



## Laurel Ann Ryan

October 31, 1954 - May 31, 2017

On Wednesday, May 31, 2017, our sweet friend, sister and aunt, Laurel Ann Ryan left this earth. Born on Halloween, October 31, 1954 in Ft. Belvoire, Virginia to George "Pat" Ryan and Elece Straughan Ryan. Laurel developed a love of travel, music, parades, and the arts from her parents, and shared that love with her 3 sisters. She shared her joy of life with her longtime friend and companion, Shauna Winrow. Shauna stood by Laurel's bedside during this brief illness, before succumbing to cardiac arrest.

Laurel spent her professional life working more than 43 years for LDS Hospital initially, then Intermountain Health Care (IHC). Her warm personality was useful in her career as she assisted with the installation and instruction of various hospital computer registration systems for IHC across Utah, Wyoming and Idaho.

Laurel will always be remembered for her charismatic and friendly persona, unwavering loyalty, giving spirit, and her fun loving humor. She was everyones social director. Those who's life she touched (and there were MANY), will remember Laurel when visiting Disneyland, watching a Jazz game, enjoying a marching band, chilling to Jimmy Buffett, traveling to Hawaii, and breaking out a polka dance.

Laurel is predeceased by her parents, Pat and Elece Ryan. Laurel is survived by her good friend, Shauna. She is also survived by her sisters, Patrece Ryan, Kay (Doug) Baker, and Megan Ryan (Phil Marsh), and multiple nieces and nephews; Sean Carter, Rachel (Aric) Baudek, Chad (Bethany) Baker, Colby (Stephanie) Baker, Kellan Baker, Max Baker, Kathryn (Levi) Winston, as well as great nieces and nephews (16), and great great nieces and nephews (5).

A Celebration of Laurels life will be held on Saturday, August 5, 2017. More information on place and time will follow at <https://www.facebook.com/events/439497213073481/?ti=cl>

"A celebration of Laurel Ryan's amazing and vibrant life will occur on Saturday, August 5, 2017 at Desert Star Playhouse, 4861 State St., Murray, UT. Please join us in your Hawaiia

n, Disney or Utah Jazz gear, to laugh and remember our dear, sweet Laurel. Feel free to drop in to this open house anytime, between 11 AM and 2 PM. Her music will fill the air, her photos will invoke memories and love, while lite refreshments and non - alcoholic beverages will be served. An open microphone will be available for those who would like to say a few words.

A private ceremony for the immediate family will take place at the Valley View cemetery, near Laurel's Mother, at a separate time. The family thanks you for your consideration of our privacy there."

Laurel treasured all of her friends and family. She was generous in the most valuable gift of all: her love and presence in our lives.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the American Diabetes Association in Laurel's name.

We are completely shocked at the passing of our sweet, unique Laurel, and she will be missed dearly. We know that she will be busy finding out the life story of every angel in heaven. How lucky we were to know someone we will miss so much. We'll see you over the rainbow sweet friend.

(Please watch the video link below)

<https://youtu.be/fahr069-fzE>

# Comments

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**Megan Ryan** - June 16, 2017 at 08:40 PM

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“ Laurel was such a beautiful person who could put a smile on anyone's face! I loved seeing her pictures when she would go on her annual dineyland or Hawaii trips! He was such a great person to work with!

**jessica giles** - June 13, 2017 at 10:10 PM

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“ I was shocked and saddened to learn of Laurel's sudden passing today. Laurel and I had cubicles next to each other for a while during our time with Intermountain Healthcare. She traveled a lot so we didn't get to be great friends, but she always had a friendly smile and time stop and chat about her various adventures whenever she was in town! I will always remember the pink flying pig she had floating over her desk...it always made me smile! I know she will be missed! My warmest condolences to her many friends and family. May you be blessed with comfort and peace! Sincerely, Becke Wolf

**Becke Wolf** - June 12, 2017 at 03:12 PM

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“ Similar to many stories on here, I didn't directly work with Laurel at Intermountain. However, when I worked at Lake Park many years ago, a "hallway friendship" was formed based on our mutual adoration of Disneyland. When we would see each other in the walkways, we would stop and visit. The conversation was usually about which of us was going to Disneyland next or stories of a recent visit. It was always a joy to see her and visit with her!

However, the best part of the story happened a few years later... I had stopped working at Lake Park and hadn't seen/visited with Laurel for a quite a while. My family and I were at Disneyland waiting for Fantasmic to start. I happened to look over in another section and there was Laurel, also waiting for the show to start! We caught up a bit and had a good laugh about it =)

I offer my sincere condolences and am heartily sorry for your loss. On a positive note, I have no doubt that she is sharing her joyous spirit with those on the other side =)

Rob Holman

Rob Holman - June 07, 2017 at 10:25 AM

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“ What a beautiful kind spirit. I will truly miss Laurel. One of my first days at Intermountain I sent out an email to my teams offering up candy in an effort to meet people and make friends. She was one of the firsts to stop by and have a conversation. She was so kind and we became friends very quickly. From vacations to remodels we always had something to talk about and that is because she has always been so approachable. I will truly miss her hellos in the hall. :-)

Rest in peace sweet Laurel!

Danielle Ortiz - June 05, 2017 at 05:23 PM

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“ I didn't know Laurel very well at work until my own father passed away. His death affected me in a way I never would have imagined and I know many people did not understand. The morning I returned to work after his death, by some "coincidence" Laurel happened to be in the lobby of the building I worked in. She said she had noticed I had been gone and wondered if everything was OK. I began sharing with her and then she shared her parent's story with me. We talked for almost two hours. I was so apprehensive about returning to work, and I know Laurel being at the right place at the right time was more than coincidence. She was my angel that day. I know she was that to many others throughout her life, too. I'm shocked that she is gone, but feel blessed to have known her. Hugs and prayers to all who are feeling the sting of her absence. Rest in peace, Laurel.

**Leisa Hockett** - June 05, 2017 at 01:47 PM

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“ I have had the opportunity and blessing to work with Laurel the last couple of years. I loved working with her and her beautiful smile and willingness to help. I will miss seeing her and working with her. It is a loss to the Intermountain family to have her gone.

Prayers and love to her family.

**Liz Schultz** - June 05, 2017 at 08:42 AM

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“ Laurel was so well lived by all. I never heard her say an unkind word about anyone. She was always so positive and up beat. A great example to all.

**Nita Giles** - June 03, 2017 at 11:40 PM

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“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Serenity Funeral Home - June 02, 2017 at 05:37 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. May God comfort all of you.

**Betty Jean Shaw** - June 03, 2017 at 09:17 AM



“ My prayers and my sympathy to all of you

Kathryn Flores

**kathryn flores** - June 03, 2017 at 01:33 PM



“ My condolences to you my friend Patty and the rest of your family

Rad Harripersaud

**Radhika Harripersaud** - June 04, 2017 at 02:48 PM



“ I went to high school with Laurel and lived just a few houses from her. She was such a fun loving sweet friend. May her family find peace. Kelly (Frew) Horne

**Kelly** - June 04, 2017 at 05:53 PM



“ Loving thoughts to Shauna and the rest of Laurel's family. Laurel will be sorely missed.

**Susan** - June 04, 2017 at 06:48 PM



“ So sorry! Sending love to Shauna ( miss you) & to the family!!!

**Karla Hendrickson** - June 04, 2017 at 08:22 PM



“ I miss her so much...there wasn't a day go by that she wouldn't IM me and ask 'So how is life'...Laurel always accepted everyone, she took me under her umbrella of friends in 10th grade, she got me my job at Intermountain Healthcare and we have been great friends for the past 48 years. She is such a wonderful example to everyone that has ever been in contact with her, even strangers. Loving, Caring, Happy, Social 'Light'! I miss you Laurel and my heart goes out to Shauna, Kay, Mimi and Patty....

Robyn Sloan Hansen

**Robyn Hansen** - June 05, 2017 at 11:26 AM



“ I've just been a mess all day long, since I found out. I was Laurel's hair stylist for, I don't know, 25 or more years. She is very dear to me. I have so many fond memories of our times together. The last time I saw her, which was just a few days ago, she seemed to go out of her way to talk to me more than usual. I wonder, did she know, on some level, that that would be the last time we would be together. I wish I had told her that night how much I loved her and how special she was to me.

**Claudette Saville Felice** - June 05, 2017 at 11:24 PM



“ I am so shocked to hear of Laurel's passing. I have known Laurel for many years at Intermountain. My thoughts and prayers go out to all her family and friends. She always had a warm smile for everyone.

**Nancy Baxter** - June 06, 2017 at 09:46 PM



“ Shauna, my thoughts are with you during this difficult time of loss of a dear friend. May you find comfort and peace through the many memories you shared together.

**JANET NERDIN** - June 10, 2017 at 09:40 AM



“ Shauna, I just found out about Laurel's passing. I am shocked and saddened. I can't imagine the grief and pain you must feel, and I hope you can find peace and comfort knowing you have so many friends who care for you. If you need a shoulder or a friendly ear, please reach out. I'm only a few blocks away. 801 230 2785

**Tony Butterfield** - June 13, 2017 at 09:45 PM



“ Laurel was the person that introduced me to the music of Jimmy Buffett, who is to this day my favorite musician. I knew Laurel through Intermountain Healthcare since the late 90's. She always brought fun to what ever situation we were in, be it a meeting or just hanging out. Even though we worked at opposite ends of the state, I considered her a friend. I will miss you Laurel, sail on and have a Cheeseburger in Paradise for the both of us.

**Verlene Lewis** - June 30, 2017 at 02:35 PM