



Mrs. Laurie Lemmons Murphy

June 17, 1961 - June 12, 2022

Laurie Lemmons Murphy, 60, passed away peacefully surrounded by family at Emory University Hospital on June 12, 2022. Laurie was born June 17, 1961, in Gary, IN to William R. and Sandra Kay Lemmons. Laurie grew up in Valparaiso, IN where she graduated from Valparaiso High School. She graduated from the University of Georgia in 1983 with a degree in Journalism. She was proud to be a UGA alumna and loved her Bulldogs. Her college years were among the happiest years of her life where she made many close lifelong friends. After college, Laurie worked for 34 years with the Ritz Carlton Hotel Company where she was a National Sales Director. At the Ritz, she was very well liked and well respected and served as a mentor to many of her co-workers. She made many close lifelong friends with both colleagues and clients while working for the Ritz. In 1992 Laurie married Joe Murphy and just celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on June 6th. They loved living in Roswell, GA, attending concerts, sporting events, and traveling. Many of their trips were rewards due to Laurie exceeding her sales quotas.

Laurie and Joe were avid dog lovers and were parents to their beloved dogs, Zephyr and Wrigley. For the last two years Laurie was a volunteer with the Golden Retriever Rescue Atlanta where she screened adoption candidates. People marveled at how despite her ongoing health problems and being in constant pain, she never complained and was always upbeat. Laurie was a real joy to be around.

Laurie was preceded in death by her brother Bill and is survived by her

husband Joe, parents Bill and Sandra Lemmons, Aunt Billie Jo Rountree and her beloved cousins. A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, June 26, 2022, at Northside Chapel 12050 Crabapple Rd Roswell, GA 30075. Visitation will be from 2:00 to 4:00 and a service at 4:00 with John Strickland officiating. Donations can be made to the following: Atlanta Human Society, Golden Retriever Rescue of Atlanta, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, National Kidney Foundation.

The family is accepting flowers or you can make donations in Laurie's memory to the following charities.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

https://www2.jdrf.org/site/Donation2?idb=1509122188&df_id=2373&mfc_pref=T&2373.donation=form1

National Kidney Foundation

https://www.kidney.org/donation?promo=MTL000947&utm_source=Google&utm_medium=Paid_Search&utm_content=&utm_campaign=FY2021_Direct_Response&frequency=&amount=&utm_source=google-ads&utm_campaign={campaignid}&utm_agid=100813360455&utm_term=nkf&creative=495693408367&device=c&placement=&gclid=Cj0KCQjwhqaVBhCxARIsAHK1tiNXnOUeLLPFKJdecGSWTtxshAjtdABp_J9Xe3LZHKlSclw8XuQuIOQaAihHEALw_wcB

The Humane Society

https://secured.humanesociety.org/page/83122/donate/1?ea.tracking.id=ad_gg_memorial_gifts&en_txn10=ad_gg_cpc_7886761847_87600959211_394562623191_humane%20society%20memorial%20donation&en_og_source=ad_gg_fndr_ml_83122_hsus&utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_term=humane%20society%20memorial%20donation&gclid=Cj0KCQjwhqaVBhCxARIsAHK1tiO46UNJBNa_G2yiOFojeddY91WPvKhtuKOQiSgd9fpyrXYXalfnUfUaAh8AEALw_wcB

Golden Retriever Rescue of Atlanta

<https://grra.com/tributes/memory/laurie-lemmons-murphy>

Cemetery Details

Cremation - Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 26. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Celebration Of Life

JUN 26. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Roswell, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Laurie Lemmons Murphy*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Laurie Lemmons Murphy.*



June 25, 2022 at 12:57 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Mrs. Laurie Lemmons Murphy.*



June 25, 2022 at 11:13 AM



“ *Barb Munger and Tom Livingston purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Laurie Lemmons Murphy.*



Barb Munger and Tom Livingston - June 23, 2022 at 06:38 PM

JM

“ As one who had the God given privilege of being her husband for 30 years, words cannot express how blessed I was to have her as the major part of my life. I certainly didn't deserve her. I will always love her and will miss her greatly. It will be very difficult to carry on without her, but I must do so. Laurie wouldn't have it any other way. I love you so much, Sweetie. Joe

Joe Murphy - June 22, 2022 at 12:38 PM

KC

Joe, I'm just so sorry. She left a hole in your heart that can't be filled.

Karen Coulter - June 22, 2022 at 01:30 PM

TF

“ The David Groover family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Laurie Lemmons Murphy.



The David Groover family - June 21, 2022 at 10:56 AM

DG

“ Donna Gordon purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Laurie Lemmons Murphy.



Donna Gordon - June 20, 2022 at 01:11 PM

CS

“ Our visit this past Christmas .. picked right up where we left off some time ago ... who is where, who is doing what from Ritz And all the jokes and antics and bar-hopping and James Taylor concerts at Chastain in the rain and fun we had as 20 (and 30) somethings, and even the serendipity of running into you at Publix in Roswell on a hot July night. I love you, LLM. From the moment we met and forever. You were a wonderful, true friend to me, and I will miss you.

“ When you remember me, it means that you have carried something of who I am with you, that I have left some mark of who I am on who you are. It means that you can summon me back to your mind even though countless years and miles may stand between us. It means that if we meet again, you will know me. It means that even after I die, you can still see my face and hear my voice and speak to me in your heart.” ~F Buechner

Love to Joe and Bill and Sandra.

Claire Santuae - June 18, 2022 at 12:59 AM

JM

“ I take great pride in having been a groomsman when Laurie and Joe were married. It was a great honor. At the time, I thought Joe did right well, and I never thought otherwise afterwards. My biggest concern was that Laurie was an avid Bulldog and Joe a loyal Yellow Jacket! They seem to have worked that out well.

Laurie was a genuine sweetheart, always gracious, always welcoming and witty when I talked to her by phone and occasionally visited her and Joe in their home. I regret that we lived so far apart and couldn't see more of each other. For as much as we did, I am thankful.

When I met Laurie's parents, I saw pretty quickly a mutual abiding love between her and them that I deeply respect. From what I saw, I have no doubt Laurie was a truly good daughter.

If character has anything to do with the ability to endure long suffering without complaint, Laurie had character by the truckload. I find her tenacity to have been amazing and inspirational.

I will sure miss Laurie's good humor and friendliness, intelligence and, among other qualities, her beautiful red hair.

Love you, Laurie!

Jeff Mallory - June 17, 2022 at 07:42 PM

LS

“ I met Laurie over 40 years ago at UGA. I am so thankful for the special friendship we shared for all these years. Laurie’s gift was making others feel valuable and important and loved. So many have mentioned her most awesome laugh when she got tickled. It came straight from the soul. Laurie was not going to be defined by her health struggles. She was so much more than that. To go through all that she did I think of her as one of the toughest people I’ve known, generous with her affection and a truly joyful spirit. Rest now sweet Laurie. You will always be loved “to the moon and back.”

Libby Sisson - June 16, 2022 at 11:45 PM

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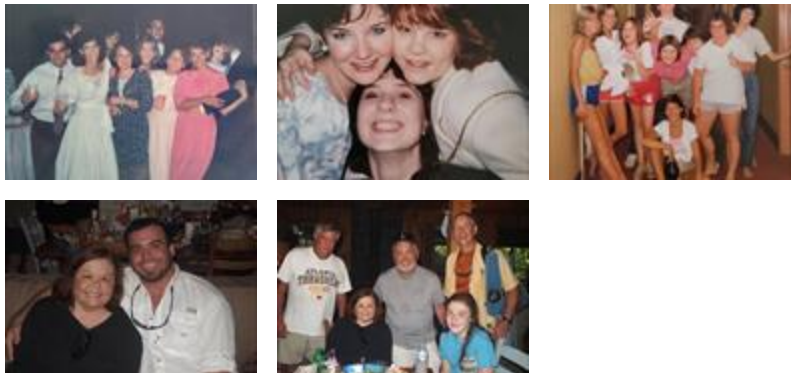
“ 2 files added to the album Laurie and Joe and friends



ReedllGirls - June 16, 2022 at 11:35 PM

RE

“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



ReedllGirls - June 16, 2022 at 11:31 PM

LS

“ Thoughts about our precious Laurie...best hugger-tight and heart felt...she was all in on her hugs; best belly laughs...when she got tickled, she laughed from her soul. Not afraid to say the words "I love you". Always wanted to know how we were doing, and took a deep and sincere interest in our children. Didn't complain about the heavy burdens and body being ravaged from diabetes. Clay says she was pretty heroic to endure all that she did and never feel sorry for herself, she could have been bitter, but she wasn't. She loved her friends and they loved her. She was a dog lover, volunteering her time to help (most recently golden retrievers) find loving homes. She was an example of how to live with grace and how to have joy even when enduring great struggles. When saying her goodbyes she would often say, "I love you to the moon and back,"to make sure we knew that she loved us...There is so much more...

So now our precious Laurie (our 🎵 "brown eyed girl" 🎵) Rest In Peace. We will always love you "to the moon and back"❤️🌙

Libby Sisson - June 16, 2022 at 11:27 PM

EM

“ I met Laurie at UGA in the Reed Hall dorm where many of us became lifelong friends. There are too many memories to share, but Laurie was one of a kind. A bright spot no matter the situation. A woman with a from-the-belly laugh that could go on and on and bring everyone else into uncontrolled laughter also. A person always wanting to know how the other person was doing and feeling. Laurie stayed focused on others and our children and how their adult lives were unfolding. She never allowed the conversation to center on her situation or her health status. It's hard to believe she's not here anymore, but Lord have Mercy....what a gift she gave to anyone who had the good fortune of knowing her. Rest well dear Laurie. Love you so very very much.

Elaine Morgan - June 16, 2022 at 11:53 AM

AF

“ I worked with Laurie at The Ritz-Carlton. She was one of those people that made you feel special. She made me feel like I was really funny and had a lot to offer. She paid attention and stayed in touch years after I left The Ritz and adopted my daughter. She was a light and will be missed tremendously.



Allison Frantz - June 13, 2022 at 07:20 PM