



Laura Jean Goreski Anderson

May 25, 1937 - May 9, 2024

Laura Jean (LJ) Goreski Anderson, 86, passed away peacefully on May 9th, 2024.

LJ was born in Estes Park, Colorado on May 25, 1937, to Laurence Goreski and Margaret (Baldrige) Goreski Houston, both are deceased. Her father died when she was a child as a bombardier in WWII, making runs from England to France. She developed a love for the Rocky Mountains from a young age while living in Estes Park.

She graduated college from the University of Colorado at Boulder with a bachelor's degree in education. She was a schoolteacher, and later she married and became a stay-at-home mom.

LJ was a devoted mother and grandmother. She enjoyed many crafts, including flower pressing, miniature houses, sewing, quilting, needlepoint, and cross-stitch. Another of LJ's favorite hobbies was reading, especially mysteries and WWII fiction. She was an avid traveler. She visited almost every state and also took multiple trips to Europe. She also volunteered her time to many community projects over the years.

She is survived by her two children, Laurette (Anderson) Saffy of Greer, South Carolina and Daren Anderson and his wife Leslie of Saint Augustine, Florida. She has four surviving grandchildren, Lauren and Ryan Saffy and Reagan and Reid Anderson. She also loved her cat, Mr. Whiskers.

A heavenly birthday and celebration of life memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 25th, 2024, at the Lutheran Church of Our

Saviour with reception to follow.

Her ashes will be interred at St. Batholomew Episcopal Church in Estes Park at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Rocky Mountain Conservancy, a non-profit organization that supports the Rocky Mountain National Park. Donations may be made online <https://rmconservancy.org/join-or-give/donate/>

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

Lutheran Church of Our Saviour
2600 Wade Hampton Boulevard
Greenville, SC 29615

Tribute Wall

RC

“ My family and I have wonderful memories of Laura Jean and the time she spent in Estes. She was such a kind and loving woman with a great sense of humor. I can still hear her laugh. She always had something fun to say to the kids.
I will miss her even though I haven't seen her for a bit. I still looked forward to our Christmas card updates.
Sleep easy now Laura Jean.

Robin Cutright - May 10, 2024 at 07:51 PM

LS

Thanks so much Robin. I know she is at peace now.

Laurette Saffy - May 17, 2024 at 07:49 PM

JG

“ Yvonne, Lisa, and I are sending our love and sympathy to LJ's family. We all loved LJ. There are so many memories that a book could be written. We had many good times together in Estes Park and other places where we met over the years.
Her father, Larry, was a good man, and her uncle Paul was too. Her mother, Margare, was a big help to us as kids growing up in Estes. Aunt Margaret always help steer us in the right direction. So many wonderful memories of our childhoods in Estes Park.

LJ was a wonderful cousin, and we will miss her. It's a very appropriate idea to give a memorial donation to the Rocky Mountain Conservancy. Our whole family loved and cherished Rocky Mountain.

RIP, LJ.

James Glendenning - May 10, 2024 at 01:30 PM

LS

Thank you so much Uncle Jim, we are going to miss her as well.

Laurette Saffy - May 17, 2024 at 07:47 PM

BH

“ *Laurette I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for your family during this time.*

Becky Hensley

Becky Hensley - May 10, 2024 at 11:44 AM

LS

Thank you so much Becky

Laurette Saffy - May 10, 2024 at 03:10 PM



“ *Thinking of fun memories, traveling to Colorado, visiting the Biltmore, and spending time together. We will miss you!*



Lauren Saffy - May 10, 2024 at 10:05 AM

LS

Love these pictures....so many fond memories!

Laurette Saffy - May 10, 2024 at 03:11 PM

JG

To LJ's family in her memory:

WHEN I MUST LEAVE YOU

By Helen Steiner Rice

When I must leave you

For a little while,

Please do not grieve

And shed wild tears

And hug your sorrow

To you through the years,

But start out bravely

With a gallant smile;

And for my sake

And in my name

Live on and do

All things the same,

Feed not on your loneliness

On empty days,

But fill each waking hour

In useful ways,

Reach out your hand

In comfort and cheer

And I in turn will comfort you

And hold you near;

And never, never

Be afraid to die,

For I am waiting

For you in the sky!

Jim Glendenning - May 19, 2024 at 02:04 PM