



Lauren Boiteau

March 11, 1986 - August 31, 2006

Lauren Anne Boiteau, age 20, lost her lifelong battle against liver disease on August 31, 2006. Her strength and courage will remain as an inspiration to all who knew her. As she had done during her life, Lauren's compassion and desire to help her fellow man continued after her death with the gift of sight to someone in need.

Born in Upper Montclair, NJ, Lauren came to Hartsville in 1991, attended Thomas Hart Academy, graduated from Hartsville High School, where she participated in the marching band and jazz band, and had enrolled as a freshman at USC Columbia to pursue a major in Journalism and Mass Communication. She leaves her parents, Ruth and Richard Boiteau, brothers Tim and Matt, sister-in-law Jean, her maternal grandmother Edith O'Hara, aunts, uncles and cousins throughout the Northeast and friend since kindergarten and college roommate, Morgan Dampier. The family cannot adequately thank the many friends that helped Lauren over the years.

Friends may call at the family residence Monday, September 4th between 4-6pm and attend a celebration of her life on Tuesday, September 5th at 11:00 am at St. Luke United Methodist Church, Hartsville, SC, directed by Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home. The family will receive friends following the service. In lieu of flowers please consider a contribution in her name to the Hartsville SC YMCA, PSC Partners Seeking a Cure (www.pscpartners.org),

The Gift of Life Trust or the music program at St. Luke UMC.

Previous Events

Service

SEP 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Luke Methodist Church
302 Dunlap Dr.
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall



“ Just wanted to let you know that we think of Lauren and your family often. Her nurturing spirit and many smiles defintiely left a mark on our family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Bruce, Brianna, and McKendrie Douglas##imported-end##

October 31, 2006 at 02:10 PM



“ What a beautiful picture of Lauren. We pray for you the "peace that passes understanding". Thinking of you today and hoping that all good memories will fill the spaces left empty.##imported-begin##Brendan and Deborah O'Hara##imported-end##

September 20, 2006 at 09:40 PM



“ Richard, Ruth, Matt, & Tim,
We were shocked and saddened to hear of your loss. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time and pray that you may find God's comfort and peace. Lauren was a special young lady with lots of determination and strength.##imported-begin##Galen & Terry Bullock ##imported-end##

September 13, 2006 at 09:14 PM



“ Lauren fought a tough fight right up until the end. Knowing her for over 14 years she was always such a delight to be around and I always looked forward to talking to her to catch up when I'd come home from school. My thoughts and prayers are with you all in the family, and if there was any way I could have made it in from Nashville for the service Sept. 5th I would have done so. I was certainly there in thoughts and prayers.

Love you all.##imported-begin##Brian Watts##imported-end##

September 13, 2006 at 10:53 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of you losing Lauren. Even though it's been a while since I've seen Lauren I have seen her name so often on the prayer list. I know I can't begin to feel the full extent of what you must feel. Just know that one more person is thinking of you and praying for you. I talked with my daughter, Kinsey, this morning and she reflected on Band and Lauren's time with the "Backstreet Boys". Hold those happy moments close.##imported-begin##Gail Bowen##imported-end##

September 12, 2006 at 12:11 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. There are no words that can ever take away the pain, but I will say a prayer to the lord to help ease the pain and give you guys strength through this hard time. If you ever need anything call me at 843-610-1072.##imported-begin##Johnny Patterson##imported-end##

September 09, 2006 at 09:24 PM



“ Lauren will be with all of us forever..she fought a tough battle. She will never be forgotten!###imported-begin##Bobby & Mary Anne###imported-end##

September 09, 2006 at 03:14 PM



“ Our heart goes out to the family. I don't know Lauren, but we too have a 23 year old son suffering from PCS and I feel a bond with your family. Trust in God now, he will heal all your pain. Our deepest sympathy. Morris and Shirley Miller###imported-begin##Shirley Miller###imported-end##

September 08, 2006 at 08:15 PM



“ Ruth, My heart goes out to you. Lauren was a beautiful young woman. Her courage and compassion are inspirational, even now. All my best to you and to your entire family. Many prayers are being said in your names...
Love and peace,
Denise###imported-begin##Deb in VA (Denise)###imported-end##

September 08, 2006 at 01:13 PM



“ She is so pretty...Kathryn...PSC message board###imported-begin##Kathryn###imported-end##

September 08, 2006 at 09:56 AM



“ Lauren was absolutely beautiful and I know you miss her dearly! She was an inspiration because you were, and still are, an inspiration yourself. May God keep you through the days and months ahead. Tammy Somers, wife of Dana, fellow PSC support group member###imported-begin##Tammy Somers###imported-end##

September 08, 2006 at 08:32 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of sorrow. May you find comfort in your loving memories...###imported-begin##Kate and Deb in Seattle (PSC Support Group)###imported-end##

September 07, 2006 at 09:01 PM



“ Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you.###imported-begin##Carl & Susan Watkins###imported-end##

September 07, 2006 at 07:08 PM



“ Im sorry to hear of you loss. I too have lost my son at the age of 20 with a lifelong battle with Kidney disease. I know the pain and loss of our children at such young ages and having so much to give the world.###imported-begin##Ellie Jackson###imported-end##

September 07, 2006 at 08:17 AM



“ Dick and Ruth: Our hearts and prayers go out to you and the boys. We are thinking of you often and will continue to lift you up in prayer.##imported-begin##Steve & Linda McCay##imported-end##

September 06, 2006 at 08:42 PM



“ Ruth,
Mother and I in no way can begin to tell how sorry we are to hear about Lauren; I remember seeing her at the Y not that long ago. It only goes to show us how precious life is and how quickly it can be taken from us. She is truly with God our Father enjoying her just rewards of an eternal life free of pain and suffering. Although you and your family have to remain and endure the heartache our Dear Lord will lift you and carry you through. Our prayers and blessing be with you. Love, Aurelia & Rosemary##imported-begin##Aurelia & Rosemary##imported-end##

September 06, 2006 at 03:43 PM



“ LAUREN OFTEN HAD SALT SCRUBS IN MY SPA, AND IM THANKFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW SUCH A WONDERFUL PERSON. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOUR FAMILY.##imported-begin##KRISTIN CARPENTER##imported-end##

September 06, 2006 at 03:33 PM



“ My heart goes out to the Boiteau family. My prayers are with you in your time of grief & I am happy you were able to spend many joyous years with her.##imported-begin##Bryan Horton##imported-end##

September 06, 2006 at 02:49 PM



“ You continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. It was a beautiful service yesterday. All that were there appreciated the time you put in getting it together. Let us know if there is anything we can do. Love, Betty and herb###imported-begin##Betty and Herb Roos###imported-end##

September 06, 2006 at 02:41 PM



“ Lauren was a beautiful soul that touched anyones heart who was around her. Even through her struggles I only have memories of her laughter's, her seinfeld quotes, her endless enjoyments in life, and her compassion for those around. Even at her youngest ages she seemed filled with wisdom and determination for a life that others often take for granted. She has taught me more about bravery and love than I thought anyone ever could.

Your family is in my thoughts daily. She will be missed immensely by us all.###imported-begin##Andrea Giangiorgi###imported-end##

September 05, 2006 at 06:33 PM



“ Our hearts go out to you in this time.

Larry and Susan Pattengill###imported-begin##Larry Pattengill###imported-end##

September 05, 2006 at 02:27 PM



“ Ruth, Richard, Matt and Tim,
Matt and I are so sorry for your loss. Lauren was a wonderful person. We admired her ability to always greet us with a smile and have such a positive outlook on life even though she was so ill. We will miss her.##imported-begin##Sarah Giangiorgi Smuro##imported-end##

September 05, 2006 at 12:40 PM



“ My dearest sympathies for your loss. Lauren made her mark in Hartsville and will always be remembered in the hearts of her family and friends. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.##imported-begin##Mark Dickinson##imported-end##

September 05, 2006 at 11:16 AM



“ Dear Dick and Ruth:
I am so sorry to hear of Loren's passing from this awful disease. Dick, as you may recall, my mother-in-law died of this very same disease when I was working for you. I understand what Loren, and you as parents, have been through. My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this painful time.
Most sincerely,
Cindy Walker##imported-begin##Cindy Walker##imported-end##

September 05, 2006 at 10:28 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Remember all the wonderful times that you shared together--they will get you through this. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Anna Gore##imported-end##

September 05, 2006 at 10:17 AM



“ *Ruth:*
I can't even think of words for your loss. Lauren was such a trooper and so were you. She fought hard and we all thought she had made it, but God saw a better place for her. She had the sweetest smile and I can just see her smiling and saying I'm home. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May Gods riches blessings be with you.##imported-begin##Janelle Britt##imported-end##

September 05, 2006 at 09:38 AM



“ *Dear Mr. and Mrs. Boiteau,*
My heart goes out to you during this time as I can only imagine the loss you are experiencing. Thinking of Lauren always brings a smile to my face; remembering our times dancing together and how she always made it so much fun. It brightens my day just to see her face in my mind and hear the tapping of her toes. Lauren had great courage and did so with such grace and a sweet spirit - we will all miss her and will always be blessed by her memory.##imported-begin##Merri Shannon Lunn##imported-end##

September 05, 2006 at 08:31 AM



“ *Dear Boiteau family,*
I wanted to give my condolences to you and your family. I understand this is a very difficult time in your life. But remember, God has just gained his very own angel. Take care, and may God Bless
Sincerely,
Ekta Patel##imported-begin##Ekta Patel##imported-end##

September 05, 2006 at 03:36 AM



“ *Dear Boiteau Family
My thoughts and Prayers are with you through this rough time in your life! Lauren was such a great person as well as a friend! I had so much fun dancing with her for many of years. We will all miss her terribly!*
Love
Emily Brewer

September 05, 2006 at 12:54 AM



“ *I am very sorry to hear of your loss, and please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. What a beautiful difference one single life made.*

September 04, 2006 at 11:39 PM



“ *Im sorry to hear about your lost.*

September 04, 2006 at 06:12 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Lauren was truly a blessing to my life. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

September 04, 2006 at 04:57 PM



“ Dear Richard, Ruth, Matt, and Tim-
My heart aches for the loss of Lauren. I know what a comfort and joy was to you. I know I enjoyed the time I spent around Lauren. I pray that the precious memories of your time with Lauren hold you and comfort you in this time of need. You're all in my prayers.##imported-begin##Megan Harris##imported-end##

September 04, 2006 at 04:27 PM



“ Our family's thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of sadness.##imported-begin##Caroline Wilson(Megan Harris' Mother)##imported-end##

September 04, 2006 at 03:45 PM



“ Dick and Ruth,
Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. We loved Lauren. She had great courage and she just kept going no matter what the odds. We remember all of you with great fondness. Love and prayers.
Ben and Dora##imported-begin##Ben and Dora Gafford##imported-end##

September 04, 2006 at 08:37 AM



“ Dear Boiteau Family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you. Lauren's bright smile and contagious laugh made our days at high school even better. She will be missed by all. Thinking of you, Meredith Reaves##imported-begin##Meredith Reaves##imported-end##

September 04, 2006 at 01:58 AM



“ Dear Ruth and Dick,
It was so sad to hear about Lauren- she and your whole family have been through so much- at least her suffering is over but yours is probably just beginning. I was constantly amazed at all your strength through the years and hope you will find comfort some day. I will keep you all in my prayers- Susan##imported-begin##Susan Lellis##imported-end##

September 03, 2006 at 07:52 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Boiteau family. Lauren was truly and inspiration to all who knew her. There were many days that she'd come to school and I knew that she wasn't feeling well. Nevertheless, she always had a smile on her face and brought one to mine as well.
May the Grace of God comfort you during this time and the days to follow. Matthew 5:4##imported-begin##Jessica Gainey##imported-end##

September 03, 2006 at 05:45 PM



“ My prayers are with the Boiteau family during this time. Lauren made me laugh many times during high school and I am so glad to have known her.##imported-begin##Danielle Hodge##imported-end##

September 03, 2006 at 04:53 PM



“ I cannot express the grief that overcame me when I saw your Lauren's name on the visitation list of BPA. I remember Lauren as a child at St. Luke. My daughter, Caroline Terry, lost her battle a little over a year ago at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, GA. She too, was a student at USC when AML changed our family in an instant forever. The grief that you are feeling, I believe, is intensified by the amount of love you have for your precious Lauren. Too, everything seems so surreal and out of order when your young vibrant beautiful child that God intrusted to your care is seemingly "snatched" from you in what seems like a blink of an eye. There are so very many emotions that you will experience that appear at times to come out of no where and hit you at odd moments when you hear, see, touch or smell something that triggers memories - for me especially relating to the medical journey. Even though we "know" the uphill battle we face with a terrible life threatening disease, we hope against hope that we will be victorious against that disease. The battle is not just the patient's but involves the entire family. I hope that you may find comfort in the fact that St. Luke provided a strong faith foundation for our daughters. St. Luke also provided a wonderful loving extended church family who will continue to nurture and pray for your family during this darkest hour. I believe that as we raised our young daughters for their future, God had a plan for them which we will never understanding while here on this earth. I believe that your Lauren, like my Caroline, had an angel spark about her even at an early age. Yesterday I spoke with a woman that lost her child 7 years ago. She shared her christian thoughts and feelings with me. She told me that God hand picks his flowers for his garden in heaven. She also told me that the loss remains raw for her even after 7 years. She told me that she is troubled most by not being able to have a two way talk with her child, but she can talk to God and HE can talk with her child. Lean on HIM with all your might. He'll carry you through as he is for me and my family but it isn't easy by any means. I will pray for your family daily and if you should ever need a listening ear remember that I'm on the same road...just about a year ahead. My home phone is 843-383-1601. And one more thing...I saw the love and care that you gave to

*Lauren during her illness as a young child in the past. You have a lot to be proud of, you gave it your best and it is very hard, exhausting, straining work. May God bless you, comfort you and give you peace. In Chrstian Love,
Rebecca Skinner-Fulmer###imported-begin##Rebecca Skinner-Fulmer###imported-end##*

September 03, 2006 at 03:00 PM



“ *I always was amazed at Lauren's incredible strength and tenacity...she kept on trying no matter what obstacle she was dealing with at the time. I think about her cooking, riding my horse, laughing at our ridiculous jokes, sharing lunches with us and shopping. We should all have a fraction of her courage. I will miss her. Love you all.###imported-begin##Connie Giangiorgi###imported-end##*

September 03, 2006 at 11:45 AM



“ *Words certainly cannot express ones feeling at this time. The prayers and thoughts of friends are a comfort, but only time and HE will heal. Lauren, who is in HIS hands now, is looking from above at her family, who loved her to the fullest, and her friends who cared so much for a special young lady. My memories of her and the entire Boiteau family are special, and my prayers are with all at this time. Ray Sowell###imported-begin##Dr. Ray Sowell###imported-end##*

September 03, 2006 at 08:24 AM



“ *Lauren was a wonderful, caring person and my prayers are with you all during this time.###imported-begin##Amanda Baxley###imported-end##*

September 03, 2006 at 07:19 AM



“ Tim and Matt, There are no words that can comfort you right now in your time of grief. God has truly gained an angel. May he comfort you and embrace the family during this time.##imported-begin##Rebecca Waldsmith-Kelly##imported-end##

September 03, 2006 at 07:04 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time.. God is in control and will give comfort. Love and peace through Jesus Christ,##imported-begin##Linda Angel Lane##imported-end##

September 02, 2006 at 03:42 PM



“ We wanted to tell you how sorry we are for the loss you are feeling right now. Lauren was a very special soul who was spirited and strong like her parents. We will be praying for you as you look for peace - its there. We promise.
Love,
Buddy and Kathy##imported-begin##Buddy and Kathy Baxley##imported-end##

September 02, 2006 at 01:25 PM



“ Dear Dick, You and your family are in my prayers and thoughts during this most difficult time. There are no words to express how my heart aches for you all. With deepest sympathy,
Rachel##imported-begin##Rachel Doyle Medlin##imported-end##

September 02, 2006 at 11:39 AM