



Lauren Black

March 2, 1990 - October 27, 2006

Heading: Lauren K. Black

Dateline: Greer

Lauren Kepley Black, 16, of 915 Lakeview Circle, died October 27, 2006. Daughter of David Benjamin Black of Greer and Lillian Lane McLendon Black of Greer, she was a student of Greer High School and worked after school at Hot Java and Scrapbook Extravaganza.

Also surviving are her paternal grandparents, John C. and Cathryn Black of Greenville; twin brother, Jon Black of the home; and three sisters, Lawson Black of New York, New York, Laney Black and Lindy Black both of the home. She was predeceased by her maternal grandparents, Dr. Lawson G. and Lillian McLendon.

A memorial service will be held Noon Wednesday at First Presbyterian Church, Greer, conducted by Father Henry Tollison.

Visitation will be held after the service until 2:00 p.m. in the church social hall. The family is at the home.

Lauren served Greer High's special needs students in the Peer Tutoring Program. She found expression and meaning through service and friendship to others.

Memorials may be made to the Greer High School Peer Tutor Program c/o Greer High School, 3000 East Gap Creek Road, Greer, S.C. 29651 or the Lauren Black Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 2167, Greer, S.C. 29652.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.

Previous Events

Service

NOV 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Greer
100 School Street
Greer, SC 29651

Visitation

NOV 1. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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100 School Street
Greer, SC 29651

Tribute Wall



“ Lawson and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you; may God surround you with His love and comfort during this difficult time. Love, Jen Byers##imported-begin##Jennifer Byers##imported-end##

November 06, 2006 at 12:24 PM



“ I don't know that you'll remember me but I was Jon's first grade teacher, and I remember Lauren well. I was shocked and saddened to hear the news of Lauren's death. I just want you to know that your entire family has been, and will continue to be, in my thoughts and prayers. I cannot imagine your grief, but I know that the support of your faith, family and friends will sustain you.##imported-begin##Paula Clark##imported-end##

November 05, 2006 at 06:43 PM



“ *Dear Blacks,
Lauren was a true friend and I will never forget the love and devotion she showed towards me and my family. She was a true inspiration that made such a difference in my life and on countless others. Those priceless memories we shared together are what keep me from losing my mind throughout this tragic occurrence. Lauren was so dear to my heart, she always knew how to lift my spirits and make me forget my sorrows. My heart goes out to you in this time of loss. I will always remember your dear sweet Lauren as the girl who encouraged me to strive for my dreams and goals. Thank you for the countless hours I spent at your house for school work and fun times. I am always here for you. I love you all. Remember: God is ALWAYS there for you.
Hannah Howell###imported-begin###Hannah Howell###imported-end##*

November 04, 2006 at 04:46 PM



“ *Lawson, may time heal your sorrow...friends ease your pain...peace replace heartache and warmest memories remain. Our deepest condolences to you and your family.###imported-begin###Kathy Lai and Shaolong Ke###imported-end##*

November 03, 2006 at 03:16 PM



“ Lawson,

I am so very sorry for the loss of your sister. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during such a difficult time. Please extend my condolences to them as well. If ever you need to talk, I am only a phone call away.

Sincerely,

Ellen Zacarolli

(212) 961-9700##imported-begin##Ellen Zacarolli##imported-end##

November 03, 2006 at 11:20 AM



“ Lawson, and all of the Black family, we are so sorry to hear of your loss and can't imagine how great a tragedy this is for you. You're in our thoughts.##imported-begin##Laura and Alix##imported-end##

November 03, 2006 at 10:56 AM



“ David,

I am so sorry for your loss. I cannot imagine what you must be going through. May God give you peace.

Keith & Lin Cunningham##imported-begin##Keith Cunningham##imported-end##

November 02, 2006 at 10:52 PM



“ Dear Lane, My heart swells with emotions each time I think of your tragic loss. There is nothing I can say to ease your grief that you don't already know - God is with you b/c he will never leave or forsake you; He is strong during your weakness; He offers a peace that passes all understanding - and that is what I wish and pray for you, Lawson, and Lauren's other brothers & sisters. May God be your stronghold and ease your pain as only He is able to do. With love and prayers, Patti & Wally###imported-begin##Patti & Wally Surak###imported-end##

November 02, 2006 at 07:44 PM



“ David and Lane,

I am so sorry for your loss. My heart aches for you. You and your family remain in our thoughts and prayers.

All my love,

Raye###imported-begin##Raye Marchbanks Carson###imported-end##

November 02, 2006 at 07:38 PM



“ *Im very sorry for your loss. I didn't know Lauren very well, but i know that she was a very loved young lady. I saw her around school a few times, and i wish that i had gotten to know her.###imported-begin##Jordan Ward###imported-end##*

November 02, 2006 at 12:51 PM



“ Dear David and Lillian,
I am so saddened to learn of your loss. Elsie had called Mom to tell her, and Mom says she has spoken with John and Cathryn. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I know of nothing more tragic than the loss of a child, our faith notwithstanding. May you find comfort in good memories and assurance through your faith. Love, Paul Jr.##imported-begin##Paul Dove, Jr.##imported-end##

November 02, 2006 at 11:51 AM



“ I pray the peace that passes our understanding rest on your household, that the redemptive spirit of God our Father comfort your hearts in this time of darkness. You are all loved deeply.##imported-begin##Tim Thompson##imported-end##

November 02, 2006 at 10:12 AM



“ Lawson and family -

My prayers have been constantly with you all week. I pray that God will wrap His arms around you and your family and that His peace would reign in a might way.##imported-begin##Lindsay Reyes##imported-end##

November 01, 2006 at 09:12 PM



“ Dear Black Family,
I am praying for you all and asking the Lord to comfort your hearts.
Sincerely,
Vicky from Origins Church, NY##imported-begin##Vicky
Samaritano##imported-end##

November 01, 2006 at 07:28 PM



“ Dear David and Lane, We are praying for you. there are no words to say except that we have wept for you and the children. chelsea remembers swimming on swim team with Lauren. May you know the love of the Father, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit. We will continue to ask God to love, comfort and strengthen you. Much love, Daniel and LouCinda##imported-begin##Daniel and LouCinda jarratt##imported-end##

November 01, 2006 at 07:25 PM



“ Lawson my thoughts and prayers have been with you since Jorge told us. Please know that I am praying for both you and your family during this time. You are loved and in my prayers.##imported-begin##Morgan McGuire##imported-end##

November 01, 2006 at 06:02 PM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers. May God give you all strength during this difficult time.

##imported-begin##Tamra, Scott and Aaron Owensby##imported-end##

November 01, 2006 at 03:49 PM



“ I just wanted yall to know that I am thinking of you and praying for your family for such a sad tragic loss. Lauren was a very special person that will be greatly missed by many.##imported-begin##Tabitha Pruitt##imported-end##

November 01, 2006 at 03:44 PM



“ Lawson, we are so sorry for the loss of your sister Lauren. May His love and comfort embraces and fills your hearts. You and your family are in our prayers.
Abdullo, Nargiza and Aziz##imported-begin##Abdullo##imported-end##

November 01, 2006 at 03:44 PM



“ Lawson and family, please know that you are constantly in our thoughts and prayers here in New York. My heart is very heavy for you in this incredibly difficult time. May your hearts be uplifted by the love of Christ and the peace that only he can give. With love,
Josh##imported-begin##Josh Staton##imported-end##

November 01, 2006 at 03:13 PM



“ David,
Our prayers are with you on this sad occasion but know in your heart that Lauren is in a better place.
Please feel free to call me if you need anything.
Marty & Donna##imported-begin##Marty Navarro##imported-end##

November 01, 2006 at 02:42 PM



“ Lawson, Laney, Jon & Lindy – We are so heartbroken by your loss. The bond and love that you guys have for one another is an inspiration to us as we raise our children. I pray that you will lean on God for His strength, understanding, peace and comfort during this difficult time. You are continually in our thoughts and prayers. With love, Tara & Jorge##imported-begin##Tara & Jorge Bustamante##imported-end##

November 01, 2006 at 02:04 PM



“ lawson... i just want you to know that you havent been out of my thoughts since i found out. my heart is broken for you and i know there isnt anything i can say, i just want you to know that when you get back to the city im planning on hugging you for a really, really long time. your family here in ny is ready and waiting to just lavish you with love.##imported-begin##jessica sams##imported-end##

November 01, 2006 at 02:02 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. To hear my children speak of your wonderful daughter Lauren I know she will be greatly missed. Please accept our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Tammy, Reeve, Chelsey and Savannah Smith
Greer, SC

Matthew 11:25-30

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.##imported-begin##Tammy Smith##imported-end##

November 01, 2006 at 01:38 PM



“ Dear Blacks,

I am a friend of Lawson from New York. In the little time I've known her, she has impressed upon me the depth of the love and devotion your family has shown to each other. I am thankful to know that Lauren was loved by such a family. I am continually praying for you all in this difficult time.

Jen-I###imported-begin##Jen-I Talkington###imported-end##

November 01, 2006 at 01:28 PM



“ Our prayers are with you and your family during this very difficult time. Lawson, we love you and are here for you in any way you would possibly need it!###imported-begin##Teresa and Patrick Murphy###imported-end##

November 01, 2006 at 01:25 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Josh and Jessie were so upset when they learned of it. It seems like just yesterday they were all kids playing up and down the streets of the neighborhood. You and your family meant so much to the kids and I when we lived there. You will be in my prayers daily.

Love,

Kim, Jeff, Josh, Jessie, and Ty###imported-begin##Jeff and Kim Thomason and family###imported-end##

November 01, 2006 at 11:42 AM



“ David and Lillain,
I am so sorry to hear of the death of your dear Lauren. I lost my son, Matthew Hix, two years ago. I know all too well the pain you are experiencing. If you ever need to talk with someone who shares your grief, please give me a call 864-908-7344. You don't have to do this alone.
Shannon Hix###imported-begin###Shannon Hix###imported-end##

November 01, 2006 at 11:39 AM



“ Dear Laney - The children and I are thinking and praying for you and all of your family. Carly especially has prayed for your sorrow and hurt to ease. You are an incredible young woman and we know you will somehow take this tragedy and turn it into something wonderful, in honor of your sister.###imported-begin###Candace, Carly, and Carson Rogers###imported-end##

November 01, 2006 at 10:38 AM



“ Dear David and Lane,
I am so sorry to hear about your precious Lauren. Nothing compares to the loss of a child. I too, lost my son Stuart to a motorcycle accident last Thanksgiving. You and your family will continue to be in my prayers as you begin to deal with your loss. If you ever need someone to talk to, please don't hesitate to call. May the Lord bless you always.
Sincerely,
Teresa (Dr. Gentry's nurse)###imported-begin###Teresa K. Whitmire###imported-end##

November 01, 2006 at 10:23 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##mrs.sherry williams##imported-end##

November 01, 2006 at 09:36 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family. I##imported-begin##Debbie Goulart##imported-end##

November 01, 2006 at 08:05 AM



“ Lane and family,
We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you and the rest of your family. Lane, every one here at Beck is keeping you and your family in our hearts! May God be with you.
Sincerely,
Blythe Hall, Kim Nelsinik and Tina Howell##imported-begin##blythe hall##imported-end##

November 01, 2006 at 08:01 AM



“ Please don't grieve too long for I am in a far better place, You would know this is true if you could see my face.
I'm singing with the angels a glorious son on high. If I could make my presence known I'd tell you not to cry. I know you will miss me and I will miss you too. And though you can't see me I will always be with you. When the time is right we will be reunited once more. I will be there waiting that day to greet you at heavens door. Until then remember I'm with God's angels singing a glorious song. I'm in a far better place, Im's in heaven where I belong.
Love your angel....##imported-begin##Stacey,Karl, Adam and Lori Rudd##imported-end##

November 01, 2006 at 07:54 AM



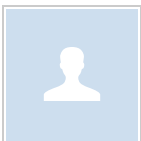
“ Dear Lane and kids,,=
We are so sorry for your loss, and we are thinking of you this day,
The day the Lord has made to receive Lauren home to be with
Jesus. My tears and my heart go out to your family. God loves you
guys so much God will hold you up while you mourn God promises
to take care of us.
The Rudds###imported-begin###Stacey,Karl, Adam and Lori
Rudd###imported-end##

November 01, 2006 at 07:49 AM



“ Lane and David, I am devastated for you. This is the worst pain you
will ever experience. You know that I know. It will be 9 years, 11/23,
that Meredith has been in her Heavenly home. I cannot be there
tomorrow for you, but I will be in Greenville this weekend and the
following week. I will call to see if it is a good time for a visit. You will
miss Lauren every day. She will remain your daughter always.
Speak of her, laugh at memories of her and keep her alive in your
hearts. You will see her again one day.
All my love, Mindy###imported-begin###Mindy Metcalf
Cornelison###imported-end##

October 31, 2006 at 10:20 PM



“ My deepest sympathy goes out to all of you during this difficult time.
Lauren was an inspiration to me as a 6th grader in my class and
some of my fondest memories of teaching involve Lauren and Jon.
Jon, my thoughts and prayers are with you especially as you shared
a special bond. Please know you are in my prayers daily and will be
in the months to come.###imported-begin###Jeff McCoy###imported-
end##

October 31, 2006 at 09:50 PM



“ Lane,
*I am so sorry to learn of your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God give you strength and comfort. --
Julia##imported-begin##Julia Robbins Pesavento##imported-end##*

October 31, 2006 at 09:42 PM



“ *Our condolences to your family.*

Love,

*Dan & Meredith.##imported-begin##Dan & Meredith
Snider##imported-end##*

October 31, 2006 at 07:31 PM



“ Lane,

I'm really sorry about your loss of Lauren. I was a close friend of your brother, Greg, in school and when he returned to Greenville. Another good friend of mine is Louis Waters, whom you also know. I'm only saying all that so you'll remember who I am. Again, please accept my condolences.

Lee Foster##imported-begin##LEE FOSTER##imported-end##

October 31, 2006 at 07:28 PM



“ Lane and David- I cannot imagine nor do I want to, what you are going through but I wanted you to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers as are the rest of your beautiful children. Love, Donna and Joe###imported-begin###donna golob###imported-end##

October 31, 2006 at 04:17 PM



“ Dearest Black Family: We wish to express our heartfelt sorrows to each of you. We grieve with you and are praying for all of you. We know and believe that our Father embraces each of you in His loving arms. You are all so special to our family! Though you haven't met our babies, they would love you all as much as we do. You are very much a part of our family. Please call on us if ever we may do anything for you! We love you dearly!

Love,

The Johnson Family

(Michael, Tabitha, Hayden, Elijah and Vera)###imported-

begin###Tabitha Johnson (Willis) & Family###imported-end##

October 31, 2006 at 03:19 PM



“ Dear David, Lane, Lawson, Laney, Jon and Lindy- My heart aches for the loss of Lauren. Just please know I am continually praying for you all. Lane, I know that each of your children are a gift and I saw how you treasure each one- thank you for all that you have taught me about being a Mom. Much love, hugs and prayers to you all. Love, Anna###imported-begin###Anna K. Spurlin###imported-end##

October 31, 2006 at 02:51 PM



“ Lawson,
Words can not adequately express how sorry I am for the loss of your sister Lauren. Through our close friend Emily, I have witnessed the love and friendship between you girls and your families. I trust that God will give you the strength and grace to persevere. My sincere condolences to you and your family. Margo Willard###imported-begin##Margo Willard###imported-end##

October 31, 2006 at 02:43 PM



“ Your Family is in our thoughts and Prayers. Even though Lauren was taken from you at such a young age, We can only look forward to the time we get to see her again. May GOD give you and your family strength and Peace at this time.
Much Love and Prayers,
Richie, Tammie, Brad, Dustin and Lauren###imported-begin##The Mckinney's###imported-end##

October 31, 2006 at 01:45 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss of Lauren, My son knew of her and said she was a sweet and well liked girl, he was upset by this tragedy., as a parent I cannot imagine the emptiness you are feeling and I pray God will be with you all during this painful time. All of you are in my prayers and I am sure this tragic accident will touch alot of people, young and old. May God bless you.###imported-begin##Teresa###imported-end##

October 31, 2006 at 01:15 PM



“ My heart goes out to all of you during such a tragic time. I knew Lauren through her smile and friendly words when she was at work. Just keep in mind that sometimes God needs another angel and has to call someone like Lauren home way before we are ready for them to go. You are in our prayers.##imported-begin##John & Dora Wells##imported-end##

October 31, 2006 at 12:53 PM



“ Lawson,
We were so sorry to hear of the tragic loss of your sister. We send our condolences to you, your parents, and your siblings.
Nancy & Sid Taylor, aunt and uncle of Lawson's friend Emily Chrietzberg##imported-begin##Nancy Taylor##imported-end##

October 31, 2006 at 12:06 PM



“ May God hold you in the palm of his hand during this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Melissa Thomas##imported-end##

October 31, 2006 at 12:02 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all as you go through this difficult time.##imported-begin##Steven and Benai Cox##imported-end##

October 31, 2006 at 11:30 AM



“ David and Family,
I am so sorry to here about Lauren, My thoughts and prayers are
with you all.
Kari & Pete Ramadanovic##imported-begin##Kari & Peter
Ramadnovic (Sandy Ellam's daughter)##imported-end##

October 31, 2006 at 11:05 AM



“ David and Lane,
I am so sorry for your loss. We will have you in our thoughts and
prayers.##imported-begin##Chris Moon##imported-end##

October 31, 2006 at 10:36 AM



“ David, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May
God comfort you.
Steve and Susan##imported-begin##Steve McClure and Susan
Crocker##imported-end##

October 31, 2006 at 10:25 AM



“ Lane,

We're so Sorry for your loss. We have you and your family in our
prayers. Just continue look to God for your strength.##imported-
begin##Dalisa & Wayne Griffin##imported-end##

October 31, 2006 at 10:06 AM



“ dear lawson and black family,
i'm so sorry to hear about the loss of lauren. please know that i am
praying for you and that the Lord would give the peace that only He
can give. i'm here to help any way that i can.

*lindsay addison##imported-begin##lindsay addison##imported-
end##*

October 31, 2006 at 09:48 AM



“ There are no words. You are constantly in our thoughts and prayers.
We hold you all so very dearly to our hearts. You will always be a
part of our lives. Love always,
Cathy Dickert Garrison, Philip, Christina and Carly##imported-
begin##Cathy Dickert Garrison##imported-end##

October 31, 2006 at 09:31 AM



“ To the entire Black Family-
We are so sorry to hear the news of Lauren's accident. Know that
our prayers are with you and your family during this time. May God
comfort you as only He can. We love you all.##imported-
begin##James & Gina Cartner##imported-end##

October 31, 2006 at 09:12 AM



“ My deepest sympathies are with you all. You are in my prayers and thoughts everyday and I know God will help you through this... Despite never knowing Lauren too well, I have the fondest memories of the entire family and you guys are always such a joy to be around. I know Lauren will be missed dearly and I'm sorry I cannot attend the funeral. God Bless - Matthew Taylor###imported-begin###Matthew T. Taylor###imported-end##

October 31, 2006 at 07:55 AM



“ to all the Blacks:
i am sorry you had to go through this and i hope you know we all loved lauren as much as the world. but we will see her again soon in heaven she was the best kindest and sweetest person i have ever met and she couldnt have done it without yall. she always had a great relationship with her family which made her who she was. i love every single one of yall.
xoxo-rachel###imported-begin###Rachel Blackwell###imported-end##

October 31, 2006 at 07:46 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. We will keep you all in our hearts.
Ellie and David Gill###imported-begin###ellie and david gill###imported-end##

October 31, 2006 at 07:38 AM



“ we are so sorry for you loss. our prayers are with you.###imported-begin###cindy sizemore, cailtyn addyman, joshua sizemore###imported-end##

October 31, 2006 at 04:04 AM



“ We just want you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time. Our prayer is that God will give you the strength to get through this and the peace that only He can give to see you through. Just remember that all things have a purpose and God has a plan for this tragedy.##imported-begin##Marshall Tonya, Kimberly and Kendall Biggs##imported-end##

October 30, 2006 at 04:12 PM



“ With deepest sympathy to you and your family during this most difficult time. Let God's deep love and understanding help you in your grief. For He is there to ease the pain and bring your sorrowing heart relief. "He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." Deu 31:6 May you find strength by leaning on your family and friends. You are in our thoughts and prayers and we are here for you no matter what you may need now or in the future.##imported-begin##Angie Pitman and Austin Johnson##imported-end##

October 30, 2006 at 03:32 PM



“ Lane, my heart breaks for you. I want you to know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God continue to give you peace, comfort, strength, and guidance during this tragedy. Love, Mertie##imported-begin##Mertie Taylor##imported-end##

October 30, 2006 at 01:48 PM