



Laurel Lashuay

October 14, 1953 - May 30, 2024

Laurel Alice (Jacobsen) Lashuay aka "Jake", age 70, joined her angels and her loving God on May 30th, 2024. She was born on October 14, 1953 to Marlys and Carl Jacobsen in Cando, ND. She grew up on a farm north of Rock Lake, ND and cherished that way of life - the animals, the crops, the lifestyle, which grew into her lasting love of gardening. As the first-born child, she was her dad's "hired woman" driving the farm machinery and helping out. Growing up she played saxophone in the band, was a cheerleader, and was a good athlete including running the hurdles in track and sprinting around the bases in softball (in her bare feet!) after hitting a homerun. Lots of cards were played in the Jacobsen house which led to her love for the game of cribbage throughout her life. She was an incredible player and could play for hours with family and friends.

After graduation, Laurel attended the State School of Science in Wahpeton, ND, and then

moved to the Minneapolis, MN area where she met Tom Lashuay and started a family. She resided in Minnesota for the rest of her life. Laurel was a believer in her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. All was right with the world when she could begin her day in prayer. She was an active member of her beloved Shepherd of the Hills

Church in Shoreview, MN and of her most recent church, Roots and Branches. Laurel spent many hours volunteering for church as well as a wide variety of other organizations throughout her life. Volunteerism was a part of

who she was.

Laurel built a strong and powerful recovery community around her and celebrated 20 years of sobriety on May 8th 2024 (which was also, appropriately, Mother's Day and her first born granddaughter's birthday). She thrived in this community and quickly became an amazing example of how to walk through life with grace and dignity while overcoming any obstacle she came across with the help of God and her peers, giving hope to countless others along the way. She maintained this sobriety until her final breath. In the last 2 years of her life, Laurel and her significant other, Jerry, spent the winters in a 55+ community in Mission, Texas. She was living her very best life! She truly loved everything about it - the sunshine, playing pickleball, perfecting her golf game, trying different crafts and activities, and attending church services. She quickly became known by all as she drove around the community waving and spreading joy. She got everyone waving at each other! Laurel would come home to Minnesota during the summer seasons, spending time with her family and chasing the sunshine wherever she went. Anyone who knew Laurel would say the same thing about her. She was bright and bold, funny and caring, resilient and compassionate, but above all else, Laurel was full of life. Everywhere she went, she loved fiercely and was our biggest cheerleader. Laurel is survived by her significant other of over ten years, Jerry Carlson; 4 Children, Shaylee Biedrzycki, Angela Lashuay, Tony Lashuay, and Teresa Lashuay; her sisters Deana Heisler (Doyle), Leana Wilson (Dennis); her brother Myron Jacobsen (Robyn); her nieces and nephews Chasity Ranzino; Allie Heisler and Taylor Heisler; Nicole Evenson, Alex Jacobsen, and Dr. Brenna Young; and her grandchildren Emersyn Biedrzycki, Brady Biedrzycki, Sari Lashuay, Abbigale Lashuay, and Timmy Lashuay, Ashur Walton, Aymes Walton, and Angelica Walton. A Celebration of Life and pot luck will be held on Saturday, June 8, 1:00 pm at the Fridley Alano at 6279 University Ave NE, Fridley, MN. All are welcome to come and share stories. In honor of Laurel, wear your bright colors (turquoise

was a favorite!) In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Laurel's honor to Serenity Shores 20060 Maxwell Ave N, Marine on St Croix, MN 55047.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 8. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Fridley Alano
6279 University Ave NE
Fridley, MN 55432