



## Ms. Laura Byrd McLeod

August 17, 2021

Laura Byrd McLeod, 57, of Slapout, AL, left this earth on August 17, 2021, surrounded by loved ones. Laura lived her life being grateful for all she had and all that she was. She was full of life sharing the light of her bright soul and the love in her heart with everyone she met. Those of us who were fortunate enough to be touched by her were transformed into a better being. Her face was always lit up with a smile and she always remembered the names of every person she ever met. When she looked into your eyes and shook your hand you knew you were capable of anything. She fully believed that anything and everything is possible if you recognize that you are worthy and that you are grateful for everything that you have. Laura loved unconditionally and with all her being. Such a positive spirit, always encouraging, teaching, empowering.

Her strong work ethic and the love for being outside was developed as a child working on her grandparent's farm in Arkansas. She was an excellent student and a gifted athlete while attending The University of Alabama. She played and help organize the first Women's Soccer Team at The University of Alabama. Many know her as the owner/operator of Smokehouse BBQ and from her other entrepreneurial ventures. She invested in people, offering guidance and making resources available so that they may pursue careers and families. She is deeply loved and will be missed, but her legacy lives on through all those that she impacted. We will remember her big smile, hearty laugh, positive outlook, and how easy she was to love.

Laura's spirit will continue to live on through her dedicated love and partner Jennifer, their daughters Lauren (Miles) and Anna, grandchildren, Grayson, Dawson, Mila and Maverick. She is survived by her sister Donna (Aric), nephews Elijah and Auguste, great nephew Liam, and many cousins and friends. Laura was preceded in death by her parents, Don and Joanna McLeod, and sister, Paula.

Please join family and friends at The Smokehouse Pit BBQ between 3:00 and 6:00 Sunday, August 22 to honor this beautiful angel who will be missed but never forgotten. Laura would hope that you will do an unexpected act of kindness for some stranger in her name.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **22**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

Smokehouse Pit BBQ  
Millbrook, AL

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Rest in Peace Laura The World is a little less bright with Her gone. Laura was a generous and kind person & a excellent trumpet Player !*



Doc Sexton - October 19, 2023 at 04:01 PM



“ *Ms. Laura Byrd McLeod*

October 09, 2023 at 12:36 PM



“ *Ms. Laura Byrd McLeod*

October 07, 2023 at 11:21 AM

PB

“ *Laura and I were good friends in high school while my sister was good friends with Paula. We were leaders in the band and stood up to anyone who thought girls were less than. She was always supportive and such a good friend. RIP, Laura. - Phyllis Barkhurst*

phyllis barkhurst - October 14, 2021 at 01:15 AM

PM

“ Laura was my dear friend, housemate, fellow soccer and softball player and so much more back in the 1980's when we both lived in Tuscaloosa. A mutual friend just sent me this and I am heartbroken. I last saw her in 1995 in Atlanta. Having moved to Long Island in NY and then returning I have tried to find her on Facebook. Every description given in the memorial, I experience because Laura was in my life. My thoughts go out to her spouse and children and to the rest of her family and friends. The world certainly is a less honest place today with Laura gone. A less bright place as well.  
Patty Mitchell

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**patty mitchell** - August 24, 2021 at 04:58 PM

GB

“ We are sending our deepest condolences.  
Harold and Gail Blankenship

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**Gail Blankenship** - August 21, 2021 at 10:55 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Laura Byrd McLeod.



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August 21, 2021 at 05:17 PM

SF

“ I sure will miss you my sweet softball buddy. My heart is broken and I am still in shock over your passing.

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**Sonia Fike** - August 21, 2021 at 02:59 PM

LB

“ *Saddened to hear of Laura’s passing. I hadn’t seen her much in recent years but have many fond memories of sharing time with her and the enormous circle of friends around her.*

*Laura marched to her own drummer but always made sure she enjoyed the parade! I admired her determination, and willingness to help those in need.*

*I am sad to be booked on Sunday and unable to attend. I send prayers for Family and friends.*

*Now rest easy, Laura.*

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**Lisa Busler** - August 21, 2021 at 02:26 PM

GB

“ *My heart is broken, but, I know she left this world on her “terms.” Laura was the first person I ever drank Rolling Rock with when they first came out. She loved her little thin bracelets. That BIG smile and those eyes that pierced straight through you when she spoke to you. She loved the community she grew up in, Millbrook. Always giving back! She was tough, the kids in the community that worked for Laura or for us at The Sand Trap - very few lasted long, but they did respect us!! She and her daddy were the first to buy memberships at The Sand Trap. They loved to come “hit” balls early in the morning. When it rained hard...she would come up and we would “body slide” - wet and filthy...but, what fun!!*

*Laura, my friend, my heart is broken. I’ll miss that BEAUTIFUL smile. Until we meet again. Love you*

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**Gayle Beech** - August 21, 2021 at 11:53 AM

TS

“ You truly were a gentle soul. I will always treasure the summer we spent picking cucumbers for 50 cents per bucket. We got on a white bus every morning and afternoon and worked side by side. Our years of HS Basketball and Pick Up Softball together are memories I will treasure. I know Paula rejoiced when you joined her in Heaven! May you be whole again and RIP!

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**Teresa Simmons** - August 21, 2021 at 10:42 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Ms. Laura Byrd McLeod.



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August 21, 2021 at 10:10 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Laura Byrd McLeod.



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August 20, 2021 at 09:49 PM