



## Ms. Laura Wells Bannister

October 6, 1982 - May 6, 2025

It is with deep sorrow that the Bannister family announces the death of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister, 42.

Ms. Bannister entered into rest on Tuesday, May 6, 2025. The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home & Crematory are caring for the family.

A funeral service to honor her life will be held at 3 o'clock on Sunday, May 11, 2025, at First Presbyterian Church, with Rev. Ashley Cheek officiating. A private burial will be held in Magnolia Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the residence, 1303 Greenbriar Road, Hartsville, SC, immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her honor to the MUSC Foundation - Hollings Cancer Center, 18 Bee Street, MSC 450, Charleston, SC 29425.

Born and raised in Hartsville, Laura was a graduate of Hartsville High School and furthered her education at Converse College and the Fashion Institute of Technology. She earned degrees in Interior Design and Fashion Merchandising. A lifelong lover of fashion, she worked at Montmartre in New York City before settling in Charleston, SC, where she was the Visual

Merchandising Manager for Belk in Mt. Pleasant.

A kind, generous spirit, she was happiest doing thoughtful acts for others, and her smile was not only contagious, it lit up the room. Music, dance, and travel were an integral part of her life, and she did it all with a song in her heart and a smile on her face. She loved the music of life, the rhythm of the waves, the wind in her hair, the warmth of the sunshine, and the roads of life. She will be missed, but her spirit will always travel with us.

She is survived by her father, Dr. C. Brooks Bannister of Hartsville, SC; brother, C. Brooks Bannister, Jr. (Stacey) of Hartsville, SC; sister, Elizabeth Bannister Thompson (Tee) of Hartsville, SC; nieces and nephews, Hunter Thompson, Laura Kate Thompson, Ellis Bannister, Wells Bannister, all of Hartsville, SC.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Elizabeth "Libby" Massengill Bannister.

## Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### **Funeral Service**

MAY 11. 3:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church  
213 West Home Avenue  
Hartsville, SC

# Tribute Wall

LG

“ *Lisa S Goodale lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



Lisa S Goodale - May 23, 2025 at 08:14 PM

MS

“ *Dr. Bannister, I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your family and friends.*

Margie Hodges Smith - May 14, 2025 at 12:39 PM

JG

“ *Doctor Bannister, I am so sorry for your loss of your daughter. I had no idea when I saw you yesterday that you had a loss. Please know you are in my prayers. John Bootsie Griggs*

John Bootsie Griggs - May 13, 2025 at 03:06 PM



“ *I wanted to send prayers to your family! I'm sorry for your loss 🙏*

Sandy Johnson - May 12, 2025 at 11:33 PM

CB

“ *Carol Beasley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



carol beasley - May 12, 2025 at 12:06 PM

MM

“ *Dr. Bannister we are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts & prayers are with you & your family.*

Mot & Mona - May 12, 2025 at 08:42 AM

CB

“ *Tom & I are so very sorry for your loss. Laura was a beautiful lady inside & out. It was certainly a life cut too short by a dreadful disease. She did enjoy a full life until then. We pray that God wraps his arms around all of you and give you peace. You have our greatest sympathy. We regret that we will be unable to attend her services because we are out of town that day. Love, Cecelia & Tom*

Cecelia Brown - May 11, 2025 at 01:13 PM

KS

“ *My deepest sympathy to all. The short time I knew Laura, she was the most courageous strong beautiful soul I've ever met! Until we meet again, love you Laura ☐*



kimi serpas - May 11, 2025 at 01:00 PM

HK

“ *Henry And Donna King lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



Henry and Donna King - May 11, 2025 at 12:30 PM

WM

“ *Heroes come in all ages. Laura will be forever ours.  
We cannot be with you, but know, that we feel your sorrow and that  
all of you are always in our hearts and prayers.  
At Will and Danielle's wedding, at some point, a bunch of us were  
singing Bohemian Rhapsody. Laura joined in.  
"Galileo...Galileo. Galileo...Galileo. Galileo, Figaro, magnifico oh oh  
oh"  
Magnifica Laura. Magnifica!  
Love,  
Wells and Ceres*

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**Wells Massengill** - May 11, 2025 at 11:40 AM

KL

“ *Kathy Lawhon lit a candle in memory of Ms.  
Laura Wells Bannister*



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**Kathy Lawhon** - May 11, 2025 at 07:24 AM

RG

“ *Robert & Meg Goodson lit a candle in  
memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



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**Robert & Meg Goodson** - May 11, 2025 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *Dr. Bannister and Family,  
So sorry to learn of Laura’s passing. She was beautiful inside and  
out. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

Ray and Pansy Howell - May 10, 2025 at 10:24 PM

DZ

“ *She could light up any room with her smile. Such a hard coworker  
and friend to all. She will be so missed by all.*

*Debbie Zoha*

debbie zoha - May 10, 2025 at 05:24 PM

CB

“ *Carol Elmore Bryant lit a candle in memory of  
Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



carol elmore bryant - May 10, 2025 at 04:22 PM

CB

*Prayers for the Bannister family today and in the coming days as they  
grieve the loss of their precious Laura. Blessings and love, Carol*

carol elmore bryant - May 10, 2025 at 04:24 PM

SM

“ *Dr.Bannister and family.  
So sorry for your loss.  
Laura was such a beautiful girl.  
May God provide comfort and peace during  
this difficult time in your lives.  
Much Love,  
Sandy and Timmy Morris*



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**sandy morris** - May 10, 2025 at 02:45 PM

BF

*Dr. Bannister and family so sorry tohear about your beautiful daughter.  
Thoughts and prayers  
to you and your family.*

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**Brenda Floyd** - May 10, 2025 at 06:47 PM

JD

“ *Dr. Bannister and family,Jimmy and I are so  
sorry for your loss.Our thoughts and prayers  
will be with the family now and in the days  
ahead.*



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**Jimmy and Cora Dial** - May 10, 2025 at 09:44 AM

SA

“ *Sharon Autry lit a candle in memory of Ms.  
Laura Wells Bannister*



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**Sharon Autry** - May 10, 2025 at 09:42 AM

NB

“ Nancy Blakeley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister



Nancy Blakeley - May 10, 2025 at 09:33 AM

NB

*I can see Laura with that twinkle in her eye sitting in my classroom at Hartsville High ready to design some unique project for American Lit. However, better than that, I was able to see her work here at Belk with rearranging and decorating the store. She might be on a ladder or in the window just working away, and I'd make her stop a minute to chat. With a beautiful smile on her face and still that twinkle in her eye, she was indeed lovely - inside and out ! Nancy Blakeley*

Nancy Blakeley - May 10, 2025 at 09:46 AM

PC

“ Phillip And Donna Crocker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister



Phillip and Donna Crocker - May 10, 2025 at 09:30 AM

BT

“ Becky Tidwell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister



Becky Tidwell - May 09, 2025 at 11:29 PM

R5

“ *Very sorry here about your loss*



Richard 5 - May 09, 2025 at 06:13 PM

LT

“ *In these days, we know you will feel God's loving arms around you and comfort you. Your family is in our prayers.*



Larry and Rosa Margaret Thompson - May 09, 2025 at 05:47 PM

LD

“ *I'm heartbroken over your loss of Laura. She always had a sparkle, and so much joy that came from a sweet soul. I know you will forever cherish all your precious memories* 💖

Laura Decker - May 09, 2025 at 04:59 PM

TE

“ *Tru And Ed lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



Tru and Ed - May 09, 2025 at 04:34 PM

DW

“ *Debbie And Richard Wynne lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



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**Debbie and Richard Wynne** - May 09, 2025 at 02:57 PM

AS

“ *Al & Melinda Sansbury lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



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**Al & Melinda Sansbury** - May 09, 2025 at 12:46 PM

DT

“ *Debbie Talbert lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



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**Debbie Talbert** - May 09, 2025 at 12:27 PM

LL

“ *Lori Lesieur lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



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**Lori Lesieur** - May 09, 2025 at 12:26 PM

PB

“ *Phyllis Driggers Braddock sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



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**Phyllis Driggers Braddock** - May 09, 2025 at 11:47 AM

RM

“ *Rodney And Kathy McFarland lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



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**Rodney and Kathy McFarland** - May 09, 2025 at 11:05 AM

BT

“ *Betty Huggins Turner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



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**Betty Huggins Turner** - May 09, 2025 at 10:14 AM

RW

“ *Ron Wall lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



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**Ron Wall** - May 09, 2025 at 07:17 AM

LE

“ Our heart felt prayers go out to you Brooks. So sorry to hear this.

Larry and Jen Easterling - May 09, 2025 at 05:38 AM

VJ

“ Dr Bannister, Brooks & Elizabeth, I am truly sorry for your loss. Laura was such a young, beautiful and talented young lady. I pray for you to feel peace and comfort that only God can provide at this time. Hold fast to all the precious memories you shared. Much Love and prayers, Valerie Chafin Johnson

Valerie Johnson - May 09, 2025 at 01:35 AM

SS

So sorry for your loss, Dr. B and family

Sandra Smith - May 09, 2025 at 05:15 AM

DR

“ Devin Raines lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister



Devin Raines - May 09, 2025 at 01:08 AM

AM

“ Amy Mixon lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister



Amy Mixon - May 09, 2025 at 12:19 AM

MH

“ *Martha Mixon Hall lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



Martha Mixon Hall - May 08, 2025 at 11:36 PM

BA

“ *Laura was a light and the spirit that lit a room. She was such an amazing person. I am proud to have known her and called her a friend.*



Bain - May 08, 2025 at 10:27 PM

LT

“ *Linda Thompson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



Linda Thompson - May 08, 2025 at 10:22 PM

LJ

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss may the good Lord find you all comfort in the days ahead .Hugs*



Lisa joyner - May 08, 2025 at 10:02 PM

RA

“ You are all in our prayers . May God hold you close now and in the days ahead.

*Robin and George Atkins*

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**Robin Atkins** - May 08, 2025 at 08:25 PM

CC

“ *Christel Copeland lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



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**Christel Copeland** - May 08, 2025 at 08:14 PM

CG

“ *Connee Grantham lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



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**Connee Grantham** - May 08, 2025 at 07:17 PM

BM

“ *We are keeping your families and all the people who loved Laura in our prayers. Thank you, God for keeping Laura close to your heart.*



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**Billy and Gayle McDonald** - May 08, 2025 at 07:14 PM

PW

“ *Phyllis Sutherlin Watson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



Phyllis Sutherlin Watson - May 08, 2025 at 06:44 PM

PW

“ *To the Bannister family,  
So many fond memories of Laura as a sweet friend of my son,  
Beau. Such a precious young lady with a loving, wonderful family.  
So saddened to hear of her passing. Sending prayers to her family  
and friends who will surely miss her!!  
Love to all, Phyllis Sutherlin Watson*

Phyllis Sutherlin Watson - May 08, 2025 at 06:44 PM

AL

“ *Alice sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



Alice - May 08, 2025 at 06:34 PM

RC

“ *So very sorry for your loss. Prayers lifted for the family.*



Randy and Sandy Colston - May 08, 2025 at 05:56 PM

AT

“ AJ Talbert lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister



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**AJ Talbert** - May 08, 2025 at 05:54 PM

BW

*Praying for the family*

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**Belvia Wint** - May 08, 2025 at 06:43 PM

GH

“ Gary & Gerry Hekking lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister



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**Gary & Gerry Hekking** - May 08, 2025 at 05:30 PM

MD

“ Dr. B & family, so sorry to hear about Laura. She was so beautiful! We love you all!



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**Maxine Dixon** - May 08, 2025 at 05:15 PM

MN

“ Our sincere condolences and prayers are with each of you.

*Mike and Brenda Northcutt*



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**Mike and Brenda Northcutt** - May 08, 2025 at 05:04 PM

JS

“ Brooks and family I'm so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers for peace and comfort.

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**Jeff Smith** - May 08, 2025 at 04:59 PM

LF

“ LANCE FUNDERBURK lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister



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**LANCE FUNDERBURK** - May 08, 2025 at 04:34 PM

MP

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Laura was a beautiful ray of sunshine! Prayers to your family.

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**Marla Prozzi** - May 08, 2025 at 04:04 PM

BA

“ My heart hurts to read of Laura's passing. Love and prayers to everyone!

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**Beth Kelley Abernathy** - May 08, 2025 at 03:40 PM

RS

“ Rebecca Skinner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister



Rebecca Skinner - May 08, 2025 at 03:31 PM

SG

“ Laura and I were roommates Junior year at Converse. I will cherish so many wonderful memories of her and her dear mother, Ms. Libby! Laura will be sorely missed by all of her “Connies”.



Sara McLean Goodale - May 08, 2025 at 03:07 PM

TW

“ So very sorry for your loss - prayers being lifted up for the Bannister Family for healing of broken hearts - God is always with you ❤️🙏



Tad and Lynda Weatherford - May 08, 2025 at 02:52 PM

EB

“ Eric Bradshaw lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister



Eric Bradshaw - May 08, 2025 at 02:44 PM

WJ

“ Wayne Mary And Brandi Jeffords lit a candle  
in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister



Wayne Mary and Brandi Jeffords - May 08, 2025 at 02:05 PM

PL

“ Paulette Lunn lit a candle in memory of Ms.  
Laura Wells Bannister



Paulette Lunn - May 08, 2025 at 01:58 PM

TW

“ So sorry. Prayers for the family.



Travis and Marilyn Walters - May 08, 2025 at 01:52 PM

AW

“ Anna Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms.  
Laura Wells Bannister



Anna Williams - May 08, 2025 at 01:44 PM

PG

“ *Patty Gainey lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



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**Patty Gainey** - May 08, 2025 at 01:06 PM

AN

“ *Angela Neal lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



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**Angela Neal** - May 08, 2025 at 01:04 PM

SA

“ *Shelley Poston Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



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**Shelley Poston Atkinson** - May 08, 2025 at 01:04 PM

RW

“ To all concerned:

*What a beautiful ray of light she was. Few cheered louder for me and Amy when we became engaged, then were married, and few were happier at my step into ordained ministry. We prayed together (by phone) often. God be with her immediate family and her closest friends at this time.*

*Dear God, we come to you with heavy hearts, remembering Laura. Thank you for the gift of her life and the joy she brought many lives. We ask for your peace and comfort for her soul, and for us as we mourn her absence. Grant us the strength to face this sorrow, and the hope to find solace in your love. May she rest in peace, and may we find comfort in your embrace. Amen.*

*Yours in Him,*

*Rev. Andy and Amy Williams and the full congregation of Elim Methodist Church of the Lamar (Oates) community*

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**Rev. Andy Williams** - May 08, 2025 at 12:31 PM

SJ

“ *Sheila Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



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**Sheila Johnson** - May 08, 2025 at 12:19 PM

BB

“ *Brenda And Robert Bailey lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



**Brenda and Robert Bailey** - May 08, 2025 at 12:18 PM

CP

“ *Chandler Peel lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



**Chandler Peel** - May 08, 2025 at 12:11 PM

DS

“ *Danny And Phoebe Stokes sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



**Danny and Phoebe Stokes** - May 08, 2025 at 11:47 AM

CB

“ *Charlie Beckham lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



**Charlie Beckham** - May 08, 2025 at 11:41 AM

ES

“ I am praying for comfort & strength for the Bannister family. Laura was a Blessing! She was beautiful in every way.



Effie Smith - May 08, 2025 at 11:38 AM

FS

“ Faye Stinson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister



Faye Stinson - May 08, 2025 at 11:35 AM

CB

“ Thinking of you makes me smile. Beautiful Laura you had the kindest soul. You were always so positive with all life threw at you. Go to all the concerts from the skies. You will be missed by all. My prayers are with your family. God speed.

Caroline Beasley - May 08, 2025 at 10:54 AM

MC

“ I had the privilege of meeting Laura through work and was energized by her passion and care for those around her. My prayers and thoughts are with the Bannister family.



Matthew Connors - May 08, 2025 at 10:34 AM

LS

“ *Lavonde Smith lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



Lavonde Smith - May 08, 2025 at 10:24 AM

BM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers for the Bannister family for your loss.*

Bob and Becky McWatty - May 08, 2025 at 09:57 AM



“ *Will Walden lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



Will Walden - May 08, 2025 at 09:57 AM

JB

“ *So sorry to see of the passing of Laura. May God wrap his loving arms around you during the days and months ahead. Love in Christ.*

Janelle Britt - May 08, 2025 at 09:48 AM

SF

“ *Steve And Gail Funderburk lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



Steve and Gail Funderburk - May 08, 2025 at 09:43 AM

PG

“ *Laura was such a sweet soul who was so full of life. What a blessing to be with Libby on Mother’s Day* 💕🕊️💕

Phyllis Griggs - May 08, 2025 at 09:34 AM

JB

“ *Sending hugs and prayers* 🙏🙏



Jill Beckham - May 08, 2025 at 09:31 AM

LE

“ *Love and prayers* 🙏



Letitia - May 08, 2025 at 09:16 AM

KJ

“ *Kathi G. Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



Kathi G. Johnson - May 08, 2025 at 09:12 AM

EH

“ Erin Hawk lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister



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**Erin Hawk** - May 08, 2025 at 08:54 AM

GG

“ Our Love and Prayers are with the precious Bannister family!



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**Gene and Teresa Gibson** - May 08, 2025 at 08:52 AM

RJ

“ Dr. B so sorry for your loss. Sending love & prayers for you & your family!



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**Regina Jones** - May 08, 2025 at 08:46 AM

JG

“ So very sorry for the loss of Laura. Prayer's for all of family and friend's. Terry, Krystal, Grayson and Ms. Jewel

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**Jewel Walters Gibson** - May 08, 2025 at 08:39 AM

JG

“ *Jewel Walters Gibson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



Jewel Walters Gibson - May 08, 2025 at 08:35 AM

TM

“ *Teresa McLester lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



Teresa McLester - May 08, 2025 at 08:31 AM

ML

“ *Mellette Lyles lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Wells Bannister*



Mellette Lyles - May 08, 2025 at 08:28 AM

ML

*Prayers for family and friends.*

Mellette Lyles - May 08, 2025 at 08:29 AM

TT

“ *I am so very sorry for the loss of your loved one. She was a beautiful girl.*

Teresa Truett - May 08, 2025 at 08:17 AM