



Laurie J. Svoboda

July 25, 1968 - December 5, 2018

Laurie J. Svoboda, 50, of Upland, NE passed away on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at her home surrounded by her family and loved ones after a battle with ovarian cancer. Funeral services will be on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at New Life Church in Kearney. Burial will be at 2:00 p.m. at the Upland, NE Cemetery. Rev. Roger Wendt will officiate. Visitation will be on Sunday, December 9, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the funeral home and also 1 hour prior to services on Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to New Life Church in Kearney. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Laurie was born in Madison, SD, to Joan (Kahler) Bloker and Harold Bloker on July 25, 1968 and was raised by Joan and Terry Gregor. Laurie spent most of her childhood in the Gregory, SD area. During junior high, Laurie's family relocated to Gibbon, Nebraska where she met her future husband, Rod Svoboda. They started dating while Laurie was 14 years old and Rod was 16 years old. Laurie graduated from Gibbon High School in 1986 and attended Central Community College in Grand Island, NE.

Laurie and Rod were married at the United Methodist Church in Shelton, Nebraska on August 22, 1987 and later were blessed with two wonderful daughters, Rochelle Marie in 1988 and Sarah Renee in 1991. Laurie began

working at KN Energy in 1991, which led them to live in Minden and Kearney, NE before relocating to Littleton, Colorado for 16 years. Later, they relocated back home to Nebraska and settled in Upland, Nebraska in 2018 to be closer to family.

In July of 2018, Laurie was diagnosed with a rare type of ovarian cancer that didn't respond to treatment. Laurie and the family's faith was an instrumental part of her life and the primary focus during her battle with cancer. Anyone who knew Laurie, knew she loved Jesus and her family and always put them first.

Laurie is survived by her husband, Rod Svoboda of Upland, NE; daughters, Rochelle Frost (husband Blake) of Gothenburg, NE and Sarah Barone (husband Tyler) of Littleton, CO; Mother, Joan Gregor of Upland, NE; Father, Harold Bloker of Sioux falls, SD; Brother, Heath Gregor (wife Lori) of Gainesville, FL; Sister, Dawn Kovarik (husband Travis) of Kearney, NE; Sisters, Melinda Sorenson, Alecia Bingham and brother, James Bloker all of Sioux Falls, SD; Grandchildren, Melody Barone, Asher Barone and Otto Frost; numerous nieces and nephews.

Laurie was preceded in death by her adopted father, Terry Gregor.

Cemetery Details

Upland Cemetery

Upland, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 9. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl
2421 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 237-2259
<https://www.hlmkfuneral.com>

Funeral Service

DEC 10. 10:30 AM (CT)

New Life Church
2715 West 39th Street
Kearney, NE 68845

Tribute Wall



“ Laurie J. Svoboda

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Laurie J. Svoboda.



December 09, 2018 at 12:42 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Laurie J. Svoboda.



December 09, 2018 at 12:37 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Laurie J. Svoboda.



December 07, 2018 at 09:20 PM

LH

“ To Rod, Shelly, and Sarah, Joan, Heath and Dawn, and families: Laurie's warmth, kindness, and caring heart has been an inspiration. She will always be remembered. I am so very sorry for your loss. Lana Hatcher.

Lana Hatcher - December 07, 2018 at 08:27 PM

CR

“ I met Laurie when I started with Kinder Morgan and we quickly became good friends. She helped me through a hard time in my life and I will forever be grateful. We continued to work together for 12 years and both ended our tenure there at the same time. Following, we continued to be a part of our prayer group and eventually the same Bible study group, until she moved away to her perfect retirement home in Nebraska. I am so sad her retirement dream was cut short, as was her time with her husband and grandchildren. She left an imprint on the hearts of many and will truly be missed. I am grateful we will get to see her again someday! In the meantime, rest in peace, Laurie! Love you! Crystal

Crystal - December 07, 2018 at 01:54 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Laurie J. Svoboda.



December 07, 2018 at 11:52 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Laurie J. Svoboda.*



December 06, 2018 at 08:50 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Laurie J. Svoboda.*



December 06, 2018 at 06:59 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Laurie J. Svoboda.*



December 06, 2018 at 04:08 PM



“ *May GOD be your strength, your love and your joy in the days ahead. I know that all of GODS promises are yes and amen in HIM. As you are about to lean and fall, just remember all that HE has done and will continue to do for you. He gave you all some precious hours with your wife, Rod. As well as you both, Sarah and Shelley! I love you guys because of JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD and pray that all of you are blessed with HIS presence in the days ahead. Loretta Stubbs is my sister! And my oh my, she was precious!*

Phyllis Duncan - December 06, 2018 at 03:47 PM

IS

“ *Integrity Electrical Solutions purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Laurie J. Svoboda.*



Integrity Electrical Solutions - December 06, 2018 at 11:37 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Laurie J. Svoboda.*



December 05, 2018 at 11:30 PM

NT

“ *I meet Laurie when she moved to Gibbon. It wasn't long and she became one of my best friends. I'll always remember her innocent spirit with love for life and living in the moment. I remember when she met Rod and fell head over heels for him. She knew she found her love. She was a good friend to many and will be missed so.*



Nellie (Woodward) Treadway - December 05, 2018 at 11:21 PM

CH

“ Shelly, I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. It seems like yesterday when she, you and I were attending services at HRA and attending the women's Bible study there. She was so young. I know she was a great blessing to you and her faith was evident to all. May God comfort you and I pray you feel his presence during this time of loss.

Love, Cheryl and Jon Hageman

Cheryl Hageman - December 05, 2018 at 11:13 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Laurie J. Svoboda.



December 05, 2018 at 11:05 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Laurie J. Svoboda.



December 05, 2018 at 11:03 PM



“ Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Laurie J. Svoboda.



December 05, 2018 at 09:48 PM