



Ms. Laura Lula Hunter

May 27, 1955 - January 4, 2019

Her Story:

Laura Lula Hunter was born on beautiful sunny Friday on May 27, 1955 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Laura was the loving daughter of Denton Reece and Mary Ellen Hunter and welcomed into the world by her big brother Denton Reece, Jr. Laura grew up and graduated high school in North Braddock, Pennsylvania and after high school was a long time resident of Michigan, finally making her home in Westland, MI. She obtained a Bachelors Of Arts degree at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana and a Masters of Public/Private Management at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Laura began her career at the Ford Motor Company in Livonia, Michigan, followed by successful management positions at Kaiser Aluminum and finally ending her automotive career of close to thirty years at General Motors Corporations. During her long career Laura gained the love and respect of many of her colleagues who remained wonderful friends until the day of her passing. In later life Laura enjoyed teaching and sharing her knowledge at Schoolcraft College. She was employed by H&R Block for many years and always look forward to the upcoming tax season.

Laura remained extremely active with both the Purdue and Carnegie Mellon alumni organizations. Generously giving of her time to ensure success of

alumni functions and always promoting Purdue & Carnegie Mellon Universities. Go Boilermakers!

Laura was a devoted daughter who was the primary care-taker for both parents in their later years, all while maintaining a full time career. She was blessed with wonderful friends and neighbors with whom she and her parents spent many a weekends and holidays laughing, eating and simply enjoying life.

Laura passed away in her home on December, 28, 2018 due to heart complications.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Laura Lula Hunter*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *My husband and I met Laura at Purdue some 40 plus years ago. We remain close all these years. At Purdue she introduce us to Mary Ellen and Denton and they were guest in our in California. Mary Ellen and Denton were our friends also until their passing. Laura and I would spend hours on the phone. I recall once I was driving from LA to Vegas and we talked on phone during the entire drive. She and I shared inside jokes about family members and college classmates. I will miss Laura very much. I thank god for bringing her into my life because Laura brighten it with her humor and loyalty. The countless funny stories, pictures and memories of Laura will not mend the hole that her passing has left in my heart.*



Lackey

Darrick Lackey - January 25, 2019 at 11:27 AM



“ *Her friends at MCWT Foundation purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ms. Laura Lula Hunter.*



Her friends at MCWT Foundation - January 25, 2019 at 11:08 AM

LD

“ I meet Laura in Feb 1983 when we both hit town (Marion, IN). We quickly became friends and she became my sister. The bond we developed was a wonderful ride! What didn't we do ... laugh, fight, work, shop, travel, play, etc ... Mr. and Mrs. Hunter also became my adopted parents. Anything Mr. or Mrs. Hunter asked me to do “I DID” ... usually it was “Lonnie make sure Laura do this or that”! After her parents got sick she dedicated her life to taking care of them until their passing.

This is hard, too many great stories that I could tell and so many great memories that I will carry. Over 20 years ago Laura and I started reference each other as Baby Baby Baby (BBB). I was BBB #1 and Greg was BBB #2 . BBB will always be within my heart and with many others that loved her. "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

With loving memories (Lonnie “Ray” (BBB#1))

Lonnie Dykes - January 24, 2019 at 07:47 AM

“ Many times we wait until a friend has died to tell the world what a wonderful person they were, and I’m just as guilty as the next person about that. Today, I would like to pay tribute to a very dear friend and pray that God will allow me to be present her as she is presented with her “Crown of Glory”. Over the years, she taught me that we could be friends with pretty much anyone if we gave it time. Her sudden death came with so many questions, lessons and memories - lately, it’s like she is painted all over the streets.

I met Laura over forty years ago in college and ours wasn’t friendship at first sight. In fact I didn’t like her – the girl was arrogant. But, I was friends with her other friends, so we used to talk a little. We became close in college and working at Ford. I realized that behind the arrogant young lady had been a macho act for the world from a vulnerable girl. And I prodded until I broke through that wall and made her relaxed around me.

Let me describe my friend. Laura was the most focused and intelligent 63-year-old that I knew - no wonder she used to refer to herself as “bigger brains”. You would think she either manufactured or was a magnet for brilliant ideas. The amazing thing about all her ideas is that directly or indirectly, they were meant to help people. She was a very good listener – she always listened, no matter how trivial the problem was. Laura always wanted to be strong for everyone and hated being vulnerable. As the rest of us would whined about life, she was always the optimistic one. She was a role model to so many of her friends.

One of my most memorable moments is the night we drove to Chicago in a snow storm. I had just received my driver license. She refused to drive. Another moment was driving to Chicago after being laid off in 1980 with “no” money. We didn’t have enough gas to get to Chicago. We stop at a gas station and the manager gave us gas because we promised to bring money back. Regardless of all the craziness that we performed in the past, she won the award of Best Friend over the past forty “plus” years. She continued to be a

person that offered comfort; fun and motivation for the things that I need to do in life. She also introduced me to her friends Lonnie Dykes, Greg McClendon, De De, and Marian.

I will certainly miss our nights talking for hours on the phone, laughing about how our lives as changed so drastically over the years.

Its okay for me to miss her, it's okay for me to cry. Just know I'll never forget you. This isn't a permanent goodbye. Sometimes, I sit and wonder, if you are standing by my side, giving me the courage, to carry on with pride. I'll hold onto our memories, until this life is done. You will always be in my heart.

Thank you for being there for me always. You were a big influence in my life. Thank you for being a friend.

I will always cherish our friendship - Mabel Davis (at Purdue University my name was Mabel McCallister)

Mabel Davis - January 23, 2019 at 05:37 PM

PM

“ *Pamela D. McNeil lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Lula Hunter*



Pamela D. McNeil - January 23, 2019 at 05:32 PM

PM

“ There are no words to express how I feel, at the loss of my dearest friend Laura. We lovingly referred to each other as Rommie for 45 years. She was a beautiful soul who departed this life, much too soon. I am comforted by the fact that she is finally resting in peace: with none of the stresses of this mundane world. She is now free to spread her wings and soar high among the clouds with the eagles for all of eternity. I know this is just a temporary goodbye, until our spirits find each other again on the other side of the veil.

Pam McNeil

Pamela D. McNeil - January 23, 2019 at 05:24 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Laura Lula Hunter.*



January 23, 2019 at 12:36 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ms. Laura Lula Hunter.*



January 23, 2019 at 09:28 AM

CY

“ Met Laura while working at Amazon for the Christmas holiday. We became friends, we would get off at 6:15 but we wouldnt leave out of that plact until 8 or 9 because we would be talking all that time. She will be trully missed. She was a wonderful person and a very good friend to me.

Cynthia - January 22, 2019 at 11:34 PM

GM

“ Laura Laura Laura! We have argued, fought, loved and traveled the world together! Laura was introduced to me through Lonnie R. Dykes in Southfield, MI in 1991. We instantly became friends and have been friends for almost 28 years. She was my big sister and I loved her with all of my being. We have traveled to Montego Bay, Jamaica. Spent 7 days in Rome, Italy a few years ago. Traveled to Fort Lauderdale and shared hotel rooms many times and laughed ourselves to sleep! I miss her so much....She would talk to me while I would drive back from my hometown of Macon, GA back to Duluth, GA no matter the time of day! Missing my sister today as I just booked a trip back to Jamaica for Spring Break this year!
Love, Gregory B. McClendon

Gregory B. McClendon - January 22, 2019 at 06:25 PM

RM

“ Rosalyn A Miller lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laura Lula Hunter



Rosalyn A Miller - January 20, 2019 at 06:06 PM

RM

“ Laura and I became friends when we both attend Purdue University, West Lafayette In .We lost touch ,but rekindle it 10years ago. I visited my good friend this past Labor day with my sister. What a bless weekend it was. It was like old times back on the yard at Purdue. A special time between 2 old friends. I will always treasure the memories of Laura. My sister, my friend. We always ended our good byes with "Love ya girl".

Rosalyn A Miller - January 20, 2019 at 06:02 PM

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Lynne - January 20, 2019 at 09:11 AM

LY

Laura and I met when we were both 6 years old at summer camp, we became fast friends. We remained in touch most of the years and discussed anything and everything! I will miss my confidant and lifetime pal. She is with our folks now and looking out for all. Sweetie, I love you to the moon and back, now and always!

Lynne - January 21, 2019 at 09:03 AM

RF

“ When she moved to Marion, In. GM plant, we met at the door. Little did I know she was my new boss. We became friends, even more so when she found out my husband & son were graduates of PU. She was a friend like no other. RIP Laura, I LOVE YOU!

Rita M. Faulkner - January 20, 2019 at 08:49 AM

MR

“ Name is Marnie Ruch. I considered Laura a close friend. We both attended NorthRidge Church, and we were both Purdue alumni. Laura was a capable charming loving, caring deciple of Christ. I will miss Laura a lot. I cannot believe we will never share dinner at Outback again and no more Purdue GameWatches. They wont be the same without Laura. Laura was the glue that held Purdue together to me. She made the alumni functions more meaningful to me. I will miss my friend, Laura, a lot. I do not understand. 734-484-4841

Maren Ruch - January 14, 2019 at 05:43 PM

JP

“ Good bye Laura. You were a good friend to so many. I am so sad to learn that you have left us. Love you my friend.

Janette Phillips - January 13, 2019 at 10:35 PM