



Laurie Ann Taflinger Caldwell

October 5, 1967 - September 30, 2024

Laurie Ann Taflinger Caldwell, 56 passed away peacefully on Monday, September 30, 2024 surrounded by family and loved ones.

Laurie was born in Carbondale, Illinois in 1967, the first of three children to James Taflinger and Mary Emily Oehler Taflinger.

Laurie attended Cairo High School and then completed her Associate's Degree at Shawnee Community College.

Laurie enjoyed working at the Dollar Tree in Cape Girardeau. She was known as a 'people person' with a bubbly personality. Laurie loved being with family, having a margarita with friends and never met a stranger.

She was a devoted mother, sister, friend and aunt to her nieces and nephew. Laurie was a very generous person and continued that until her passing. She graciously donated her liver and helped the life of another person in need.

She is survived by her daughter, Megan Caldwell, father James Taflinger, sister Audrey Taflinger Vincent, brother-in-law John Vincent and sister, Kristie Dawn Taflinger, her nieces and nephew, Natalie, Zach, and Avery Vincent.

Laurie was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Emily Oehler Taflinger.

Visitation Service from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday, October 5, 2024 at Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Funeral Service will be at 12:00 pm Saturday, October 5, 2024 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Private Family Burial will be at Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Villa Ridge, Ill.

Memorial contributions may be given to SEMO Center for Speech and Hearing.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitaion

OCT **5**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
(573) 334-1313
info@fordandsonsfuneralhome.com
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral

OCT **5**. 12:00 PM.

Ford and Son Mt. Auburn Chapel

Private Family Burial

OCT **5** (CT)

Calvary Catholic Cemetery - Villa Ridge
Villa Ridge, IL 62996

Tribute Wall

KS

“ *I haven't seen Laurie in years, but she was always so joyful and truly never met a stranger. Those who had a chance to get to meet her and her to know her were one of the lucky ones. Our sympathy goes out to her family and friends.* ”

KIMBERLY SCHOTT - October 30, 2024 at 10:49 AM



“ *Savory Farmhouse Gift Box was purchased for the family of Laurie Ann Taflinger Caldwell.* ”



October 24, 2024 at 12:06 PM



“ *Met Laurie decades ago in Newman Center at SEMO. One of the bubbliest and cheerful person I've known. A bunch of us went on a youth retreat to Springfield, MO and throughout the long drive there and back, she was one of those who made the journey a lot more enjoyable. Years ago, technology allowed us to reconnect over the miles and while we never had a chance to see each other in person again, the wishes and thoughts and the memories of the days in SEMO and Newman kept us connected. You've gone too soon, my friend. I will miss your smile and your laughter.* ”



Louis TheWanderer - October 09, 2024 at 11:10 AM

TS

“ Toby and Amanda Shreve purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Laurie Ann Taflinger Caldwell.



Toby and Amanda Shreve - October 05, 2024 at 10:48 AM

TP

“ Was saddened to hear about Laurie she was a joy to work with when on Cairo school Board, she will be missed in the Olive Branch community and will miss seeing her on Sundays at Kozy. Prayers for comfort for Jim and family.

Tim and Ilene Pierce - October 05, 2024 at 10:47 AM

AS

“ So sorry for your loss. Sending hugs and prayers for comfort and peace.
- Toby and Amanda Shreve

Amanda Shreve - October 05, 2024 at 10:36 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Laurie Ann Taflinger Caldwell.



October 03, 2024 at 06:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Laurie Ann Taflinger Caldwell.*



October 03, 2024 at 04:48 PM



“ *Sending my condolences and much love. So many great memories of Laurie and all the Taflingers- playing around Laurie-Aud Meadows, catching snakes and speed racing... and of course the ski trips in Montana too. Love you all.*

James Bugni - October 03, 2024 at 12:07 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Laurie Ann Taflinger Caldwell.*



October 02, 2024 at 10:17 PM



“ *I met Laurie when I became Megan's friend in high-school. She was so welcome to me and I loved her as a mother away from home. I was always welcomed there. She also helped me when I was homeless. She always had a kind heart.*



Irene Miller - October 02, 2024 at 10:12 PM

JF

“ Julie and Robert Fitzgerald planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laurie Ann Taflinger Caldwell.

Julie and Robert Fitzgerald - October 02, 2024 at 07:22 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Laurie Ann Taflinger Caldwell.



October 02, 2024 at 07:22 PM

MK

“ I met Laurie at a very vulnerable time in her life. She always had a smile on her face and a kind word. She loved to call me "Christmas Tree" to tease me because I like to put mine up early. Laurie will absolutely be missed here in this life. I just know she's sitting up there in the clouds enjoying a margarita. Rest easy my sweet friend and know that you leave behind a legacy of laughter and joy to all who knew you.



Marcy K - October 01, 2024 at 08:14 PM

WW

“ Laurie was an Amazing friend, Friend of a very long time from Kindergarten through High School, She was a Fun Loving Person & Will be missed. Rest in Peace Laurie you've earned your Wings 🕊️ My condolences & Deepest Sympathy to her Daughter & Her Family !!



Wendy Wissinger - October 01, 2024 at 07:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Laurie Ann Taflinger Caldwell.*



October 01, 2024 at 07:51 PM

 Cyndy Hartline

“ *Laurie had an excitement that was contagious. She will be missed*



Cyndy Hartline - October 01, 2024 at 04:54 PM

SS

We're so sorry! What a sweet sweet lady. We pray for your comfort and peace.

stuart and Kathy Swobida - October 01, 2024 at 07:04 PM

MJ

“ *Megan, I am so sorry to hear about your mom. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. She was so kind to my mom when she lived across the street from her. I hope that you find some comfort in your memories. God Bless. Mrs.Johnson(Monica)*

monica johnson - October 01, 2024 at 02:12 PM

MP

“ *Mark Parham purchased the Enchanted Cottage
for the family of Laurie Ann Taflinger Caldwell.*



Mark Parham - October 01, 2024 at 01:35 PM