



Laura Biteman

April 20, 1962 - October 11, 2019

Born April 20, under the perfect sign, "the Bull."

Laura was the ultimate friend to those that really knew her. She either loved you, or gave you the finger. All that knew her love are better for it.

She lived, laughed, and loved bigger than life.

Her hugs were so big they sometimes hurt. If you were fortunate enough to receive one of these awesome bearhugs then you knew you were in her heart. There are so many words to describe her, from strong willed, passionate, intense and focused to loving, thoughtful, charismatic and considerate. The mold was broken after she was created, thank God!

Her smile was beautiful, and infectious and lit up the room. The aura changed when she walked in the room... and always for the better. Her "throw her head-back" laugh was one to experience and remember.

For those who knew Laura, their hearts are filled with sadness, but gratefulness at the opportunity to have had her in their lives.

She loved life to its fullest, and she wrapped her arms and heart around those she met, and those she grew to care so deeply about. She was all or nothing. She found the positives in life and in people, without hesitation.

Reba, John, Ramona, Candise, Cody, Charlie, her beloved Samoyeds, Tucker and Halen, and many other nieces and nephews and friends will miss her greatly.

Per her request there will not be a funeral service, but there will be a hell of a party soon, stay tuned.

Laura believed in donating to causes that matter to you. She donated to several. She would want you to find your cause, and consider donating. She was active with the Buckeye Samoyed Club, and if you would like to donate to that cause, you can send a check to:

Buckeye Samoyed Rescue, 10333 Northfield Rd., Unit 36, Northfield, OH 44067

Or consider the Capital Area Humane Society.

As promised to Laura, the following statement needs to be included: "I really am funnier than Charlie!"

Now friends, in the words of Laura, "go pull up your big girl panties and go kick some ass!"

Comments



“ I had the pleasure of working with Laura at the Breast Center. She was thoughtful, intelligent and committed to her patients. She had a beautiful smile and a giving spirit. I will miss her.

Lynne Brophy - October 30, 2019 at 10:33 AM



“ Laura was on of my favorite customers. Her laugh, hug, and friendship meant so much to me. I am so sorry for the loss so early. Reba and family are in my prayers

Sue Mazzarini - October 19, 2019 at 10:21 AM



“ I worked with Laura at OSU Main Campus. My very first day at work I was very nervous, didn't know a soul. Well that changed real fast. Laura was the first person to greet me with one of her huge smiles. Laura made my day a little easier. I enjoyed working with her and talking about everyday life stuff. I also got the bear hug! Laura was one of a kind. I will miss her. Reba and family my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

Angie Spencer - October 18, 2019 at 08:46 PM



“ Wow ! I knew Laura when we were both very young. Worked with her at Grady Lab I will never forget her. Wow what a character.

Nancy Calvin - October 18, 2019 at 06:29 PM



“ an unforgettable smile, her love of Samoyeds, always the first one to help, kind to everyone that was fortunate to meet her, full of energy every time I saw her and her love for Reba are my memories of Laura. Rest in peace Laura . . . you will always be in my heart.

Elaine Gold

Elaine Gold - October 18, 2019 at 11:18 AM



“ I was lucky enough to meet Laura years ago at OSU, I float so I would see Laura at various locations. I last saw Laura at the Stephanie Spielman Breast Center and before I could say Hello she had me wrapped in one of her wonderful hugs! She had a wild sense of humor, an infectious smile but her hugs were the best. I will miss you, my friend. Reba and all of Laura’s family you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Christine Smith - October 18, 2019 at 11:05 AM



“ I worked with Laura at OSU main. She was such larger than life. Laura could read people and know they needed a laugh (belly of course) or a hug. She had a way of brightening the day. I will never forget that she always ran the March madness basketball pool. I bought 2 sheets and asked if my kids could fill them out, Laura said “the more the merrier “. My daughter happened to win that year, I believe she was in either 3 or 4 grade. I will never forget an email Laura sent to all, “ you are getting beat my a 3 or 4 grade girl” to all that were still in the pool. Laura told me my son was in last place. She asked what type of candy does he like? I said plain MMs. When it was over, she came to me and gave me Ashley’s winnings and plain MMs. I told her thank you, but buying him a consolation prize was not needed. She just gave me one of her amazing smiles from ear to ear and a great big bear hug. The next day i told her Ashley said thank you. Nick said thank you and was very proud of his mms.

I loved Laura. She didn’t have to let my kids participate in the pool, she didn’t need to buy mms, but she did. I am just saddened that my kids never got to formally meet her. Laura I hope you are having one hell of a party up in heaven and miss and love you everyday! My deepest sympathies to Reba and all the peoples lives you touched. Keep smiling

Vickie Kerscher - October 18, 2019 at 06:55 AM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Laura when she subbed in during the roughest days at the James Oncology lab. No matter how stressful things became, no matter what chaos she was walking into (often coming from an even crazier morning shift), I could rely on her to make me laugh. And not just make me giggle, but obnoxiously ugly-laugh across the whole department. Not everyone shares my unique sense of humor, but Laura did, and her ability to brighten the darkest of days never let me down. She will be greatly missed.

-Edward Katich

Edward Katich - October 17, 2019 at 07:19 PM



“ I worked with Laura at The Stefanie Spielmam Comprehensive Breast Center. I met her about a year ago. After our introduction, we looked into each other's eyes and hugged. I'm a spirit hugger so we embrace, we breathe and then back away and look into each other's eyes - an exchange of energy. Laura said, "You give good hugs." A new friendship was born.

Next time I saw her, I got one of those bear hugs. I about fell over but didn't feel any fear. Some days she would drop by with Dove Chocolates. Last Thursday, she bought me a snack in our bistroh, just out of the blue. Laura was someone you could look into her eyes and have a complete conversation without words. She was an amazing human. I wish I could hug her just once more. Sending light and love to all concerned. Sandra Holmes

Sandra Holmes - October 17, 2019 at 04:49 PM



“ I hired and worked with Laura in the lab at St. Ann's. I will always remember her. She was a great coworker and so much fun to be around. We even played golf in a member guest outing at the Lakes. We had a lot of laughs. I want to express my deepest sympathy to Reba and all of Laura's family. You will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Gail Stahura - October 17, 2019 at 03:54 PM



“ I worked with Laura for a number of years and always smiled when she came over to our lab. She could be outrageous and funny and always said "get over here" and would give me the best hugs. So sorry she is gone

mary kyler - October 17, 2019 at 03:11 PM



“ I only knew Laura for a short time, but in those moments, I found her to be a real character. They don't make people like Laura anymore. She was very kind, friendly, and had an awesome sense of humor. For the last few months, every time we would see each other in the building, she'd say to me, "Hey kiddo! How you doing today?" With that endearing smile of hers. It always made me giggle and put a smile on my face. We will all miss her dearly and the world has lost an absolutely amazing person. Let's use her passion for life as a guide to live life to it's fullest and be kind to others. We'll miss you "Kiddo."

Ryan Fick - October 17, 2019 at 01:40 PM



“ This really saddens me! I always loved when Laura came into the office. Her very kind spirit always brightened my day. Always great with her stories and love for life. I know she will be much missed by all that knew her.
Becky Tencza

Rebecca Tencza - October 17, 2019 at 12:54 PM



“ Laura was one of the most kind and genuine people I've ever met. We immediately bonded over our love for dogs and would share all of our fun and crazy stories about our fur babies. She made going to work at 6:00am fun. I have so many memories of her kindness- from bringing me cookies at work to being the first to run over a housewarming gift when we bought our first house. Her hugs were awesome and there was hardly a day that she didn't make me laugh (or blush haha). Her life is an inspiration to all.

Faith Bryant - October 17, 2019 at 12:17 PM



“ So sad to see you go will miss you making me laugh when I would come into the lab

Adam Raschke - October 17, 2019 at 10:35 AM



“ Laura was such an amazing person. Always friendly, with such an infectious laugh. You couldn't help but be cheered up whatever else you were experiencing that day. She will be greatly missed. Coleen Baer

Coleen Baer - October 17, 2019 at 10:27 AM



“ I am so saddened to learn about Laura's passing. She was such a lovely passionate person who I got to know over a mutual love of the Samoyed dogs. Love this photo of her as it is so Laura, with that beautiful smile and those sparkling eyes. Dear Reba you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Diane Garcia - October 17, 2019 at 09:50 AM



“ Deepest sympathy. She will be missed but not forgotten.

Lori Chapek-Carleton - October 17, 2019 at 11:27 AM



“ I, unfortunately understand your terrible loss...think of all the havoc Laura and Francois are causing up there!!

Jan Warner - October 17, 2019 at 09:30 AM



“ A more poignant and spot on obit has not been written to describe a loved one; and Laura was loved. So sorry for your loss Reba & to her family.
Joe Dotolo

Joe Dotolo - October 17, 2019 at 09:22 AM



“ Thanks for the laughs, hugs, and high fives. I'll miss you until we meet again, friend.

Jon Kelley - October 17, 2019 at 08:23 AM



“ Laura was definitely a force to be reckoned with. I remember the first day I met her in the lab; I was in awe and a little scared. She was just so bright and strong spirited. Over the months we worked together we became great friends. I looked forward to seeing her bright smile every day. Laura's hugs were the absolute best, and I will never find another like it! Keep shining bright my friend. You have forever left a mark on my heart, and I treasure the memories of our friendship.

Yvonne Coursen - October 17, 2019 at 08:21 AM



“ Damn, I'm going to miss you. That laugh. That smile. Those hugs right when you needed them most. That patented "Laura" attitude and outlook. Wherever you are, dear friend, give'em hell.

Bethany Fenske - October 17, 2019 at 08:17 AM



“ Laura always seemed to have the right word to say. Good, bad, or ugly she told it like it was. She has and will always have a special place in my heart. Until we meet again... I love you.

Katy Grimm - October 17, 2019 at 07:55 AM



“ I was fortunate enough to have received a “Laura” hug. Her love was huge, her laughter was infectious. I never spent time with her that I didn’t laugh. I will always remember Laura and treasure her friendship.

Sherry Kish - October 17, 2019 at 06:46 AM



“ Your smile, your laugh, those blue, blue eyes. You are forever in my heart. I’ll have a shot of Jager in your honor.

Lou Vaile - October 17, 2019 at 01:12 AM



“ A friend forever! Always a kiss, “hello” and a kiss, “see you soon”. Save me a seat Laura! Cheers!

Mark Monett - October 16, 2019 at 11:12 PM



“ I was fortunate to have received one of her famous bear hugs! I think of her often, especially at work in the lab, and will hum the ‘Turkey in the Straw’ tune in memory of her.

Cindy Hall - October 16, 2019 at 10:27 PM



“ Laura loved huge, encouraged risk and accepted us no matter what. She leaves a hole in many lives—knowing her was worth the pain her absence causes.

Theresa Moon - October 16, 2019 at 10:15 PM



“ Laura's heart and friendship were bigger than life. She will be missed by us. Bob, Sherry and Emily Williams

Sherill Williams - October 16, 2019 at 06:39 PM



“ We first met Laura & Reba more than 20 years ago when they first moved into our neighborhood. With our mutual interests in dogs, kids, golf, and general laughter we became very close as families. One of the many things I loved about Laura was you always knew where you stood with her. If she liked you & you were friends, You were friends for life. There was nothing she would not do to help her friends. On the flip

side if you did something to upset her she would let you know. Even after she & Reba moved away the friendship & love was still in play. You may go weeks or months with no direct contact at all but when you did finally connect the love & affection remained strong as ever. I will miss seeing my friend but find comfort knowing she is watching over all of her family & friends from above. Heaven got a little louder this week with Laura's arrival. I will miss seeing that smiling face & that big hug.

Rest well my friend. See you down the road. Thanks for all the laughs.

Patrick McGuff - October 18, 2019 at 05:39 PM



“ Lydia Stroul lit a candle in memory of Laura Biteman



Lydia Stroul - October 16, 2019 at 04:13 PM