



Lisa Gail Land Murphy

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Lisa Gail Land Murphy, 46 of Fayetteville, AR passed away Friday, June 2, 2006 in Springdale, AR. She was born February 2, 1960 in Little Rock, AR to John and Bernardine (Narey) Land.

She was a graduate of Mount St. Mary's Academy in Little Rock, AR and University of Arkansas in Little Rock with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications. She used her degree in sales and marketing in the television industry. She was the co-founder for Foundation to Improve & Secure Habitat (F.I.S.H), President of UALR Honorary Broadcast Society, and fundraising chairman for Fayetteville Band Boosters, Marching Bulldog Band. She was a member of St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Springdale, AR.

She is survived by one son, Connor N. Murphy of Fayetteville, AR, her father, John Land and wife Sylvia of Bryant, AR, her mother, Bernardine C. Land of Little Rock, AR, one brother, John R. Land of Little Rock, AR, one sister, Susan E. Holleman of Kansas City, MO, and her paternal grandmother, Pauline B. Land.

A memorial mass will be recited 6:30 PM Monday, June 5, 2006 at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Springdale, AR.

Memorials may be made to the Fayetteville Band Boosters for the Marching Bulldog Band c/o Fayetteville High School.

Visitation Date Time None Visitation Location Service Date Time Monday, June 5, 2006 6:30 PM Service Location St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Springdale, AR



LF

Laura Hastings (Friend) posted:

I'm shocked and saddened to learn that Lisa has passed away. Her friendship has touched me in so many ways. We met in High School, but it was our weekend job at St Vincent's that brought us so close together. Gosh, she always inspired me with her drive and energy; we shared more laughs and tears (mine) in that 6'x6' room we called an office. We kept in touch until she moved away from NLR way back, but I did get to see her at our reunion. She was still the genuine person I knew and loved. My thoughts are with you and your family, Lisa...

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AF

Anne Campbell Fink (High School Friend) posted:

My sister called me today with the shocking news. She, too, lives in Fayetteville and would run into Lisa often. In fact, she told me she had just run into her two weeks before her death. She called the funeral home to find out the cause of death because she was so shocked. Me too... It's not that often that we lose someone so young, but I have no doubt that she is in heaven. We were cheerleaders together at the "Mount" and had many good times. We would "tan" together at P.V.--both of us a little on the pale side but we tried anyway! Connor, even though we don't know each other, I know how you must have loved your mom. I'm sure the hardest thing about her passing was having to leave you behind. Some day I hope you become a dad so you will know the unconditional love that a parent has for their child. I know without a doubt that she had that for you. You have a wonderful family to lean on, and don't be afraid to ask for comfort when you need it. They will all be there to support you like they were for your mom. I'll be thinking of you and praying that you are able to find peace at some point with this sad situation. I loved your mom--she was a great friend. Anne

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BF

Barbara Lensing (Childhood Friend) posted:

To Lisa's family-Lisa and I were classmates at Good Counsel School and became friends from about the 6th through the 8th grades. When I learned of her death in the paper, I was shocked and saddened like many others. Although we hadn't been in contact for many years, I wanted to send a note of condolence to all of you and share a few memories of mine. When I think of Lisa, I remember a very sweet young girl with beautiful long blonde hair. One of the things I remember us doing pretty regularly when we were kids was to meet at my house and walk to the University Mall where we would spend our Saturdays riding the escalators, looking at clothes and following cute boys around! We would practice cartwheels and backbends in my backyard and pretend we were Razorback cheerleaders. Lisa was definitely the better gymnast and passed me up pretty quickly with jumps and flips. She was so talented in that area I really think that - even at the young age of 13 - she would have been chosen a Razorback cheerleader if she could have. After grade school we lost touch, but we ran into each other again by accident when we found we shared the same math class at UALR back in 1980 - I believe that was the year. I sat at the front of the room and she was towards the back so I didn't see her at first. After class was over, though, Lisa came right up to me to say hello. I always admired her gregarious and friendly personality. She invited me to come to her house and study a few times, and we tried, but always seemed to drift off to other subjects and just visit. That semester was the last time I saw or spoke to Lisa, but I have thought of her on occasion, especially when I see little girls in their front yards doing "jumps and flips". Pardon the lengthy note, but I just wanted you to know that even an old friend who she hadn't seen in over 20 years remembers her fondly-- and please accept my most heartfelt sympathies.

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SL

Susan Land (Sister-In-Law) posted:

"There Is No Friend Like An Old Friend" There is no friend like an old friend, Who has shared our morning days. No greeting like his welcome, No homage to his praise. Oliver Wendell Holmes This simple poem reminds me of Lisa and the mornings that we shared. Though they were not as often as we would have liked for them to be. The rare quiet times in our lives sitting outside enjoying nature and a hot cup of coffee. The short time before everyone else would begin to wake up and the busy morning would begin. I will miss those days and Lisa. I appreciate the time her FRIENDS took to come together last night and celebrate Lisa's life and to let Conner know that we are all here for him. She will be missed.

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JF

Janis Cantwell (Friend) posted:

Rick asked me to add this sonnet for Lisa to her tributes. Lisa was once my student and later became my dear friend. She will be missed. Sonnet for a Hummingbird Now a Shooting Star For Lisa - an elegy By Janis Cantwell Like a hummingbird, she gathered the nectar of our essences and mingled us together, Like a hummingbird - iridescent bright- all nerves and quickness, moving through her life's route, darting fast as light, exacting, courageous, At the best of times a reflection of pure joy, the bubble in laughter. Devoted, loyal and generous to those she loved, especially her cherished son, Like a hummingbird she was their fierce defender, a determined foe of those who redirected her purposes. Her bright echo came today to my porch feeder - a lovely flicker of color and motion both fragile yet strong - chattered sharply as it dive-bombed an encroacher. Fast to give, love, offend, defend, forgive, quick in all things Even in leaving life behind. Reflection and self-awareness were not in her nature. She relied on friends to summarize and project the future of her backlash reactions. She kept us on our toes Like a hummingbird, she needed beauty and the ordered life she rarely got, a born director, wanting all surprises and variations self-originated. But life is change and not called to our ends but its own. Our lives will be duller and less luminous. Like a shooting star that lingers in the heavens for a while, I pray the echo of our memories may allow us all to conjure some of her personal magic.ooo

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RB

Rick Land (Brother) posted:

Someone used the word firecracker to describe Lisa! I could not think of a better word and so I repeat it here. FIRECRACKER!!!!!! Lisa was a sister like no other. We were far apart enough in age that arguments were few and I spent more time playing the big protective brother. As I look back I think she let me play that role because she knew I liked it. Lisa had a way of taking control of things around her and it was no different in the hospital. She told them what medications she would take and when. Doctors had to stop and explain each procedure they "suggested" to her satisfaction. The food service people knew when they brought her tray to expect Lisa to view it and immediately have them remove anything she had no intention of eating. As demanding as she was the staff came to love her in two short weeks. Many cried when she passed. I miss my sister as many do. I do believe that she is busy running public relations at the gates of heaven and organizing many changes that other saints may have overlooked. She will be busy and giving orders. My advice to the other saints??? Just stay out of the way and let her go. My love, respect and affections go with her. rick

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Susan Land (Sister-In-Law) posted:

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SM

Sylvia Land (Step Mom) posted:

Lisa was like a sweet daughter to me. I loved her dearly and will miss so very much. Love. Mom (Sylvia)

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SC

Suzanne Graves Whitener (High School Classmate) posted:

I will always remember Lisa being an energetic little firecracker. I spent the night at her house several times in high school. She talked me into buying beer at a local liquor store one time (I think I was 16) - and they sold it to me!! I was so scared. We had a lot of great times together. I was so sorry to hear about her passing. I didn't even know she was ill. I know you all will miss her dearly. I will keep you all in my prayers. Sincerely, Suzanne Whitener

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DP

Don Pfeifer posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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KF

Kathleen Byrne Pursell (Friend) posted:

What great memories I have of Lisa throughout our childhood! Our parents were best friends at that time and when they got together we would have so much fun that we would fake being asleep when it was time to go so they would let us spend the night together! And in the summer going to the lake - Lisa always got so scared when my dad drove the boat too close to the dam! (on purpose just to scare her I think!) And we remained friends all the way up through high school - I last saw Lisa at our high school reunion - I'll always remember her laughing and having such a great time dancing. It was so good seeing her and catching up on her life. I regret not keeping in touch. She was so cute, talented and a great friend! I am so sorry for the hurt you all are feeling at this time, and I pray that the emptiness you feel in your lives and hearts will be filled with wonderful memories. Stay close to each other. You are in my prayers.

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AF

Annette Rogers Gary (Friend) posted:

Lisa and I met in high school and became good friends. I will always remember the good times, her laughter and friendship. I will always hold a special place in my heart for her. I regret we did not stay in touch thru the years but she will be forever in my thoughts and prayers. Annette

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MF

Missy Tiller (Friend) posted:

I worked with Lisa for many years in NWA. The family is in my thoughts & prayers.

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BF

Barbara Miller Illich (Friend) posted:

I am deeply shocked and saddened by the loss. I found out via obit. in today's paper. My prayers go out to her son and family.

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RP

Robert And Joyce Box (Brenda Forthmon's Parents) posted:

We are so sorry. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you .

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BR

Brenda Box Forthmon (Relation) posted:

Lisa was one of my sisters-in-law. It is hard to believe she is gone. Family was important to Lisa, and when she could not come to our Christmas celebration last year, she & Conner played "Dirty Santa" by phone. She was so proud of Conner, as any mother would be!

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TF

Tricia Bartsch Gentry (Childhood Friend) posted:

I will always remember Lisa as a very dear friend. I just heard about her death today at Mass at Holy Souls. I was in total shock!!! My sister Debbie had just seen her a few weeks ago in Springdale and had told her to give me the message to call her. I am very saddened by the news. I will always remember Lisa and our pink and purple polka dot hippopotamus club in the 4th grade at Good Counsel school. Please know that I am praying for all of you. Sincerely Trish

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AF

Angelea Holcomb (Friend) posted:

I was Lisa and Conners stylist for sometime before I closed my salon. I loved them both. I felt very close to them both. Lisa was a good friend and Conner and my son are the same age, so we had a lot in common to talk about. I sometimes felt she came to the shop when she really didn't need anything done but she was trying to help me keep my shop going and she encouraged me. We talked about our boys every visit, she was always talking about Conner. You could hear the love and the way they picked at each other when they were in together, was fun and full of love. I missed them both when I closed, but Lisa mailed me a letter about Conners trip to Calif. and, as we all say, I meant to call and thank her also tell her I did watch for him, and I think I saw him. Of course I put it off and now wish I had called her. I know how proud she was.

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Lisa by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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