



Laura L Powell

October 7, 1948 - May 5, 2013

Heading: Laura Powell

Dateline: Lyman

Laura Lou Powell, 64, died May 5, 2013, at home after a struggle with cancer. She was the daughter of the late Claude & Bettie Powell and wife of the late Henry A. (Hank) Wilson.

Laura is survived by two sisters, Lorna Burrell (Danny) of Campobello and Lisa Powell of Columbia, as well as a brother, Russell Powell (Connie) of Hartsville.

After graduating from Winthrop with a degree in guidance & counseling, Laura taught physical education for 28 years at Northwestern High School in Rock Hill, SC. Her duties included coaching tennis, track, volleyball, gymnastics and cheerleading. Laura received state and national recognition as a tennis coach, helped to organize the first statewide tennis coaches association, and began the first Rock Hill School District physical education program for students with special needs. She was an avid tennis player for 32 years and spent her retirement officiating college tennis matches and both junior and adult sanctioned tournaments. Laura was an active member of Zoar United Methodist Church where she served as treasurer.

The family will receive friends at Zoar United Methodist Church on Thursday, May 9, from 6 until 6:45 PM with a brief service to be held at 7 PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Zoar United Methodist Church, P O Box 333, Greer, SC 29652.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Wood Memorial Park

863 Gap Creek Road
Duncan, SC 29334

Previous Events

Service

MAY 9. 7:00 AM (ET)

Zoar Chapel Methodist Church
1005 Highway 357
Greer, SC 29651

Visitation

MAY 9. 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of Laura's family. Only 64 and gone way too soon. Strong women still scare a lot of men (and women) in our society, and Laura was a strong women. She was not afraid to be very good at what she did. She will be missed by all who knew her.*

Patrick White

Patrick White - May 11, 2013 at 11:44 AM

LH

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Laura Anne Hofler - May 10, 2013 at 11:17 AM

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Laura Anne Hofler - May 10, 2013 at 10:37 AM

 Linda
Hunter

“ Lisa, Lorna, and Lynn,

We are deeply saddened to learn of Laura's death. We all have very fond memories of all of the visits, trips, and vacations we shared that were integral parts of our lives for many years. May you be filled with God's mercy, comfort, and peace as you go through the following days. Please know that you will be in our hearts, thoughts, and prayers. May the wonderful memories of your family give you strength and grace to continue the journey.


Betty, Jim, Linda, Wade, and Barry

Linda Hunter - May 07, 2013 at 06:58 PM

CS

“ Lisa and Lorna, I will be praying for you both and your families. I used to go to Zoar United Methodist Church with you and have been to your parents house after church. Hold on to your good times and memories of your sister.

Cathy Moore Sistare - May 07, 2013 at 11:59 AM

 Ann
Davis
Caughman

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Salli Ann Davis
Caughman NWHS Class of "76"

Ann Davis Caughman - May 07, 2013 at 08:54 AM

JM

“ So sorry to hear of your loss of Laura, my grade school, high school, and college classmate. I will remember her for her assertive desire to achieve perfection. May God strengthen you during this time of great loss.

Joyce Cooper Mac

Joyce Mac - May 07, 2013 at 08:22 AM

BR

“ I would like to express my condolences to the family; when we lose our loved one's, it's can be very painful and give us grief, please continue to endure. There is a bible verse that has brought me comfort; please read a promise in Revelation 21: 3,4.

Bridgett - May 07, 2013 at 07:16 AM

PG

“ I was so sorry to hear of Laura's passing but know she is no longer suffering and is finally at peace. I enjoyed the many years we worked together as tennis officials and want you to know that she will be missed by all of us who knew her. Her pleasant attitude and high moral standards were qualities that we all admired. I want to send my deepest sympathy and prayers to all her family. Pat Garren

Pat Garren - May 06, 2013 at 04:28 PM

RS

“ Lisa, Lorna and Russell,
Joyce and I were so sorry to hear about Laura's death. Please know that we will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time. We have a prior commitment Thursday evening but will have you in our thoughts then.

Richard & Joyce Strawhorn - May 06, 2013 at 11:27 AM

DK

Lisa. Lorna & Russell
So sorry to here about your loss. I can say i know exactly how you feel. Since i had lost Sharon 2 yrs ago to cancer my thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Donna Farmer Kirby

Also Mom said to tell you she is thinking and praying for you all
Yvonne Farmer

Donna Kirby - May 06, 2013 at 01:55 PM

LG

Coach Powell was my gym teacher and cheerleading coach way back when. She always had a smile on her face. Much sympathy and prayers to the family.

Lin Steele Garrison - May 07, 2013 at 07:22 PM

BH

Lisa I'm so very sorry for the loss of your sister. I pray God wraps his arms around you and your family in this difficult time. Praying for you and your family.

Beverly Hudson - May 08, 2013 at 09:52 AM