



Lael L. Burns

March 28, 1961 - December 6, 2023

Burns, Lael L., December 6, 2023 age 62 of Plymouth. Loving wife of Tim. Loving & Caring mother of Kevin & Suzanna Redick. Dear daughter of Jane & Carrlon Patterson. Dear sister of the late ArJay Patterson. Proud grandma of four. She'll be forever remembered as one of the kindest, most sincere, loving, and caring people you could ever meet. As Tim continues to remark, she was good. She was just a good person through and through without a mean bone in her body. She had her heart in so many circles of friends, touched the lives of so many, and lived her life for others. Whatever she was doing, the emphasis was always on who she could share the experience with instead of what the activity was. A walk wasn't a walk worth taking if it was alone. A bike ride was not a bike ride without companions to share the journey. Our hope is that she's found new companions to share her journey in the next life and she surely has a lot to catch up on with ArJay. She was and will forever be so very loved.

Visitation Monday, December 11th 2-8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Rd. W., (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Funeral Service Tuesday, December 12th 11 AM at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to: Avalon Healing Center

<https://avalonhealing.org/> or Alternatives for Girls <https://alternativesforgirls.org/>

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Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

DEC 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TM

“ Tina Militello-Gasidlo lit a candle in memory of Lael L. Burns



Tina Militello-Gasidlo - March 28, 2024 at 06:42 PM

TM

My heart is broken to read of your passing. Remember how our matching coffee mugs turned into a friendship with many walks & long talks when we needed a break from work. Always thought we would connect again after we had to leave the office. Sending Peace & hugs to your family💕

Tina Militello-Gasidlo - March 28, 2024 at 07:04 PM

GC

“Lael had such a good sense of humor. In the 80's, I had an apartment in Ann Arbor above an old couple who's last name was Below. We double dated, went cross country skiing and returned to my place so I could cook a late breakfast for everyone. Instead I burned the toast, blew all the fuses and the place was black with smoke. Lael laughed and said, " At least everything is okay Below."

Lael was so talented. She was an accomplished flutist. She graduated as valedictorian of her high school class and graduated from UM-Dearborn with a computer degree-she was so before her time. She gave 110% at work and enjoyed all her colleagues. I was secretly jealous of how her house always looked like a magazine but still felt warm and so "Lael."

Lael was so dedicated. She loved her family, friends and neighbors. She and her parents never fully healed from the untimely passing of Arjay. She was a proud mama to Kevin and Suzie. She was so caring when my mother, Suzanna Redick, and Grandma Kochis passed. After the divorce, in true Lael fashion, she continued to be involved with the Redick family, including cousins Lori, Lisa, Carol, Aunt Lois and my family when we visited from California.

Lael was so loved. Memories come flooding back: holidays, sharing our children's baptisms, Yellowstone, Mt. Shasta, Castle Crags, Mt. Lassen, gold panning, horses, redwoods, rafting the Sac, Cherry Festivals, limbo sticks (she won!), tubing, boating, bbq's in Northville, szalonna roasts, soccer, the kids growing up together...My family: myself, Tom (Toby or Toady as she called him), her nephews Danny and Nate (she was always "Auntie Lael"), will always miss her smile and kind ways. We all send our deepest sympathy and love to Lael's family.

Sincerely, Gayle Cramer

Gayle Cramer - December 16, 2023 at 02:18 PM

CA

“ Carolyn lit a candle in memory of Lael L. Burns



Carolyn - December 12, 2023 at 09:28 AM

KS

“ Kimberly S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lael L. Burns.

Kimberly S. - December 11, 2023 at 10:08 PM

LI

“ Lisa lit a candle in memory of Lael L. Burns



Lisa - December 11, 2023 at 10:08 PM

LI

Lael, you will be missed so much on Palmer Street. Always laughing, always thinking about others, you were the life of the party. I know you are dancing in the sky with Jesus! Miss you here already.

Lisa - December 11, 2023 at 10:09 PM

BR

“ Brandon R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lael L. Burns.

Brandon R. - December 11, 2023 at 03:59 PM

JJ

“ *Lael,*

Really enjoyed the block party conversation and laughter that your brought!

John & Lisa Jurecko

John Jurecko - December 11, 2023 at 02:40 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Lael L. Burns.*



December 11, 2023 at 11:25 AM

AM

“ *Allison and Jeremy McKenzie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lael L. Burns.*

Allison and Jeremy McKenzie - December 11, 2023 at 11:24 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lael L. Burns.*



December 11, 2023 at 11:24 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Lael L. Burns.



December 11, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ Murelli's, Nazak's, & Honeycomb Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lael L. Burns.

Murelli's, Nazak's, & Honeycomb Family - December 11, 2023 at 09:19 AM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Lael L. Burns.



December 11, 2023 at 09:19 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lael L. Burns.



December 11, 2023 at 09:17 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lael L. Burns.

December 10, 2023 at 07:58 PM



“ Lael,
Our morning walks and Starbucks in the park
Will never be the same,
Carol Renner
Jody Smith
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Carol Renner & Jody Smith - December 09, 2023 at 06:23 AM



I will miss seeing the 3 of you walking together.

Lisa - December 11, 2023 at 10:11 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Lael L. Burns.



December 08, 2023 at 07:12 PM



“ *My most present memory is of Lael motorcycling in the mud, a long time ago ;what a trooper.*

Jim Coleman - December 08, 2023 at 01:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lael L. Burns.*



December 08, 2023 at 12:56 PM



“ *I was privileged to have known and worked with Lael at Detroit Diesel. She was such a kind nice person. I'm heartbroken to hear she has passed away. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family*

Dawn Sebastian - December 08, 2023 at 12:44 PM



Our morning walks and Starbucks in the park will never be the same

Carol Renner & Jody Smith - December 08, 2023 at 06:41 PM



“ *Joanie Garretson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lael L. Burns.*

Joanie Garretson - December 08, 2023 at 12:33 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lael L. Burns.*



December 08, 2023 at 12:33 PM

ED

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



EDS Detroit Diesel - December 08, 2023 at 12:30 PM

LH

So sorry to hear of Lael's passing. Lael was just a good person. I loved her spirit and her spunk. She will surely be missed. Praying God's strength upon the family during this trying time.

Lacretia Hall - December 08, 2023 at 03:22 PM

ED

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



EDS Detroit Diesel - December 08, 2023 at 12:27 PM

LH

This was indeed Lael our Ladle! We will miss you my FRIEND.

Lacretia Hall - December 08, 2023 at 03:23 PM

ED

“ EDS Detroit Diesel lit a candle in memory of Lael L. Burns



EDS Detroit Diesel - December 08, 2023 at 12:19 PM

ED

Lael, this is a shock to all of us. You will be sorely missed and we will always remember the good times we had working together at EDS / Detroit Diesel. We love you!

EDS Detroit Diesel - December 08, 2023 at 12:22 PM

SB

“ Thanks for the fun times we had! You’ll be missed Lael. My thoughts and prayers to to your family and friends 🙏



Shawna Bezeau - December 08, 2023 at 12:05 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lael L. Burns.



December 08, 2023 at 11:59 AM

YF

“ Your GM Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lael L. Burns.

Your GM Family - December 08, 2023 at 10:07 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Lael L. Burns.



December 08, 2023 at 10:07 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Lael L. Burns.



December 08, 2023 at 09:50 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Lael L. Burns.



December 08, 2023 at 09:21 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Lael L. Burns.



December 07, 2023 at 09:57 PM

BR

“ Oh Lael, we are just speechless, still in shock and so very heartbroken for Tim and your family. You were certainly the love of his life and honestly made him a better man. You brought a light and cheerfulness to every situation. Even if you weren't feeling 100% you still GAVE 110%. What a tremendous loss for everyone who knew you.

We are thankful that you are no longer in pain. But the huge void that you have left will not be filled. Thank you for ALWAYS being kind and so supportive and fun to chat with. You will be missed!!!

Many condolences to the family that loved her and that she loved even more.

Brooke & Jeff Cobb

Brooke - December 07, 2023 at 09:01 PM

NH

Lael was a long time facilitator with New Hope Center for grief support. She was a blessing to so many people who had lost a loved one. She will forever be remembered and forever missed.

Bobby and Nancy Hearn

Nancy Hearn - December 09, 2023 at 04:38 PM

BA

“ I met Lael at a time of my life that was so full of change. She was one of a wonderful group of women that entered my life when I needed them most. She was a shining light and always had a kind word of encouragement. She too had her struggles but she was always willing to have a listening ear. When she met Tim, he did so much for her life and it was wonderful to watch her blossom. I was so happy to have been able to capture her 3rd wedding to Tim (👰) on camera. So much love in the air that day.

We did much together over the years and many girls trips to look back on and embrace the wonderful memories. Several years into our friendship I went through a very dark time within my family. She was so supportive and from what I was told, she is the one that instigated our circle of ladies to share numerous cards with me. I'm not sure I ever told her how much those cards meant to me. I hope the cards she received during her recent journey gave her some of that same joy.

I'm also so thankful she was able to arrange for Tim and his band to make the journey up north that helped make my wedding day a most memorable event. She didn't even hesitate to get the ball rolling. She was special in that way.

I'm so fortunate to had know her and will miss her dearly.



Barbara Alderton - December 07, 2023 at 06:18 PM

LC

“ Oh Lael, I can't believe you are gone. My heart is broken. There are so many great memories of the time we spent together over the years. Friends since our girls were toddlers in Northville. I loved how you would walk down to my house in your jammies with your coffee cup. Us freezing at the kids' soccer games where we may or may not have had a little nip of something in our coffee cups. Everyone needs a friend who is game for anything - you were that friend and then some. We had many adventures together in Detroit, Ferndale, Royal Oak, even Jamaica. That time you gave your (real!) phone number to the Jamaican taxi driver to “get rid of him”. Of course, he called you when we got back in the States. I loved how surprised you were and laughed my butt off. Fun times at Northville parties, axe throwing, DCFC matches, Valentine, The Whitney, Zoo Lights, Pig N Whiskey. Our ornament exchanges. I can hear you laughing and telling me “Oh shut up Laura!” even though you'd been talking nonstop and I never got a word in edgewise. You said yes to the Palmer Park bike ride with me (of course). Leaving from Ferndale and keeping pace was a challenge but you did it - swearing at me the entire ride. I can hear you saying “Oh Lar” to my husband - and the heartbreak telling you about his diagnosis. There were tough times for us both but I have so many more fond memories that I will treasure. Sending heartfelt condolences to your family. You will be dearly missed by so many my friend! OXOXOX Laura



Laura Cepuran - December 07, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *It is a great sorrow that we didn't get more time with Lael and to really know her better. She was incredibly kind and generous and a perfect fit for my dad. ❤️ we loved talking about movies and tv shows. It seemed she had seen everything!*

Rebekah B. - December 07, 2023 at 04:11 PM

MC

“ *Lael, I remember how Carrlon spent so much time with you, helping you practice your speech for your High School graduation. He was so proud of you. If I remember correctly, he shed some "proud dad" tears at commencement.*

We don't know God's plan for us, but we have to believe he has an important reason for calling you home now. We all love you so much and you will remain in our hearts until we are called to join you.

I'm sure God knows how angry we are right now. His timing is devastating. I have to believe he didn't want you to deal with the pain of an illness that wasn't going to end. I have to believe that or I would be angry for a long time. Lael, I know you want us to heal our hearts even though they are broken right now. We will try but make no promises.

Michelle Campbell - December 07, 2023 at 01:49 PM