



Laura Anne (Klemkosky) Vitello

February 26, 1972 - August 10, 2021

Laura Anne (Klemkosky) Vitello, 49, passed away unexpectedly at her Bloomington home on Tuesday, August 10, 2021.

She was born on February 26, 1972, in Blacksburg, VA, and was the daughter of Buck Klemkosky and Betty (Kaiser) Klemkosky Davidson. Laura was a 1990 graduate of Culver Academy in Culver IN, and a 1994 graduate of Indiana University with a bachelor's degree in art history.

She worked as a manager for Borders Books, Lucky's Market in Bloomington, and for the Bloomington Animal Shelter. She enjoyed reading and traveling, and she loved music and animals. She especially loved her family and spending time with family and friends. She will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew her.

Laura is survived by her mother, Elizabeth (Betty) Davidson of Bloomington; father, Robert "Buck" (Andra) Klemkosky of Bloomington; her sister, Beth Lucas of Tecumseh, MI; one niece, Genevieve; three nephews, Dan, Evan and Brendan; her stepfather, Larry Davidson of Seattle, WA; stepbrother, Jason Davidson of Seattle; stepsister, Ashley Davidson of Austin TX; several aunts, uncles and cousins; and her cats Iggy and Turtle. She was preceded in death by her infant sister Julie Klemkosky and her grandparents Kenneth and Lois Kaiser and Charles and Genevieve Klemkosky.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bloomington Animal Shelter or Pets Alive. A Celebration of Life will be held from 2-5 pm Sunday, August 15 at Truffles Fine Cuisine, 1131 S. College Mall Rd., Bloomington. Cremation

rites have been accorded. Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

AUG 15. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Truffles Fine Cuisine
1131 S College Mall Rd
Bloomington, IN 47401

Tribute Wall



“ Dear family and friends of Laura,

Laura has become a dear friend of mine over the past several years. Another dear friend, Carolyn Sweeny, introduced us at lunch a few years ago and we have been friends ever since. We walked together, went to lunch together and shared many, many phone conversations. I was always impressed with Laura's ability to take a hard thing and laugh about it. It was so fun to chat with her because we would often laugh together over the many of the realities of life including covid, animals with struggling health issues, relationships, thoughts about what she was studying in the Bible, family, God, friendships, the news, politics, and challenges we face. I loved talking to Laura. She was always great about asking me how I was doing, what I had going on in my life, and learning about the things I cared about.

One thing that really impressed me about Laura is her heart. Even when she was struggling, she would take time to notice others around her. She recently told me of a cashier who was being wrongfully treated due to her race by some large and intimidating men. Laura stepped in to defend the cashier whom she didn't know at the risk of her own safety. She also helped a homeless woman who needed food by bringing her food and checking in on her often. She had so much empathy and love for those who were struggling. She truly cared for everyone she had contact with and her laugh was infectious and somehow helped hard things feel lighter and more bearable. I know that Laura is in a better place, that a loving Heavenly Father will bless her for all the good she did throughout her life, and I know with certainty that I will get to see her again in the next life. I truly look forward to that day and know that we will get to laugh together and enjoy each other's company once again

Andrea Merkley - August 26, 2021 at 01:33 PM

KF

“ Laura was such an important person to me during my Culver years. She set me on a path of thinking critically about the world - a true gift. I see Klem’s infectious smile whenever I think of her. Words cannot capture my love for Laura or the weight of my sadness.

Kyle Faget - August 19, 2021 at 05:08 PM

JS

“ Joni L Spaulding lit a candle in memory of Laura Anne (Klemkosky) Vitello



Joni L Spaulding - August 18, 2021 at 06:13 PM

JS

“ Laura was my neighbor although she had not lived in her townhouse for quite a long time. She did check on her place sometimes and she always spoke to me and asked about my little dog. I didn't know her really well but I knew she was troubled and very ill. I asked her if I could help her in any way and she said she was fine. I, of course knew she wasn't. My heart aches for her troubled soul. I wish I knew what was wrong with her, maybe I could have helped her. I pray she now has peace and I pray for her family to find comfort.

Joni L Spaulding - August 18, 2021 at 06:12 PM

KF

“ Kyle Faget lit a candle in memory of Laura Anne (Klemkosky) Vitello



Kyle Faget - August 16, 2021 at 09:57 PM

“ *Laura Vitello*
Memories – August 2021
by Carolyn Sweeny

I first met Laura Vitello when she and John moved into the house next door to us on Morningside Drive. At the time she was working as a manager at Borders Books. After Borders Books closed Laura went through a very difficult time, and she and John ended up being divorced. I had gained a lot of support and guidance at church. In the hopes of helping Laura through this challenging time in her life, I invited Laura to attend church with me, which she did for a while. One day when we were meeting with the missionaries at church I had a TIA like episode and so Laura drove us home in my car. From that day forward I always felt Laura's love and concern about me and my health.

At the time Laura planned to move from her home on Morningside Drive our son Jonathan was selling his townhouse in Sherwood Hills. I mentioned it to Laura and she ended up buying Jonny's townhouse. Unfortunately, after several years, the pipes in the townhouse froze and burst while Laura was away and it really destroyed the townhouse.

Pre-COVID Laura would call me several time a week and we would occasionally get together for lunch. Once COVID hit Laura called me almost daily. Other than my husband, I felt Laura was the most concerned about me. I could sense that Laura's anxiety was magnified because of COVID and her own mental and physical health steadily declined. She would often talk of reading her grandmother's Bible and ask me questions about what she was reading. She had a great faith in God and would often talk about praying for those who were suffering in any way.

Laura loved books and often gave me suggestions of good books to read. Laura really appreciated nature and going on walks. She had a great love of animals and she was very compassionate and generous to everyone, including the homeless. Laura thrived when she was with family and friends, and the restrictions of the pandemic affected her deeply.

There is a hymn in our hymnal that reminds me of Laura. Here are two of the verses:

“Each life that touches ours for good reflects thine own great mercy, Lord. Thou sendest blessings from above thru words and deeds of those who love...When such a friend from us departs, we hold forever in our hearts a sweet and hallowed memory, bringing us nearer, Lord, to thee.”

The last time I saw Laura was when we had lunch together on July 26. I told her then that I was really worried about her. She only had a couple of nibbles of her lunch and she had lost so much weight, she was literally skin and bones. It reminded me of my sister, Sandra, who passed away on August 5, 2020, weighing only 67 pounds. Laura’s last phone call to me was on Wednesday, August 4. I called her several times after that, but didn’t hear back, and I was very worried. I am comforted in the fact that my last words to Laura and her last words to me were “love you.”

I pray that Laura’s family and loved ones will be blessed to feel the love of the Lord, the peace that only Jesus Christ can bring, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Because of Christ’s power over death, we will be reunited with Laura again and see her loving smile.

Carolyn Sweeny - August 15, 2021 at 05:36 PM



“ *Andrew Stevens lit a candle in memory of Laura Anne (Klemkosky) Vitello*



Andrew Stevens - August 15, 2021 at 11:43 AM

KF

“ Kyle Faget lit a candle in memory of Laura Anne (Klemkosky) Vitello



Kyle Faget - August 15, 2021 at 02:59 AM

ST

“ Stina and Richard Thakor purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Laura Anne (Klemkosky) Vitello.



Stina and Richard Thakor - August 13, 2021 at 09:48 PM

DW

“ . We are so heartbroken to hear of Laura's passing. Angie and I have so many wonderful memories of their friendship. Laura was just part of our lives. Thank you for the time we shared with her. She was very special to us and we loved her so much. Most sincerely, Debbie Bridwell Walters and Angie Chickedantz

Debbie Bridwell Walters - August 13, 2021 at 08:00 PM



“ Penelope Scopelitis lit a candle in memory of Laura Anne (Klemkosky) Vitello



Penelope Scopelitis - August 13, 2021 at 11:16 AM

PS

“ *Penelope Scopelitis lit a candle in memory of
Laura Anne (Klemkosky) Vitello*



Penelope Scopelitis - August 13, 2021 at 10:42 AM

PA

“ *Sincere sympathy, Sorosis sister Pauline Caldwell*

pauline - August 12, 2021 at 08:20 PM

CB

“ *Catherine Ballas lit a candle in memory of
Laura Anne (Klemkosky) Vitello*



catherine ballas - August 12, 2021 at 06:14 PM

FC

“ *I didn't know Laura, but know you have our sympathy for her
passing. Losing a child is beyond heartbreaking. With caring
thoughts, Frank and Joann Calabrese*

Frank and Joann Calabrese - August 12, 2021 at 05:41 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Laura Anne (Klemkosky) Vitello.*



August 12, 2021 at 03:47 PM



“ *Dear Betty and family — I was very saddened to learn from James of Laura’s untimely passing; please accept my deepest condolences for the tragic loss of your beautiful, lively daughter. I hope the many letters, wishes, and tributes will help as you experience this terrible heartbreak. Thinking of you and yours, wishing you peace and comfort in the loving memories of Laura and her lifelong impact on friends and family.*

Carla Gardner

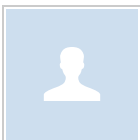
carla Gardner - August 12, 2021 at 03:28 PM



“ *Amy and Bob Dittmar purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Laura Anne (Klemkosky) Vitello.*



Amy and Bob Dittmar - August 12, 2021 at 03:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Laura Anne (Klemkosky) Vitello.*



August 12, 2021 at 02:49 PM

PK

“ I don't know where to begin. Laura was a beautiful and kind soul. We have so many funny, sad, and goofy stories of our friendship over the last 36 years. I met her when I was in the 7th grade and I though she was coolest, prettiest, most stylish girl at school. She babysat my first born like he was her own and was an amazing support system through ups and downs. I wish rest and peace by dear beautiful friend. Love you. Paris

Paris King - August 12, 2021 at 01:32 PM



“ Celestial Love was purchased for the family of Laura Anne (Klemkosky) Vitello.



August 12, 2021 at 12:40 PM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Laura Anne (Klemkosky) Vitello.



August 12, 2021 at 11:46 AM



“ I was so sorry to hear this. I was just thinking about contacting her the other day. I shouldn't have put it off. She was a sweet and caring person. She was a good friend and will truly be missed. My heart goes out to her family.

Constance Stewart - August 12, 2021 at 11:15 AM