



Laurel B. Zechlinski

March 7, 1956 - June 10, 2009

Laurel B. Zechlinski, age 53, of Gobles, passed away Wed., June 10, 2009, at Bronson Methodist Hospital. She was born March 7, 1956, in Kingsford, MI, the daughter of Harold and Lorraine (D'Alberto) Baumel, and has resided in the Gobles area the past 15 years. Laurel was a member of the Michigan Llama Assn. and enjoyed showing throughout the state. She was employed at Vertellus in Zeeland where she worked as a Quality Control Manager.

Surviving is her husband, Ron, of 23 years; and her family of llamas. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother. The family will meet friends on Sunday from 5-7 at the GOBLES CHAPEL, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, where funeral services will be held Monday at 11 AM, Fr. Robert Creagan celebrant. Interment will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, Muskegon. The family suggests memorials to the Michigan Llama Assn.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **14.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Gobles Chapel
208 West Main Street
Gobles, MI

Service

JUN **15.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Ron, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your wife. Just to let you know my thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Judy Mannon##imported-end##

June 25, 2009 at 09:58 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss.
Give yourself whatever gifts of time you need to feel better And know that your surrounded by caring thoughts, prayers and heartfelt wishes.
Rest Easy & Get Well##imported-begin##Vickie Zerbe##imported-end##

June 25, 2009 at 06:27 AM



“ Ron,
Jeannette Darling-Whittiker asked me to send her sympathy to you as she is now in Bruce, Mississippi with no internet. She wants you to know you are in her thoughts and that she is praying for you.

Judy##imported-begin##J. Jackiewicz for Jeannette Darling-Whittiker##imported-end##

June 24, 2009 at 10:40 PM



“ Ron,
Sending you sympathy at this horrid time with the passing of your wife. May the Good Lord Bless you and yours at this time, May your memories of happier times bring you peace!

*Sincerely
Judy Jackiewicz
Haworth###imported-begin##Judy Jackiewicz###imported-end##*

June 24, 2009 at 04:53 PM



“ Ron, you hve my deepest sympathy. Laurel was loved by all of the members of our little group. We all knew you you as her Mr Z! She told us the most wonderful stories about happenings in her life and of her beloved Llamas. They were so funny. Laurel had a loving heart. My grown son is handicapped and she sent him a Llama card with a really nice note. He loved seeing seeing all of her Llamas especially Rainmaker. John was deeply saddend by her passing. May God give you the strength to get thru this difficult time.###imported-begin##Frances Hunter###imported-end##

June 20, 2009 at 12:35 PM



“ Please accept my sympathies and those of the Accounts Payable Department at Vertellus Specialties. We are so sorry for your loss. We only knew Laurel a short time but found her to be very capable and helpful.###imported-begin##Rachel Short###imported-end##

June 17, 2009 at 02:31 PM



“ I'll miss you my friend!!
Ron Simons

June 16, 2009 at 11:38 PM



“ Ron, Thank you for being in Laurel's life. We only know you as her "Mr. Z.", as she so very fondly called you. We have heard so much about you and all of your animals. I know what a void she will leave in your life, because she's left a huge one in mine. The suddenness of it all was heartbreaking. I will miss her so much. She always had a way of brightening our day. Please know that we are praying for you. I know Laurel would not want us to grieve for her. That was the type of person she was. She didn't seem to know her worth. But we did. I hope in the weeks to come, we can all think of nothing but good memories. Right now it's just too hard. I'm so grateful she didn't suffer. God's peace be with you. Deb Simons

June 16, 2009 at 08:26 AM



“ Ron-
We are very saddened to hear of Laurel's passing. I can still remember when you both were Santa and Mrs. Claus for our boys. And when she brought the llamas over to our house.

You are in our prayers

Mary and Mike Dupuis

June 15, 2009 at 07:16 PM



“ Dear Ron....Thank you for loving and being in Laurel's life. I know that there are people around you that are lifting you up in prayers and thoughts. I just don't know what to say...it is a shock. I was getting ready to send Laurel a Thank you card for all the time she has spent on Grandpa Harold's estate when I received the news of her passing. All my love and prayers, Lauralee##imported-begin##Lauralee ##imported-end##

June 15, 2009 at 06:01 PM



“ Ron, Our prayers are with you. We remember sitting with Laurel and you at our 30th class reunion in 2003, having wonderful conversation and discussing your llamas. This was so unique! It was so lovely to see you again and have a brief opportunity to get to know Laurel. We are thinking of you during this sad time. Sincerely, Chuck and Susan Tindall##imported-begin##Chuck and Susan Rogalla Tindall##imported-end##

June 15, 2009 at 06:29 AM



“ I met Laurel when she first started working at Pharmacia/Pfizer in 1998; we worked together in the Intermediate QA group. She was a very good friend. She was very encouraging and always willing to provide useful information to others. She had a great sense of humor. I am still stunned by Laurel's passing. We will miss her so much. Ron, I am so sorry for your loss and I hope your fond memories of Laurel will provide comfort to you.##imported-begin##Darlene Burch-Clark##imported-end##

June 14, 2009 at 04:51 PM



“*Laurel grew up in the UP and had all the positive Yooper qualities that us trolls admire. She also had a heart of gold. Exchanging email with Laurel was part of the fun in my work day. I loved having a beer with her once in a while since she was a born story-teller and a fun person to be with. She will be greatly missed. I feel like a part of me is gone too. My thoughts are with Ron and the family.##imported-begin##Jeremy Winkworth##imported-end##*

June 13, 2009 at 06:10 PM



“*I am devastated, I will miss you always Cuz.
Love, Wendy##imported-begin##wendy Seppi##imported-end##*

June 13, 2009 at 12:45 PM



“*I was shocked and saddened to hear about Laurel. She was one of the kindest people I have ever met and never ceased to make me laugh. I remember so many good times with Laurel, both at work and outside, particularly our spirited racquetball games. I will deeply miss her. Ron, I cannot imagine your loss - may God be with you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Sharon Soltesz##imported-end##*

June 13, 2009 at 10:30 AM



“*Laurel was a great friend and colleague when I was in KAPI, and someone with whom I could always share a laugh. She was simply a great person, and she will be missed. My condolences.##imported-begin##Greg Janetta##imported-end##*

June 12, 2009 at 04:38 PM



“ Dear Ron and family,

We were saddened to hear of Laurel's passing. We met her thru MLA and her llamas. We will miss her smiling face at the future shows.

*Sincerely,
Bruce, Carol & Don Onweller##imported-begin##Bruce and Carol Onweller##imported-end##*

June 12, 2009 at 03:57 PM



“ Ron - We are shocked and saddened by the loss of Laurel. We both knew Laurel from our days at Pharmacia/Pfizer and even though we have since moved to Virginia, we remember Laurel fondly. She was a wonderful person with a great sense of humor, a smile to make others smile, and an infectious laugh. You knew Laurel was around if you heard her laugh. She was a genuinely good person. Dale, along with Laurel, Bruce B and Stuart J formed quite a team in QA and they also all became good friends. We will miss Laurel so much. We hope you find comfort with friends and family and know that we are all thinking of you during this very difficult time.##imported-begin##Sandy & Dale Haynick##imported-end##

June 12, 2009 at 02:33 PM



“ *Laurel was a good person and I was privileged she considered me a friend. She had a wonderful sharp wit but also a sensitivity that she would deny if you dared attribute it to her. She wrote letters to my mother, whom she had never met, who was recovering from bypass surgery. When I thanked her for her thoughtfulness, she replied that people were good to her father when he was ill and this was a way she felt she could pay them back. Ron, there are no words that any of us can express that will help ease your pain but please know that Laurel touched a lot of people and we are all the better from having known her. I will miss her. I do miss her.##imported-begin##Cindy Fletcher##imported-end##*

June 12, 2009 at 02:10 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear about Laurel. Please know that you are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Bill & Phyllis Wycoff##imported-end##*

June 12, 2009 at 09:14 AM



“ *It is difficult to provide any adequate words of comfort in such a loss as Laurel, but my memories of her are all fond. I first met Laurel over a 45 minute lunch interview over 10 yrs ago...and that was all it took to invite her to join our QA group in KAPI. In the years since, Laurel's quick wit was a fixture that kept all of us on our toes, and a smile on our face. I will always remember Laurel as someone who was uniquely able to see the challenges in life with a sharp edge, was able to smooth that cutting edge with humor, and act on the circumstance in a calm, caring way. You taught me much, and we all will miss you.##imported-begin##Ken Ray##imported-end##*

June 12, 2009 at 08:45 AM



“ Ron, our prayers are with you, that you will continue to find strength through your faith. We will miss Laurel so much. She was a wonderful friend and a truly good and kind person.##imported-begin##Amy and Steve Snow##imported-end##

June 11, 2009 at 10:07 PM



“ Our condolences to Laurel's family. The llama community has lost a great friend.##imported-begin##Laura Volkmann & Rick Boesen##imported-end##

June 11, 2009 at 09:51 PM



“ i only new laurel for 2 years, i worked with her. this of course is a shock to everyone,

my heart goes out to her husband, and family, i know this is a hard time for them
god be with them in this sad time.

we will miss you alot.##imported-begin##jeff weaver##imported-end##

June 11, 2009 at 09:21 PM



“ Ron,
O what a tragedy....what a loss! Words inadequate. Images of my interactions with Laurel play on and on... My time with her starts in a third-shift QC laboratory 1983: two young bench chemists. I can not imagine your feeling of loss! Please know of my fondness for Laurel. Everyone liked her. Please accept my sincere condolences. My wish is that you find peace.

MK###imported-begin##Michael Kiella###imported-end##

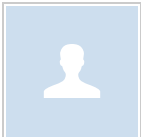
June 11, 2009 at 05:34 PM



“ *Laurel, There is no word to describe your loss. I take solace in the simple fact that you are now with the Lord. No more pains but eternal peace. Rest in perfect peace My dearest friend.*

Femi Adebayo & Family###imported-begin##Femi Adebayo & Family, Kalamazoo Michigan###imported-end##

June 11, 2009 at 05:04 PM



“ Ron,
I am shocked and sorry to hear about Laurel. I just visited with her at the Mid-Michigan Show and she was so full of joy and happiness.

Suzanne###imported-begin##Suzanne Hockin Frambes###imported-end##

June 11, 2009 at 02:14 PM