



Lauren R. Baron

December 2, 1959 - June 10, 2019

Lauren Ray Baron, age 59, peacefully went into the loving arms of his Savior, Jesus Christ, at Faith Hospice at Trillium Woods in Byron Center, MI on Monday, June 10, 2019 after a long, courageous battle with Multiple Myeloma cancer. He was born on December 2, 1959, in Platte, South Dakota to Harvey and Gertrude Baron. He and his family moved to Holland, MI when he was seven years old, attending Southside Christian School. Lauren was a 1978 graduate of Holland Christian High School and a lifelong member of 14th St. Christian Reformed Church. He received an Associate's Degree from Reformed Bible College in Grand Rapids, MI, and continued his education at Hope College to earn his Bachelor of Arts Degree in social work. He worked for many years in that field, serving in numerous roles with various social service organizations in West Michigan. Lauren has always had a servant's heart which was demonstrated through his career, commitment to volunteering, and giving back to the community. Close to his heart were the ministries of Benjamin's Hope, Kid's Hope, Christ Memorial Church's After School Program, and Evergreen Commons Day Center, among others. Additionally, Lauren was an active participant in Gilda's Club, a Multiple Myeloma support group, where he was known as a prayer warrior for so many individuals affected by the very disease that he battled himself. Lauren was an avid sports fan, specifically the Detroit Tigers, Lions, and the University of Michigan. He could be found at nearly every Hope College basketball game, cheering on his favorite team with the help of dear friends. He loved being

near Lake Michigan, fishing, walking, golfing, and playing tennis, always up for an adventure. Music was a significant part of his life, expressed through supporting his children in their musical activities, singing loudly to his dearest hymns, and attending favorite concerts throughout his life. He is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Michele, and his two beloved children, Kristin and Mitchell. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harvey and Gertrude Baron, his parents-in-law, Corneal (Izzy) and Leah Israels, and a brother-in-law, Gary Israels. He is also survived by his two sisters, Elaine Dupuy and Gloria (Dale) Rouwhorst, brother-in-law Kelly Israels, sister-in-law Deb (Rick) Prince, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, great-nieces, and great-nephews. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, June 15, 2019 at Fourteenth Street Christian Reformed Church, 14 W. 14th St. Holland. Burial will be in Pilgrim Home Cemetery. Visitation will be 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Friday, June 14, at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th St. Holland. Memorial contributions can be made in Lauren's honor to Faith Hospice at Trillium Woods (Byron Center, MI) and Benjamin's Hope (Holland, MI). To leave a condolence and for more information please visit www.langelandsterebergh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Lauren R. Baron*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - June 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lauren R. Baron*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Dear Michelle and Family, I'm so very sorry that I am just now seeing this as I went to send Birthday wishes to Lauren on Facebook. Although we didn't get to spend a whole lot of time together , I never felt far from his thoughts and prayers. Prayers for Peace and comfort for you all they the Holidays and looking forward to seeing Lauren again in the land of Everlasting Love and Peace."*

Thomas - December 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AF

“Please accept my sympathy. May the God of comfort give you hope and strength in this tough time. (Isa 40:29) My sincere condolences to the family for the loss of your loved one. May prayers strengthen you and memories comfort you, and may our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father, who loves us, comfort your hearts and "make you firm". (2 Thessalonians 2:16, 17)"

A friend - June 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BW

“Michele,
I am so sorry for your loss of Lauren.”

Brian Wennersten - June 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TL

“I am sincerely sorry for your loss and my warmest condolences are extended to your family. May you be reassured that God keeps those who pass on in his memory because they are precious to him. (Psalms 116: 15)"

T L - June 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AF

“Michele, Thinking of you and your family Nancy MacDonald"

A friend - June 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AF

“Michele and family, thoughts and prayers go out to you during this difficult time. Love, Glen and Carrie VanDyke"

A friend - June 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MH

“Hi Michele and Kristin, My deepest condolences to you both and family. We all know that there are not enough words to express our deepest thoughts when it comes to losing a love. I do hope you all will find peace in knowing that although it is never the right time for us a love one as moved on. I wish you all great comfort in knowing that is only resting for now and you all will meet again. May the good Lord hold your hands and comfort you at this time. Best wishes to everyone.”

Margarette Harrison - June 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CD

“Dear, dear Kristin - I just read about your Dad's going home to our Lord! May your love for Him - and your love for your Dad - give you comfort and peace these days. Please extend my condolences to your family. Carola - sending prayers across the ocean”

Carola Dettmar - June 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM

VS

“Lauren was a genuine, good-hearted person. I worked with him for a short time a few years ago. He was so easy to talk to and will be missed. My condolences to his family.”

Valerie Scanlon - June 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RN

“Michele, I was so sorry to hear of the loss of Lauren, a wonderful man! I will be keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.”

Rachel NYKERK - June 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JS

“*"Kristin, Our thoughts and prayers for you and your family. May God bless you with his nearness and great comfort. So sorry for your loss. Rich and Jean Schreur"*

Jean Schreur - June 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AF

“*"Michele, I am so very sorry for your loss!~Pat Den Boer"*

A friend - June 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BW

“*"Michele,I didn't know Lauren well, but what a blessing it has been for me to know you and worked with you . Your always present wide smile has lightened many peoples days and was evidence of your love for Lauren and your family. May God, through his wonderful grace shower you, Kristin and Mitchell with peace and his warm love."*

Bob Weeldreyer - June 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AF

“*"Michele,I didn't know Lauren well, but what a privilege it has been to know you for many years. Your wide smile always lightened my day and I know you shared that with Lauren and your family as well. May God grant you , Kristin and Mitchell peace and courage during this time and always.Bob Weeldreyer"*

A friend - June 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DV

“*"Wishing you Peace and Comfort at this difficult time."*

Dorie VanEck - June 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AW

“*Dear friend, my heart is with yours. Love you so much. Angela*”

Angela Wagenveld - June 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LZ

“*So sorry for your loss Michele. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*”

Linda Zylema - June 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KT

“*Lauren was such an inspiration to all of us. He will be greatly missed. Our sympathies to you in this time of loss.*”

Karen Tompkins - June 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KB

“*I'm so sorry for the loss of your husband and father. Lauren and I were classmates at Holland Christian and I considered him my good friend. We had many good times of joy and laughter and he always was so friendly and easy to talk to. He was very humble and very truthful in how he lived his life. I haven't seen Lauren in many years but his passing brings tears to my eyes. He was such a good guy. My sincere condolences to your family- Kelly Baumann, Friend Holland MI June 12,2019*”

Kelly baumann - June 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JK

“*Hi Michelle, Please know you are in my, Carol, Hannah, and Samanthas prayers. Nothing will replace the pain and loss of Lauren, but our prayers is that God will be by your side.*”

Jack Kragt - June 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TT

“Dear Michele and family, know so much that Lauren and you plus family were in our prayers for God to deliver him from this cancer and the strength to overcome this through the hope and mercy that believing in God and Jesus Christ gives!! That hope and mercy even in the face of death provides!!! Lauren was a great witness to us of that hope and mercy and will be greatly missed by us but he is in our hearts and memories through God and Jesus Christ forever and always!!! Thank you God for providing a dear friend as in Lauren for us to do life with and know that he made a very good difference in our life for Jesus Christ!!! Until we are united with Lauren again in God and Jesus Christ may we carry his life with us to give compassion and mercy of God to all of His creation!!! That was the legacy that Lauren left and may we live that legacy as well!!! See you soon our friend in Jesus Christ, Todd and Lynda Lubben!!!!”

Todd and Lynda Lubben tmlubben - June 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“Sending condolences and prayers.”

Barbara Johnson - June 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AP

“Dear Michele, Kristin, and Mitchell, You have my heartfelt sympathy in the passing of Lauren into his heavenly home. Jack and I met you through the multiple myeloma support group at Gilda's. We appreciated his upbeat attitude in spite of the physical difficulties he faced. I recall that, when he was limited in working, he volunteered using his social work training. He always greeted us warmly when we'd run into him about town. Now he is free of myeloma, well, happy, and looking forward to seeing his family again some day. I also recall the part music played in your lives and your daughter graduating in music from Hope College. How time flies! Sending love and my prayer for God's loving arms around you. Arden Ruth Post”

Arden Post - June 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CA

“Oh my friend, Michele, My heart hurts for you in the loss of your dear husband. While we haven't seen each other for many years, I have thought about you and yours often. My deepest sympathies to you and your family.”

Cheryl Atman - June 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BV

“Michele and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May the Lord comfort you now and always.”

Bonnie VandenBerg - June 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LL

“So sorry for your loss Michelle and family.”

Laurie Luke - June 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LS

“*"Kristin (& family), I am so sorry for the loss of your dear dad. Our thoughts & prayers are with you. Cherish your memories. Hugs, Linda Schaftenaar"*

Linda Schaftenaar - June 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DO

“*"Praying for you and your family my sweet friend! May God's peace overwhelm you! much love."*

Dawn Overbeek - June 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM