



Laura Ann Frye

April 4, 1961 - May 3, 2024

Laura was born on April 4, 1961 in Wiesbaden, Germany to Harry Frye, Jr. and Geraldine Edwards Frye. She moved to the states as a child and she and her family eventually settled in Amarillo, where she graduated from Amarillo High School in 1979. She then attended West Texas State, receiving her BA in journalism. She worked as an editor and a journalist for the Lubbock, Stamford, Amarillo and Borger newspapers. She also taught journalism and photography at Borger High School. Later in her career, she published over 100 books under the pen name Melinda Barron. She was an cat lover and cherished her kitties. In her free time she enjoyed listening to 80's rock such as Van Halen and KISS, collecting Harley Davidson memorabilia and was a die-hard Dallas Cowboys fan. She became an avid Star Wars fan while she worked at a local movie theater when the first movies came out. Above all, she loved her family and loved spending time with her nieces and nephews.

She is survived by her 2 brothers, David Frye and wife Anne of Canyon and Daniel Frye and wife Lisa of Amarillo; 2 sisters, Cyndee Foley and Janet Sorenson, both of Amarillo; 9 nieces and nephews; 10 great nieces and nephews and her beloved 3 kitties.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorial contributions be made to: St.

Paul on the Plains, the Rector's discretionary fund-Frye: 1510 Ave X,
Lubbock, TX 79401 or to <https://stpaulslubbock.com/>, please note Rector's
discretionary fund- Frye; or to Lost Pets of Amarillo, <https://www.lostpetsofamarillo.org/>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Services

JUN 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Peters Episcopal Church
Amarillo, TX 79106

Tribute Wall

SK

“*Laura was one of my oldest and dearest friends. She was one of the first people I met when we moved to Amarillo in 1973. We would spend the night and sometimes the weekend with each other growing up. Sometimes she would be in one room and I in another both of us reading books but comfortable in just being close by. She was a dear sweet soul. When my Dad had a severe injury that required being moved to a nursing home Laura was there helping in any way she could both while I was in town and when I had to go back home but my sister came to finish arrangements. Laura was instrumental helping us both. Laura, you have been a dear friend these past 53 years. I miss you terribly but am glad you are at peace. I will always love you. Susan*

Susan Keophila - May 16, 2024 at 08:34 AM

SK

“*Susan K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laura Ann Frye.*

Susan K. - May 16, 2024 at 08:23 AM

VM

“*Laura was my roommate when we were in college. She was such a kind and gentle soul, but don't take that for weakness. She was such a strong and supportive friend as well. Rest in peace, sweet lady.*

Vicki Matthews - May 07, 2024 at 05:02 PM

LD

“*Laura, I learned so much from you when we worked together at the BNH. You were a wonderful writer, and working with you and getting your feedback made me a better writer. You were so fun to work with, and so interesting and kind. You also had a wicked funny sense of humor. Rest easy, my friend.*

Lisa Duncan - May 07, 2024 at 04:28 PM

DW

“*This is such sad news. Laura was in our Bunco group for several years and we all had a great time. She had a great sense of humor and because her sister, Jan, also played Bunco with us, we all learned a great deal about Laura. She will definitely be missed.*

Dian Wheeler - May 07, 2024 at 04:18 PM

CB

“*Laura was always a favorite of mine. I loved visiting with her at family gatherings. When she was the editor of the Borger newspaper, I loved reading her editorials. She often mentioned two of my favorite people in her articles, Braden and Keegan Frye, my grandsons and her nephews. I would often see her about town and visit with her at restaurants or while filling our cars at gas stations. As the years went by, I didn't see her as often but always enjoyed seeing her. She will be missed.*

Cathey Baxter

Cathey Baxter - May 06, 2024 at 08:00 PM

TF

“ *My dear friend. What can I say that hasn't already been written to you in prayer. I would not be who I am today had you not been in my life. I would not be the author I am had we not worked together. You inspired me so much. My heart aches that you are gone. I look around my home and see the precious gifts you have sent me through the years. Your books line my shelves. Memories spanning over almost two decades of friendship. The words of comfort we gave each other through times of trial and loss— my heart hurts with this loss. I love you, Laura. I will see you in the afterlife, my friend.*



Tia Fanning - May 06, 2024 at 04:44 PM