



Laura Lee Akens

July 8, 1967 - March 6, 2016

Laura Lee Akens, of Warren, passed away Sunday, March 6, 2016, at the age of 48. Beloved daughter of Margaret and the late Ralph. Dearest sister of Carol (Eric) Bogerd and David R. Loving niece of James and Barbara Thomson and Maryjane and Terry Jarman. Also survived by her loving canine companion Danny and several loving cousins.

Laura Lee was born in Warren, MI on July 8, 1967, the first child to Margaret and Ralph. She was intelligent with a gentle, loving and happy nature and was a blonde beauty. She was a great "big sister" to her siblings. Throughout her life, Laura Lee contended with many health issues. She was visually impaired and had a kidney syndrome; however this did not prevent her from participating in dancing, swimming, gymnastics classes, Girl Scouts where she earned a Gold Award, and getting her first job as a paper carrier at age 14. Laura Lee attended Warren Woods Schools, graduating from Warren Woods Tower HS in June 1986. Because she loved working with children, she decided to become a teacher, attended Oakland University, and graduated from Western Michigan University in 1991 with a BA in Special Education of the Visually Impaired. Laura Lee then moved to Fond du Lac, WI in 1991 and then to Beloit, WI in 2002. During her time in Wisconsin, Laura Lee attended graduate school at Western Michigan University, earning her MA in Orientation and Mobility (for visually impaired). She worked in Wisconsin for 13 years before she became ill and returned to Michigan in December 2004.

Everyone who knew her spoke of her devotion and concern for her students. She made many friends in Wisconsin. Also during this time, she took classes and joined the Catholic Church. Her church membership was a source of great pleasure and comfort for her.

Laura Lee's family consisted of her beloved dog Danny. They loved each other very much. Laura Lee passed away at her home in Warren; she will be greatly missed.

Tribute Wall



“ *When Laura and I both worked in Wisconsin, we were practically inseparable. We went out to eat almost every week, and knew every restaurant in the Fond du Lac and Oshkosh areas. We joined the Jaycees together and had fun helping out with their haunted houses. We took dance classes in Madison and would have a day of shopping and fun. We even took a vacation together with our good friend Mary to Cancun. Those years I treasure as some of the happiest in my life; Laura had told me she treasured them as well. I am so thankful she has been a part of my life. Happy memories.*

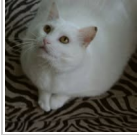
I remember when Laura bought her first house in Fond du Lac. One living room wall was painted a dark red; she hated it. I suggested she paint it, and not just white, but a color she liked. She chose a beautiful shade of light aqua. So the two of us spent a Saturday painting and talking while the paint dried between coats. At first, she didn't think she had it in her to paint a wall, but she found out she had more skill than she thought, and I think we did a great job. When we were done, she was so excited that she wanted to paint an accent wall in every room!

That is a wonderful picture you chose for this page of Laura laughing in the Fall leaves. It makes me smile.

May God give you strength and peace.

Kristin Shumann

Kristin Shumann - March 28, 2016 at 04:55 PM



“ *Kristin Shumann lit a candle in memory of
Laura Lee Akens*



Kristin Shumann - March 28, 2016 at 04:12 PM



“ *Margaret lit a candle in memory of Laura Lee
Akens*



Margaret - March 12, 2016 at 10:20 AM



“ *May her memory always be a blessing to you. ~Jim & Cathrin
Finney*

Cathrin Finney - March 11, 2016 at 04:52 PM

DP

“ To the family of Laura Akens,
I had the pleasure of working with Laura when she worked for CESA 6 in Oshkosh Wisconsin as a teacher of the blind and visually impaired. She demonstrated a strong dedication to the students she worked with and their families. She may not have know it herself, but she was a strong, strong person, and admired by alot of people. She had a quiet personality, and yet funny, so sweet and a delight to know. I know she will be deeply missed by many. My deepest condolences to Laura's family and her sidekick Danny.



Debbie Pinkerton
Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Debbie Pinkerton - March 11, 2016 at 09:12 AM

LA

“ Dear Margaret and Family,
I had the opportunity to know Laura through all her health challenges. It was good to see her fight for her independence. I know she loved her companion, Danny. We had some great conversations during her outpatient visits. She was exploring her faith and now she is in Gods Glory.
All my sympathy,
Laura Resztak
Webber Center



laura - March 10, 2016 at 12:24 PM

Kristy
Wagner

“ *My sympathies to the Akens family during this rough time.* ”



Kristy Wagner - March 09, 2016 at 10:03 PM

KP

“ *~From the Doctors and staff of Warren Woods Veterinary Hospital~
Laura will be fondly remembered for her dedication to her fur baby
"Little Dancer Boy."* ”

She was a loving pet owner who did everything and anything possible to keep Danny healthy and happy. Her sweet and gentle disposition was a joy to work with. She will be deeply missed by all of us. Our deepest condolences to Mrs. Akens, her sister and extended family.

Kathy Pagliai - March 09, 2016 at 08:28 AM

BM

Was always a pleasure to sit with her she taught me alot!

Billie...safety sitter at st.john macomb - March 10, 2016 at 04:04 PM

CA

“ *Carol lit a candle in memory of Laura Lee Akens* ”

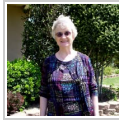


Carol - March 09, 2016 at 06:43 AM

CA

Laura was such a strong, independent young woman who despite everything stacked against her; she was able to drive, graduate from WMU with a Bachelors and Masters Degree, live independently in Wisconsin. I was so proud of my big sister. Going to miss her.

Carol - March 09, 2016 at 06:46 AM



Rest in peace, Laura. I remember you as a pretty little girl. You grew up to be a beautiful woman who contributed much. You deserve a rest.

Ona Tannehill - March 09, 2016 at 07:53 AM

VD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.
Bob and Viola Danza(Clarksville Community Church)*

Viola Danza - March 09, 2016 at 06:01 AM

JN

“ *I miss her already. Joyce the Nurse.*

joyce nieman - March 08, 2016 at 08:54 PM

JJ

“ *Jennifer Jones lit a candle in memory of
Laura Lee Akens*

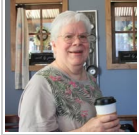


Jennifer Jones - March 08, 2016 at 08:14 PM

JJ

Margaret...I am sorry sorry for your loss. Jennifer

Jennifer Jones - March 08, 2016 at 08:15 PM



“ *Lorraine Anderson lit a candle in memory of Laura Lee Akens*



Lorraine Anderson - March 08, 2016 at 08:10 AM



My sympathies to the Akens family from (Eric Bogerd's aunt.)

Lorraine Anderson - March 08, 2016 at 08:12 AM

JR

Our deepest sympathy go out to the Akens family. You are in our thoughts and prayers from Karen, Rusty and the Clarksville Community Church

James Riley - March 08, 2016 at 07:52 PM

DA

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Danny - March 07, 2016 at 10:27 PM

DA

I miss you mama.

Danny - March 07, 2016 at 10:29 PM