



Laura A Darr

July 30, 1957 - May 25, 2020

Laura A. Darr, age 62 of Paw Paw, passed away peacefully at home with her family by her side on May 25, 2020. She was the daughter of Kenneth and Betty Horton, born on July 30, 1957, in South Haven, MI. She grew up in Bangor, where she met and fell in love with her high school sweetheart, Randy Russell Darr. They were married August 10, 1974. Laura attended Kalamazoo Valley Community College and graduated in 1989 as a licensed practical nurse (LPN) and then obtained her Associate Degree in Applied Science and became a registered nurse. She graduated from the University of Michigan in 1994 with a bachelor's degree in nursing and was a member of the Sigma Theta Tau International Society. She then graduated from Abbott Northwestern Hospital's Enterostomal Therapy (ET) Nursing Education Program in 1995, which certified her in the practice and specialization of a wound, ostomy, and incontinence care. Laura also served as a wound consultant in Van Buren, Cass, and Kalamazoo County for 20 years; her career took a turn into the surgical field for 13 years at Bronson Lakeview Hospital in Paw Paw, Michigan. Her nursing career enriched her life through the development of lifelong friendships. Her final journey in nursing was working at the Veterans Administration in home-based primary care managing the healthcare needs of veterans in their homes. She felt that this served to be the "niche" in her career, as taking care of our country's veterans was the most rewarding thing she has ever done. Surviving is her husband; her daughters, Stacy (Wes) Frisbie of Parchment and Lynn Brink of Kalamazoo;

grandchildren, Ethan and Randy Frisbie, and Adriana Brink. Preceding her in death were her parents and a brother, Richard Horton. A graveside service will take place on June 1, 2020, at 12 PM in Arlington Hill Cemetery with Pastor Ben Bowater Officiating. A celebration of life will take place at a later date. In place of flowers, please make memorial contributions to the Red Arrow Ministries in Paw Paw, MI. Arrangements entrusted to the Bangor Chapel of D.L. Miller Funeral Home, www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Arlington Hill Cemetery

56838 - 28th Avenue
Bangor, MI

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Bangor, MI

Tribute Wall



“ We are thinking of you Randy and family and may the thoughts and prayers of all those who love you and your family help sustain you at this difficult time. She was a wonderful person.

*With heartfelt sympathy,
Pam and Henry Hogmire*



Pam Hogmire - June 03, 2020 at 10:46 AM

DH

“ Deena Hay lit a candle in memory of Laura A Darr



Deena Hay - June 01, 2020 at 10:08 AM

MC

“ I will miss you my friend! Wehadso much fun working together, you made the day a lot brighter for all you came in contact with .R.I.P. So sorry for the lose to your family.

May Cushing - May 31, 2020 at 07:17 PM

MC

This is Mya Cushing, not may, sorry.

Mya Cushing - May 31, 2020 at 07:19 PM

JH

“ Jill Horton lit a candle in memory of Laura A Darr



Jill Horton - May 31, 2020 at 12:21 PM

PB

“ Randy and family I am sorry to read about Laura’s passing. She was so much fun. We had many laughs and smiles together. She cherished her family. Always a smile on her beautiful face. I loved to see her and the girls in my shop or running into her and Randy at “Reds”. Laura you gave me Cheyenne. Carl and I loved that doggie. Rest In Peace beautiful lady.

Paula Bush-Leedy - May 30, 2020 at 05:51 PM

AD

“ My heart goes out to you what a beautiful lady and wonderful person we will all miss her 🙏
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Aj Distefano - May 30, 2020 at 02:54 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Laura A Darr.



May 28, 2020 at 11:14 PM

KF

“ Randy and family so sorry for your loss. Laura was such a sweet person. I not only have memories of you guys as friends of my mom and dad (Marianne and Howard Weston). But I also have great memories of working with her. She had so much knowledge and was always willing to give me advice and direction. She will be greatly missed!

KAREN FRANKS - May 27, 2020 at 09:14 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Laura A Darr.



May 27, 2020 at 06:07 PM

CA

“ Randy, Stacy, & Lynn timer so sorry to hear of Laura's passing...what a beautiful person she was inside & out.. RIP Laura. .Aunt Betty will be there with open arms for you.. along with Ken & Richard ❤️

Carma - May 27, 2020 at 03:29 PM

NR

I met Laura while working as a visiting nurse here in van Buren County. We bumped into each other either at Lakeview hospital or at we. She will be missed

Nadine Jarvis RN - May 30, 2020 at 06:47 PM

SF

“ My Mom will always be in my heart and I will miss her every day. I will think of her often and cherish all my wonderful memories of her. She loved her grandkids so much and was the “Best Mom” ever.
With All My Love Mom
Picture of my Mom, Sister & and One of my Mom with the goat. She loved those goats and that’s one of my favorite pictures of her because She looks so Happy.



Stacy Frisbie - May 27, 2020 at 03:15 PM

DF

“ Randy and Family, So sorry to here this. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. What a wonderful kind woman. She will truly be missed by so many people she has touched with her kind heart.
Prayers to you all.
Dan Fitzstephens

Dan Fitzstephens - May 27, 2020 at 01:24 PM

CK

“ So loving, so kind and so giving... Forever in my prayers❤️
Grandma Betty's been waiting...she's got the patterns and you have the sewing machines! All 50 of them! (No joke) 😊

CJ Kelly - May 27, 2020 at 01:09 PM

CK

“ *My biggest memory was when she volunteered to organize Cj and my commitment ceremony. She did everything, from seating to food. Nothing was to big or to small for this wonderful woman. Laura will always be my second mom, no matter what she was always there with advise. I will miss her dearly. I send heartfelt condolences to Randy and the entire family.*

Corine Kelly - May 27, 2020 at 12:49 PM

CR

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathies to Laura's family and friends. I hope everyone finds comfort and peace wrapped in God's arms. Another sweet soul has gone home. God bless everyone.*



Cheryl (Small) Reel - May 27, 2020 at 12:20 PM

TF

“ *Randy & family we are so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.*
The Wingate family

The Wingate family - May 27, 2020 at 11:07 AM

MZ

“ *Laura such a beautiful soul that many loved deeply. She focused on others rather than self and enriched many lives. My deepest and most heartfelt sympathy to Randy and family. Laura lived life well and richly and now she is home. I cannot fathom the loss you feel, but Laura lives on in many lives that touched tenderly by her. May your deep mourning be eased by the knowledge of her peace. Passing away on Memorial Day was not an accident. She served vets that survived, came home and had ailments and it is fitting and proper that she joined the heroes that paid the ultimate sacrifice during their service on a day meant to hone them. Laura we honor you, the life your led and for making us better people for having known you. Rest in Peace!*
-Melanie Thompson Walantyn Zeiger

Melanie Zeiger - May 27, 2020 at 10:42 AM

DH

“ *Deb&Del Hooper sent a virtual gift in memory of Laura A Darr*



Deb&Del Hooper - May 27, 2020 at 08:05 AM

DH

“ *Prayers to the family. Laura you are such an amazing woman such a good friend.' You always had a smile on your face rest in peace our dear friend you will always be loved and never forgot.*

Deb&Del Hooper - May 27, 2020 at 08:04 AM

CB

“ Carol Petelle Brown lit a candle in memory of
Laura A Darr



Carol Petelle Brown - May 27, 2020 at 07:29 AM

LS

“ Dear sweet beautiful Laura. I have loved you since you were born, my dear cousin, daughter of my mother's brother. I had such fun babysitting you and traveling across country with you when we were children, exploring Native American pueblos, while Richard and Michael were trying to distract us. I loved our trip to Mexico with you and Randy and exploring the Mayan pyramids together and I loved that you came to visit me in Florida in January. You have brought joy to so many lives, my dear cousin. I know that you are now reunited with your Mom and Dad and your brother. I will love you forever.

Linda Sparks - May 26, 2020 at 11:30 PM



“ Laura & I became "best friends" about the 2nd day of Kindergarten, we were inseparable all though grade school. We have remained close for nearly 58 years. She was such a loving and caring person. I'll miss you my dear friend. I love you. These photos were taken at her retirement party last August.



Kim Roe-Kester - May 26, 2020 at 10:57 PM

RR

“ If you knew Laura, you had a friend. Every memory I have of Laura brings a smile to my face. She was sweet, kind, and always supportive.

Ruth Reilly - May 26, 2020 at 10:47 PM

AD

“ I have known Laura for over 25 years. We worked together in Home Care and surgery. It was truly a privilege to call her my friend. She taught me and others the intricacies of wound care. She was the go to person for complicated wounds. Besides her medical knowledge, she was loved by all her patients as well as her coworkers. Laura was a “ball of fire” when it came to pot lucks and parties! She had many interests she was a creative seamstress, quilt maker and crafted many beautiful purses. She has touched so many lives in so many ways. I am truly blessed that our paths have crossed and I call her my friend. I will miss her wit, her smile and her infectious sense of humor. I know she has made this world a better place with her simple acts of kindness. She was joy to work with and know. My prayers go out to Randy, and her girls.
Alta Daleiden

Alta Daleiden - May 26, 2020 at 09:41 PM

CH

“ Laurie always had that smile. She was a great person and loved all. God bless Randy and family. We have another angel watching over us.

Carole Haney - May 26, 2020 at 09:07 PM

SG

“ Laura was a Great Friend to me and my family. She was there for me as I cared for my terminally ill husband. After his death her unflinching friendship helped me “Get back to Life”. She was always positive, no matter what she faced . She loved unconditionally. I was Blessed to have had her friendship. She helped plan and coordinate my eldest daughters wedding and we cherish all the fun and laughter of those best of times!!

Susan Gleason - May 26, 2020 at 09:04 PM

SS

“ Laura was always smiling. Makes the best of all situations. Saw good in everyone. Blessed that she made me a friend. Love you Laura.

Sue Slates - May 26, 2020 at 08:46 PM

JD

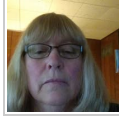
“ I can't think of Laura without seeing her smile. She was always smiling. Prayers of comfort to the family and to Randy. I don't have to tell you how much she brightened our world.

John Dudley - May 26, 2020 at 08:46 PM

PR

“ What can I say about Laura so fun to work with , loved her patients had the best sense of humor. She will be missed more then I can say. My deepest sympathy Randy she loved you so . Pam Rhodes

pam rhodes - May 26, 2020 at 07:04 PM



*Barry Horton was a life long family friend. He went to get them out of the swamp . They called Rich. Wanted to be recued we were there for all of family events. We always thought of Laure. Her family will miss her
In ours prayers. Will never forget. Pray you are out of pain. Never forget you*

Jan Horton - May 26, 2020 at 08:25 PM

RD

“ *My deepest condolences to the families, prayers to all.*

Rick Dillman - May 26, 2020 at 05:09 PM

MB

Thoughts and prayers 🙏🙏❤️ for the family! Laura was a wonderful person as well as a friend. Rest in Peace Laura!!!

Maggie Brooks - May 26, 2020 at 09:37 PM



Met Laura when she worked at the Kalamazoo Toy Train Factory. She was always smiling and full of fun. Prayers for the family.

Judy Rose-Rainey - May 27, 2020 at 07:50 AM

CC

I have known Laura as a nurse and as a patient family member for many years. She had the most optimistic outlook on life and always made people smile and then laugh. She had the touch of an angel and always willing to help anyone who needed her. I can't imagine how much her family will miss her smile and big personality. Just remember how much she loved all of you. She told everyone about her family and her feelings for them. God has taken our angel away from her pain and suffering. I am sure she will watch over all of you and try to comfort you from heaven. Hugs to Randy, the girls and grandkids and fur babies. She will be missed but never forgotten.

Colleen Cupani - May 31, 2020 at 07:24 PM

LW

Almost four years ago I was heading to our 40 class reunion. "Class of 76" I quickened my pace as I got closer, spurred on by familiar excitement and anticipation to see my school mates that I had not seen in 40 years. It was a sight my hungry eyes and soul have been longing for, and it couldn't come soon enough. There she was, Laura, just as I have always remembered her, smiling, happy, and still in love with life. Perhaps a little worse for wear over the years, "just like the rest of us" but every bit as beautiful as my heart remembers.

Somehow nestled in the warmth and safety of our memory, lies our old friends and classmates. Through the years we grew to be the adults we are today, nurtured by love and support from so many. With the loss of so many we now look with new eyes and new understanding; Those we have met on our very own journey become a piece of us and they take a piece of our heart with them when they leave...

Until we meet again Laura, safe journey in heaven,

Leroy Ward

Leroy Ward - June 22, 2020 at 10:15 AM