



Lauren M. Knowles

September 25, 1955 - October 1, 2019

Lauren Knowles left this earth on October 1st after a determined, months-long struggle against cancer.

Lauren was born September 25, 1955, to Jack W. Burkheimer and Carol (Hickey) Burkheimer, at Fort Dix, New Jersey. She married her loving husband, Drew, in 1984. Following long careers in healthcare, mostly in the Fort Worth, Texas area, Lauren and Drew chose to spend the rest of their days in the beautiful city of Hot Springs, beginning in 2017.

Lauren was a gentle spirit who spread love, generosity, and positivity everywhere she went. She was also an adventuresome soul, always eager to experience a new thing, place, or idea with enthusiasm.

She is survived by her husband, Drew, of Hot Springs; mother, Carol Burkheimer, and sister, Nancy Lorenzo, both of Tampa, Florida; sister, Karen Schmitt, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; brother, Karl Burkheimer, of Goose Creek, South Carolina; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

An informal memorial service will be held at Hot Springs Funeral Home, downtown Hot Springs, at 4:00pm October 11, 2019. In lieu of flowers or similar commemorations, Lauren requested that friends consider making donations in support of Jackson House (jacksonhouse.org).

Tribute Wall



“ *Lauren was my best friend during high school. The laughter, the trips to the beach, the sleep overs, the concerts, just growing up together in love and sisterhood. I have these wonderful memories to cherish always. To the family, my condolences. Rest in peace my dear friend.*



Debbie Carson - December 25, 2019 at 11:26 AM

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“ *Lauren and I were high school best friends so it is with great sadness to learn of her passing. So many fond and happy memories that I will cherish. I wish Drew and to Lauren's mother and siblings peace and comfort. Debbie Carson, Columbia SC*



Debbie Carson - December 24, 2019 at 07:29 PM

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“ *To know Lauren has been a true privilege. Her ability to enjoy life and find the fun in every task is something that brightened our lives. Lauren's beautiful spirit will be truly missed. Our thought and prayers are with family and friends.*
Arlene and Jeff Gocken

Arlene Gocken - October 10, 2019 at 08:44 AM

GP

“ I first met Lauren in a painting class at National Park College and knew her later as a member of the Traditional Art Guild. The last time I saw her, she gave me a tour of art on display at the Whittington Gallery, including Drew's photography exhibit. She was so lovely and full of a special life force - she will be greatly missed!
Glenda Perry

Glenda Perry - October 09, 2019 at 04:28 PM

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“ Lauren was so positive she was going to be here for a long time. She asked that I come with her to get a tattoo of a dragonfly with the date of her remission. I was honored. She was such a light and I always felt good around her. She was a gift to all..

Barbara Schuette - October 07, 2019 at 12:21 PM