



Laurie Anne Gardner

July 6, 1967 - November 30, 2017

Laurie Anne Gardner, age 50, died Thursday, November 30, 2017 in Holly, Michigan.

She touched so many.

She is mourned deeply by her family and will be greatly missed.

Tribute Wall

SR

“ *LA, i think of your often, and miss you. Especially when my Bears and Hawks are playing your Lions and Red Wings. You are one of my first friends when i moved to LA, and we were in the cast of South Pacific. And trusted me to NOT drop you on the 'fallback' during the Honeybun number. You were an amazing talent that burned out to quickly...*

Scotty

Scott Rosen - December 14, 2023 at 02:14 PM

MT

“ My husband and I went on the Norwegian Gem with another couple in 2011. On the very first night, the other couple and I were sitting in a lounge, watching karaoke, and we were really bored. All of a sudden, my husband came in and said that he had found a fabulous, beautiful, singer/entertainer in a piano bar. We rushed over. It was Laurie Anne, of course. We never missed a show for the rest of the cruise, and were then fortunate enough to see her on a cruise in Hawaii in 2014, as well. We also went to see her at a small concert in New York City in between the two cruises. Now that I know how she passed, I keep thinking of a day on the Hawaii cruise, when my husband and I were heading somewhere together, and we passed by Laurie Anne, who was sitting in a pool lounge chair reading. She stopped us and wanted to talk. She seemed so sad, shockingly different from how she presented herself every night, not the same woman who always won awards for being the favorite entertainer on almost every ship, She was telling us about how poorly she felt she was treated by Norwegian and how little respect she felt she was given by the cruiseline, in terms of money, accommodations, etc. We talked with her for a while, totally in shock. But, that night, true to form, she put on her happy smile and her kooky outfits and became the amazing presence of Laurie Anne Gardner, superstar! We have gone on several other Norwegian Cruises, and no other entertainer that they present can hold a candle to Laurie Anne. They truly had no idea what a Gem they had.

Melodie, NY

Melodie T - December 20, 2017 at 02:48 PM

TI

“ I knew Laurie in Nashville, never made one of the cruises.

When I first met Laurie she was working at a convenience store near Murphy Rd and spotted something on my t-shirt about a film, she immediately said hi, and we struck up a conversation and friendship.

At that point I didn't know of her singing and impressive talent, I'd only learn of that later at birthday party for a good friend.

We began emailing and chatting on AOL and to be honest, I had somewhat of a crush on her and hoped it could blossom into something more, it didn't, but we remained friends for years, though mainly via email and occasionally on film and video sets.

Now then, the birthday party, it was a surprise party for a good friend, and I didn't even know Laurie would be there. But once the surprise happened and every scream out their HAPPY BIRTHDAYS, then, at that moment and for the first time for me, Laurie sat at the piano and began to play and sing. I was amazed at her talent, and when I heard later she had started working the cruise lines, I thought, that is perfect for her, she's a natural.

The last time I saw her was a few years ago in Nashville where she was making part of her promotion video, which you can see on Youtube.

I am saddened by her loss and want her family to know she was and is loved and WILL be missed by many.

I didn't know of her depression, fortunately for me, I only knew of her successes, getting the job with the cruise lines, buying a home, fulfilling a dream.

I knew she was someone who loved God and while she is gone in body, her spirit and memory lives on and will certainly for the

remained of my life.

God bless you Laurie; it was a pleasure to have known you. I will see you again.

Tim in Nashville

Tim - December 14, 2017 at 03:35 PM

JU

“ One evening years ago aboard the NCL Gem, my wife and I happened upon Laurie performing in the piano bar. Luckily for us, it was early in the cruise -- Laurie was so talented, so warm, and so entertaining, that we went back every single night. That first night, she asked me what kind of music I enjoyed. I said "show tunes. Andrew LLOYD Webber." She said she did not have any of his music. The next evening, when Laurie saw us entering the piano bar, she started playing a Lloyd Webber song. She was that special.

We are so sad to learn today of Laurie's passing, Our prayers and sympathy to all of her family and friends. We hope that you find comfort in your memories. Laurie touched many people.

Thank you Laurie, may you rest in peace.

Judith

Judith - December 10, 2017 at 07:50 PM

Jl

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Jim - December 05, 2017 at 09:39 PM

PA

“ Laurie was a kind hearted friend that always placed others before her own needs.

She was a triple threat in the entertainment business! A great actress, singer and musician.

She will be missed by many adoring friends and fans.

Heaven is a brighter place since her arrival.

God bless you Laurie. Keep your foot in the pearly gates so, the rest of us have a chance to get in.

You raised the bar high when it comes to friendship!

Paul Allen.Powers - December 05, 2017 at 06:17 PM



“ LAURIE WAS A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE FOR MANY YEARS I THOUGHT I COULD HELP HER GOING THROUGH DEPRESSION ETC ,I'M VERY SADDEN BY THE LOSS AS SHE JUST TEXT ME,SUCH A SAD LOSS WILL MISS HER ALWAYS. DENIEL EDWARDS. 12-5-17

Deniel Edwards - December 05, 2017 at 02:09 PM



“ Sending our thoughts and prayers to the Gardner family. We will miss Laurie! Heaven gained a beautiful singing angel ❤️ Keith and Kim Miller

Kim Miller - December 04, 2017 at 11:19 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



George Barnett II - December 04, 2017 at 06:25 PM



“ I am completely crestfallen - I got the news just now / I met laurie on a (Norwegian) Alaska cruise a few years ago where she worked // I was completely captivated. laurie was always sweet and kind to me but she did not share the same feelings for me that i did for her but she was always, always so sweet to me and really to everyone //. my best to the whole family.

jeff thomassen - December 04, 2017 at 12:13 AM

CS

“ Laurie, Thank you for making my world a better place. You will be missed by many. Prayers for your family during this sad time. Keep singing in heaven. Cindy & Nick Steenstra



cindy steenstra - December 03, 2017 at 11:05 PM

WB

“ Wendy Beckwith lit a candle in memory of Laurie Anne Gardner



wendy beckwith - December 03, 2017 at 09:31 PM

WB

“ My husband and I met Laurie on our cruise a few years ago. We went to the piano bar to watch her perform every night and actually had several conversations with her. She was a beautiful person inside and out. I was saddened to hear this news. Rip Laurie. Wendy Beckwith.

wendy beckwith - December 03, 2017 at 09:31 PM

TP

“ Terri And Kristina Potter-Martino lit a candle in memory of Laurie Anne Gardner



Terri and Kristina Potter-Martino - December 03, 2017 at 03:11 PM



“ *I remember Laurie from kindergarten at Croswell Elementary. There's a cute story attached to that memory, and I wish I'd gotten to know her as an adult. It sounds like she's touched a lot of people's lives in a positive way, and I'm sorry for her loss to all of you that were so close to her.*

Victoria Rich - December 03, 2017 at 02:41 PM

DH

“ Laurie Anne Gardner I wish you could see all the tributes, messages of love and outpouring of sadness for you.

I am glad that we talked in the last couple of weeks as I got to tell you the you where loved, that I loved you. I got to tell you that, you matter, you are beautiful not only in appearance but inside your heart and soul.

I got to tell you how much I loved hearing you play “Scenes From an Italian Restaurant” your way, how only days before as I listened to Billy Joel’s version, I wondered how Laurie Anne would play it? You rocked it, as I knew you would,

I know we only spent a week together, but from my arrival on board as you spied the insignia on my ring that showed we shared the same language of the heart and fellowship of souls akin! We knew instantly that, ours, was a unbreakable friendship of Courage, shared Conviction and Dignity.

I loved that you grabbed a handful of bread from the dinning room as we left to snorkel in Cabo and how the fish swarmed around us because of your larceny, tearing the bread in a crazy frenzy, right from our fingers. An experience that only you and I shared as the other guests swam in a virtual devoid of fish. They did not have the fun loving mischievous friend that I was lucky to have.

I loved running with you in the gym on the treadmills and how, if you noticed 5 minutes into our 30 minute run how I was huffing and puffing you only smiled and kept on going.

I will always cherish our sharing prayers together in the ships Chapel. I have never done that with anyone else. We will touch base everyday from now on as we hear each other in my morning prayers

Thank you for reaching out to me, I am honoured that you trusted

me to listen to you share part of your pain and that in some little way, helped you with some rays of hope on those days.

You are loved by so so many and your leaving us so soon in life is a terrible heartbreaking loss. Your pain has ended, ours is only beginning.

Good bye Laurie Anne, your candle burned out long before your legend ever will.



David Hopkinson - December 03, 2017 at 01:16 PM

LF

“ *I met Laurie on the Carnival cruise line she was one of the many entertainers ob board but she was the only one i saw each night. She had a viice that was so upbeat and awesome i am very sadden to hear of her passing. I actually had the opportunity to talk with her after her performance she was such a sweet and wonderful person i am glad i had the opportunity to have met her! I know from everyone she is a huge loss and will be greatly missed!!! My heart and prayers go out her family in this very sad times. Laura Fiser Palm Beach Gardens,FL*

Laura Fisher - December 02, 2017 at 10:03 PM

M(

“ Marie Zappella (Snay) lit a candle in memory of Laurie Anne Gardner



Marie Zappella (Snay) - December 02, 2017 at 09:24 PM

JH

“ I am so saddened by this loss of a beautiful and loving, sweet girl. I will listen to the cd you sent to me, with fond memories of you. You told me that I was like a second mother to you and I felt honoured. Sending love and condolences to your family.

Judy Horsfall - December 02, 2017 at 07:07 PM

JH

“ Judy Horsfall lit a candle in memory of Laurie Anne Gardner



Judy Horsfall - December 02, 2017 at 06:57 PM

DH

“ I forgot that Laurie made a cd for me with my favorite song....time to say goodbye I didn't know how much I would treasure that cd till now. I'm heartbroken for the family and for her have been so unhappy

debbie henesy - December 02, 2017 at 05:26 PM

PD

“ Words cannot express the sadness I feel to hear of Laurie's passing. However, I find solace in the memories, kind words, & positive comments shared by others. Laurie was a terrific lady & talented musician/entertainer who brought happiness to us all. She was a very special friend to my wife & me & she will be greatly missed. May she rest in peace. I send my deepest condolences to her family. Paul & Ellen Dennis

Paul Dennis - December 02, 2017 at 04:59 PM

GL

“ Gail Leppert lit a candle in memory of Laurie Anne Gardner



Gail Leppert - December 02, 2017 at 03:52 PM

ST

“ My dearest Laurie I will love you always and forever. Waiting for the moment to wake up and to realize that this is only dream xxx



Stefan Turcovsky - December 02, 2017 at 03:30 PM

 Carol Bee

Stefan, I hope you are well. We met in Nashville when you came here with Laurie a number of years ago. Many of our hearts are breaking. I need to believe she is now at peace.

Carol Bee - December 02, 2017 at 04:57 PM

DH

“ I wish she was still with us here on earth, but as fate would have it heaven took her. she will be missed by many and was loved by many, just wish she knew how much. RIP sweet angel debbie henesy

debbie henesy - December 02, 2017 at 02:05 PM

DH

“ Debbie Henesy lit a candle in memory of Laurie Anne Gardner



debbie henesy - December 02, 2017 at 01:44 PM

Nikki Winter

“ Nikki Winter lit a candle in memory of Laurie Anne Gardner



Nikki Winter - December 02, 2017 at 12:25 PM

JS

“ We had some great times on the golf course. RIP Laurie Anne.....

Jim Stephany - December 02, 2017 at 11:53 AM

VB

We'll miss you.
Victor Bender

Victor Bender - December 04, 2017 at 06:08 AM

DM

“ *Diane Moss lit a candle in memory of Laurie Anne Gardner*



Diane Moss - December 02, 2017 at 11:28 AM

DO

“ *I met Laurie on a Carnival cruise about 10 years ago. She was a warm soul and my ex wife and I loved going to her piano bar to see her every night. She teased me about my "manly" strawberry margaritas. I was so fond of her. And I had a crush on her. How could I not? I am heartbroken and in shock. For all her family I send love for her. Laurie my dear I will never forget you! God bless you*

David Ortega - December 02, 2017 at 10:24 AM

JR

“ *Jean Risch lit a candle in memory of Laurie Anne Gardner*



Jean Risch - December 02, 2017 at 07:31 AM

JR

I remember her as a teen, so full of energy and just bouncy with a beautiful smile always, deepest condolences

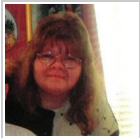
Jean Risch - December 02, 2017 at 07:33 AM

TZ

“ Laurie always lit Up a room when she walked in. In our eyes she was a rockstar. She had a heart of gold. She was loved by so many and will be missed by everybody. She touched so many people lives. I am so happy to have been able to go to a couple concerts with her over last couple years. Always had so much fun. Find peace now dear lady.



Tammy Zimmer - December 02, 2017 at 04:52 AM



“ Janice Fouchey lit a candle in memory of Laurie Anne Gardner



Janice Fouchey - December 02, 2017 at 02:45 AM

JE

“ I met Laurie while acting in *South Pacific*. We became good friends. She would always help me with an audition if I needed it. I took her to see the revamped *Star Wars* in 1997. She had a role in my church's *Passion Play*. She was baptized at *Shepherd of the Hills Church* in 1998 I believe. We attended concerts together, *Phil Keaggy, Paul Aldritch, Chris Falson*. She was my guest at my friend's wedding. We stayed in touch as often as we could. My dad passed away in early November this year and just a few days ago she messaged me to see how I was handling it. She shared her love of the Lord with many people. I can't say any more other than I always told her she was loved. Sometimes when she was hurting inside, she'd call just to talk it out. She gave me a copy of her *Blue Christmas CD* and came to see a staged production of *The Time Machine* that I wrote, she was my guest. I don't have adequate words. She is with God, and at peace, and that gives me peace of mind.

James Egan - December 02, 2017 at 01:45 AM

BW

“ It was nice to have known you my beautiful friend.... thanks for the music Laurie...

Bruce Wheaton - December 02, 2017 at 01:23 AM

BK

“ Beth Kayes lit a candle in memory of Laurie Anne Gardner



Beth Kayes - December 02, 2017 at 01:20 AM

BW

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Bruce Wheaton - December 02, 2017 at 12:24 AM

BW

Having fun with Laurie at the "No Name Bar" in "Cozumel Mexico".... we were snorkelling and swimming.... just enjoying the beautiful day with a few fellow musicians from the ships.....

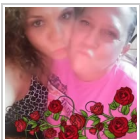
Bruce Wheaton - December 04, 2017 at 06:32 PM

RH

“ *Great memories of Laurie and I spending time together-----whether it was going for a ride on my bike up here, meeting her in Florida when her ship came in, or helping her achieve and get her house going. Watching her do her shows was not only awesome for me to watch, but also a pleasure for everybody that was there. Thank you Laurie for a call or text here and there to keep in touch. My condolences and prayers to her Mom and family for the loss of a 1 of a kind beautiful and talented young lady.*



Ronald Hudson - December 02, 2017 at 12:19 AM



“ *Sue Fielder lit a candle in memory of Laurie Anne Gardner*



Sue Fielder - December 01, 2017 at 11:25 PM

SH

“ Alan and I send our condolences to the family. Laurie was so sweet and kind. She will truly be missed. Our thoughts and prayer are with the family.

shawn Hahn - December 01, 2017 at 10:48 PM

SB

“ I will miss you forever. I love you.

stacey bozynski - December 01, 2017 at 04:44 PM

RW

“ Richard And Judith Woodmansee lit a candle in memory of Laurie Anne Gardner



Richard and Judith Woodmansee - December 01, 2017 at 04:24 PM

RW

“ So sorry for your loss. Laurie was such a treasure to everyone who knew her. She gave us a beautiful wood plaque with our family name and the year we built our home. I wish that we had more time to spend with Laurie. We will not forget her.

Richard and Judith Woodmansee - December 01, 2017 at 04:23 PM