



## Laurie Gilliam

April 21, 1959 - November 10, 2016

Laurie Andrea Lyons Gilliam, age 57 of Saratoga Springs, Utah passed away surrounded and held by loved ones on November 10, 2016 at the University of Utah Medical Center.

Born on April 21, 1959 she was the daughter of Larry and Linda Lyons and daughter-in-law of Dorothy Gilliam. She is survived by her husband of over 31 years, Jim Gilliam; 2 sons, Tyler Gilliam and James P. Gilliam, Jr.; daughter-in-law, Fabiana; sisters, Lonnie, Lisa, Leslie, Lindsey and Lexanne; brother, Logan; two grandchildren, Miguel and Matheus and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her brother Lance.

Laurie graduated from University of Utah School of Law in 1988, earning a Juris Doctor degree. She practiced Family Law for over 17 years.

Laurie loved animals, especially her dogs Daisy, Bailey and Gracie. She was met above by many of our past dogs and pets. She will be one of heaven's newest dog walkers.

Laurie was always willing to help others, going out of her way at times to help someone in need. Family always mattered most to her. She was such an intelligent and beautiful person inside and out. A very caring and compassionate wife, mother and friend to many. Her sons being the men they are today because of her example and love. Her life left this earth too early but "If good things lasted forever, would we appreciate how precious they are?" She was loved by many and will be missed by everyone in life she touched. Her strong spirit will live on.

Funeral Services will be held Friday, November 18th, at 1:00 pm, at the Utah Veterans Cemetery and Memorial Park, 17111 South Camp Williams Road, Bluffdale, Utah, where a Viewing will be held prior from 12:00 noon to 12:45 pm.

Flowers may be sent to Utah Veterans Memorial Park prior to services starting at 10:00 am.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

# Cemetery

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## Utah Veterans Memorial Park

17111 S. Camp Williams Road  
Bluffdale, UT, 84065

# Events

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**NOV 18** **Viewing** 12:00PM - 12:45PM

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**NOV 18** **Funeral Service** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Wish I could just call you and talk.. I miss you ... my hearts heavy everyday ..  
Donna

**Donna Nunes** - December 01, 2016 at 02:00 AM

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“ Poem I read for my Mother at her funeral.

My Mother

I held her hand, as she silently whispered her goodbye  
A last breath, as I watched her die  
Her skin swollen-battered and bruised  
By all the things that they felt, they needed to use

I watched those around me shed their tears  
Utter their goodbyes and words of sorrow  
I was dying inside as they burst into tears  
Knowing that I couldn't, and you wouldn't - face tomorrow

One last time I kissed your face  
And held your hand to touch my cheek  
wanting to carry you away from this place  
My fragile mother who was just too weak

The silence of the machines, now so loud  
Knowing that you have been set free  
I tried to face the waiting crowd  
Anxious and worried, to hear from me

How will I know how to say  
that their sister and friend, is no longer here  
and explain a tragedy to those on this day  
is the last thing, I know, that they want to hear

No strength or energy, to stay calm  
Without you here, I'm nothing but lost  
Is this true? You're actually gone?  
I am not sure, I can handle the cost

It still feels like this is a dream  
Sick to my stomach, this can't be real  
Wake up, wake up, I try to scream  
Surrendering to truth, to which I kneel

This loss will teach me many things  
that I will have to face each coming day,  
Hope and happy memories it brings  
as it guides and helps me on my way.

My life goes on without you  
But nothing is the same  
I have to hide my heartache

When someone speaks your name

You taught me to laugh, held me when I cried,  
You hid all my secrets, to you I'd confide  
You were everything to me, mom, why'd you die.

I will miss and love you, mom, with all my heart  
Until I see you again, we shall part  
Just know, that I would have picked no other  
Than for you... To be my lifelong friend..  
And precious Mother.

**James Gilliam** - November 19, 2016 at 06:21 PM



“ James, the poem was beautiful touched our hearts, made us cry. Wish we had known your mom. She can be proud of you, I know she must have been and we were lucky to get to know you. Know that we care and think about you often. Thanks for all that you have done for Brian.

**Lamond and Doe Platts** - November 19, 2016 at 07:32 PM



“ Absolutely beautiful. What a loving tribute to Laurie, bess you and Laurie. Lots of love in your family.

**Paula** - December 16, 2016 at 02:52 PM

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“ We all have our treasured thoughts & precious memories to bring us comfort. One of our most treasured thoughts is how sweet she looked in her yellow dress when she was flower girl in our wedding 53 years ago.

**Russ & Jolene Lyons** - November 17, 2016 at 12:28 PM

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“ I couldn't really say I have a special memory of Laurie, because all the memories of Laurie were special. She was that kind of person. Always a smile to greet you with and a kind word to share. The week in September when we were together with Laurie and Jim, Scott and Julie, and Jim Rhoda will always be a warm memory in my heart. Dinner with Jim and Laurie at Cooper Hawk was another. My heart goes out to her family, and my prayers are with them as well as Laurie. She touched everyone's life who met her in a positive way, and I'm grateful to have known her so well. Heaven just got a little better and a little brighter.

**Keith Hudgins** - November 16, 2016 at 10:14 PM

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“ September 10th with Keith n Michelle Hudgins ~ RIP Dear Laurie until we meet again

Julie Sommers - November 15, 2016 at 07:54 PM

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“ Dear Jim, James, Tyler n family. Scott and I are so very sorry and cannot believe she's gone. She was such a beautiful, kind, loving soul and she will be greatly missed by all who were blessed to have her in our lives! We have many great memories of Laurie and we're so glad we were able to spend our last vacation together in September. I pray that God continues to surround all of you with love and support... you're in our hearts and prayers. Aloha, Scott and Julie Sommers



Julie Sommers - November 15, 2016 at 07:12 PM

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“ I met you, Laurie through family ties, but I feel that we became friends on Facebook. Whenever I get on now (to FB), I think of you and how I miss your selfies and pics of your family and travels. It's difficult thinking of you not being there to share some laughs and thoughts. We are different in our political views , but I don't think that we ever stepped on each other's toes when it came to that. I will always remember you for your long golden, curly locks, your big blue eyes and sense of humor (we also shared our love of our dogs also). May your life on the other side of the veil be beautiful and sweet. Again, I will miss you! Love ya lots! Sonja



Sonja White Hamilton - November 15, 2016 at 03:44 PM

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“ I met Laurie through a Facebook group. Although I only knew her for a short time she made quite an impact in my life! I'm sorry for the loss of such a wonderful person! My sincere condolences to you and your family.

Lisa Hennessey - November 15, 2016 at 05:40 AM

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“ So sorry for you, and your boys loss

Cary - November 15, 2016 at 12:55 AM

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“ Laurie was a dear friend of mine during our Junior High School and High School Years. She was so much fun! I remember her family well -- all of her sisters and brothers. I remember going to her church services with her family and taking crochet classes with her through her church. I recall one Halloween celebration at her church during our Junior or High school years where the church put on a game of The Dating Game and one of the questions that the male contestant posed to Laurie was "What do you like to do"? and Laurie answered "I'll try anything once!" That was Laurie's spirit! She was strong, smart, beautiful, kind, FUN, and feisty! I feel honored to have the gift of calling Laurie a friend. Thank you God for sharing her with all of us. Please bless Laurie's family and give them comfort and strength. God's and Laurie's arms embracing all of us during this difficult time and forever. Comfort to you dear Jim -- Laurie's love.

Love, comfort and thankfulness for a wonderful woman. Rest in peace dear friend.

With love always, Paula Hultgren-Ruff

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Paula Hultgren-Ruff - November 15, 2016 at 12:34 AM

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“ So so sorry Jim. Even though Dan and I moved away, we will never forget our wonderful next door neighbors. We are truly in shock when we got the news. If you ever need anything please let's us know. Dan and Christina Sorensen.



**christina Sorensen** - November 14, 2016 at 11:47 PM

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“ Jim,  
So sorry for the loss of Laurie, you guys made an incredible couple for so many years. So many people have been touched by both of you over the years. Stay strong, trust in your family and God Bless you, your family, kids, dogs and all of us.  
JC

**Jon Christy** - November 14, 2016 at 08:09 PM



“ I will miss Laurie's humor. May she rest in peace

**Angela Jones** - November 15, 2016 at 02:28 AM

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“ I met Her on Facebook and found her to be kind and encouraging to others. She will be missed.

**Amy Lester** - November 14, 2016 at 07:36 PM

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“ James Gilliam is following this tribute.

**James Gilliam** - November 14, 2016 at 06:14 PM



“ Heartbreaking. I will miss Laurie and her sense of humor.

**Angela** - November 14, 2016 at 10:12 PM



“ So sorry for the loss of Laurie! I worked for her as a legal secretary around 1995. She was a wonderful person to work for an taught me a lot. My deepest condolences to Jim, the boys and her entire family! Kathy Hillock

**Kathy Hillock** - November 16, 2016 at 11:40 AM

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“ Tyler L Gilliam was added to the Family Tree.

**James Gilliam** - November 14, 2016 at 05:46 PM

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**James Gilliam** - November 14, 2016 at 05:44 PM

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“ My whole life is a memory of her.

**James Gilliam** - November 14, 2016 at 05:43 PM