew) and laughed a lot! I especially miss hearing her cheer on my dogs as I threw a ball for them - she did love all fur babies. Her friendship, sense of humor and smiles will be missed.

Heather Cheshire - December 16, 2022 at 01:12 PM

GA

“ We remember Laurie's beautiful singing voice especially the time she sang "Crazy" by Patsy Cline. She sounded just like her. Laurie always had the best sense of humor and a contagious laugh. Between her, her Mom and our cousin Percy, heaven will be a more happy and joyous place. Rest in peace our dear niece Laurie and save us a place! We love and miss you- Gary & Mona

Gary & Mona Althiser - December 14, 2022 at 06:32 PM

JE

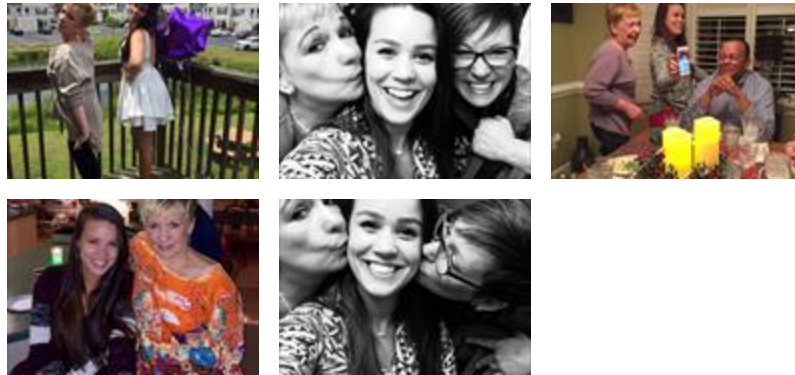
“ You will be forever missed but so happy you share the sky with our Nonnie ❤️

I love you Aunt Laurie- keep making everyone laugh and feed and love on all the kittens and k9s!

Jessica - December 14, 2022 at 10:25 AM

JE

“ My auntie “lauwwwey”. I can hear her say it now :) the amount of laughs, ellen dance moves, lunches, swapping sun glasses, makeup tutorials, pictures of flowers and animals, dance videos, watching you finish your lunch (last one like your mother) and so so many more memories shared with you.



Jessica - December 14, 2022 at 10:22 AM

MS

“ I worked with Laurie for many years at Wake ophthalmology. I always thought of her as my firecracker! She was spunky, hard working , smart and I could always depend on her. I will miss her as she travels to her next destination. Peace and love to you my dear one.

melissa smith - December 12, 2022 at 09:58 PM

JC

“ Although Laurie and i shared many great memories over the 11+ years together one of my favorite was our cruise to the Caribbean.It had to be the best vacation i had ever had. Laurie you will always be in my heart and my soul.



Jeff Cates - December 11, 2022 at 11:35 AM

MM

“ Walking my dog down our street, Laurie would always be a bring spot on our journey. She never failed to smile, wave & shout out a hello from her front porch. Laurie also never failed to include my dog in her greeting as well. I will miss my sweet neighbor.

Mary McKinney - December 11, 2022 at 10:17 AM

TB

“ I will always remember Amy’s wedding, where miles were erased, and we stayed up to the wee hours of the morning laughing, sharing stories and maybe just a little mischief. I loved your Christmas cards signed with love by you and “assorted furies” and the picture that would accompany it. Rest easy beautiful cousin, I hope you are singing in heaven. ❤️

Tina Buono - December 10, 2022 at 06:56 AM

SJ

“ *The best memory I have is when Laurie, Heidi and myself had a sleepover at Aunt Mae and Uncle Tom’s house in Quarryville when we were little. The family get togethers for holidays at Grandma Cooke’s house. Those will be the memories I will cherish. Love ya Cuz*

Stephen Cooke Jr - December 09, 2022 at 06:14 PM

LM

“ *Laurie was a big sister to me as a teenager. I was best friends with her sister, Heidi. I remember Laurie playing the piano and figuring out songs by ear. She taught me to play the chorus for “Cold as Ice”.*

Laurie could brighten a room with her smile and wit. I loved tagging along with her and her friends because I was with the “cool” girl. I’m happy you are at peace and with your mom. You will be missed by those left here on earth. 💔

LouAnn Mangum - December 09, 2022 at 10:27 AM

SA

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Sandy - December 08, 2022 at 09:57 PM

SA

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Sandy - December 08, 2022 at 09:50 PM

LN

“ *I have so many fond memories of hanging out with Laurie. I lived in the same neighborhood and we were always at each other's house. I remember sitting in her bedroom listening to Bread and other artists over and over again, watching The Young and Restless and just being silly talking about boys. She was a great friend and will be missed. Sending love and prayers to her family.*

Lisa Seagroves Nulph - December 08, 2022 at 09:27 PM

KG

“ I worked with Laurie for several years at Wake Ophthalmology. We had a lot of fun times together! My best memory of Laurie is that her mommy would always come in to the job and bring Laurie something special, and we would all be jealous of her. She brought a lot of laughter and fun to my life for the time I was blessed to be with her at Wake Ophthalmology! I could tell from her parents and her sister as well as her brother-in-law and her nieces that Laurie was well Loved! Family take comfort in knowing that we loved her as well. I pray that God will comfort you all and keep you in perfect peace as you remember the life of your loved one. Khristin Gentry. 12-8-2022

Khristin Gentry - December 08, 2022 at 07:38 PM

PE

“ She was a beautiful friend through my whole life. Oh my dear friend be at peace. I will remember you always. My heart is broken.



Pamela Eighmey - December 08, 2022 at 07:17 PM

BC

“ We will miss Laurie, our friend and neighbor! Here's to the good memories! Prayers for comfort. ❤️

Becky Creighton - December 08, 2022 at 06:37 PM

BT

“ I'm so saddened to hear of Laurie's passing. We went to school together at Cahill Elementary in Saugerties. Rest in Peace Laurie 🙏❤️

Bill Thornton - December 08, 2022 at 06:29 PM

SS

“ Laurie and I were childhood best friends. A weekend didn't go by that we weren't at each others homes doing a sleep over . Even when she moved to North Carolina we always stayed in touch writing letters, even visiting but no matter what we always knew the other was just a phone call away. A bright light has gone out in this world but we are all better for having known her.

Stephanie Steyer-Wynne - December 08, 2022 at 06:03 PM

BR

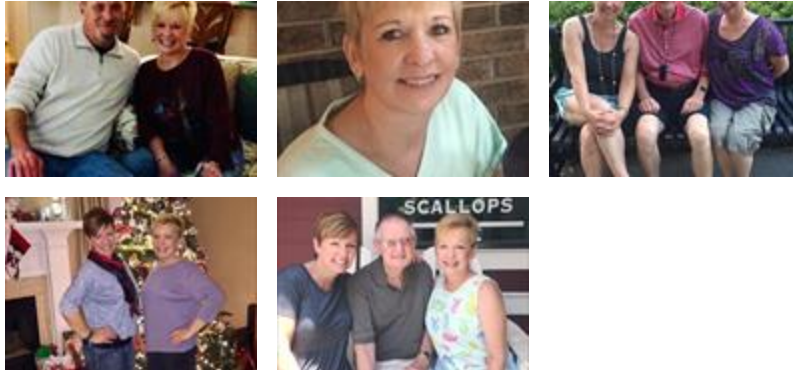
“ Brandy Rivers lit a candle in memory of Laurie Baker



Brandy Rivers - December 08, 2022 at 06:01 PM

HJ

“ 7 files added to the album Tribute Wall



Heidi Judd - December 08, 2022 at 05:47 PM

AK

“ Laurie’s big brilliant smile and robust laugh filled any room she entered. Also known for her fantastic impromptu singing, I will never forget her grabbing the microphone at my wedding and singing to the crowd. She adored her family and always held a very special place in her heart for her two beautiful nieces. I will miss the fun loving cousin I knew as a child and know hope she has found peace among the stars in heaven with her mom.

Amy Kelly - December 08, 2022 at 05:38 PM

S!

“ I will miss your sweet smile and your crazy and funny personality. We had many good times together that will be remembered. I will look forward to seeing you again. Leave the Gate open for me. I love you very much

Stephen E. Cooke Sr. (Unc) !! - December 08, 2022 at 05:11 PM