



Laura Ann Konter

December 29, 1954 - May 19, 2022

Laura Ann Konter passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, May 19, 2022. She was born on December 29, 1954 in Waukegan to the late Peter and Catherine Zawasky. Laura grew up in Libertyville, IL, where she began her career as an automotive mechanic, and in turn met the love of her life, Richard. Before getting married on July 2, 1978, they traveled across the country and abroad. They settled down in Lake Villa, IL to start a family, where she was a devoted mother and made lifelong friendships. Laura and her family relocated to Ingleside, IL, where she built her own automotive repair business. She spent her spare time and retirement caring for her many animals on the family farm, which truly was a labor of love. Laura was cherished by her family and friends and known to many as “mom” and “grandma.”

She was preceded in death by her parents and grandsons Wyatt and Jesse Melton, and Nikolas Knight.

Laura is survived by her husband, Richard J. Konter; sisters, Susan K. (Jeff) Hanlon and Janet L. (Ronald) Hamil; daughters, Faye C. (Mark Sr.) Melton and Brooke L. (Goran “Bos”) Novkovic and son River J. Konter; step-daughter, Summer Knight; grandchildren, Ashley, Mark Jr., Steven, Allen, Annabelle, and Jasen Melton, Liam and Katriyana Knight; niece, Niki Hamil; nephews, Michael and Alex Hamil, and Ryan Hanlon.

She will be missed by many, and life will not be the same without her.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, June 11th from 4pm to 8pm at Church of the Holy Family located at 25291 W Lehmann Blvd Lake Villa, IL 60046.

In lieu of flowers please share your favorite memories of Laura here on our Guest Book.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Church of the Holy Family
25291 W Lehmann Blvd
Lake Villa, IL 60046

Tribute Wall



“ *Laura Ann Konter*

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Laura Ann Konter*

December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *I use to kid Laura all of the time in grade school kiddingly calling her an old lady, (she was exactly one day older than me!). she was kind to me when the "mean girls" were not...and never judge a soul. many of you knew she had a difficult upbringing but she stayed strong, matured long before her years should have allowed, and instead of being bitter, she turned her life lessons around to become a kind, giving, beautiful woman. she will be missed but I hope we all will strive to be as loving as she was.*

Paula Hamlin - June 11, 2022 at 10:37 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Laura Ann Konter.*



June 10, 2022 at 10:43 AM



“ *Rosemary Munala lit a candle in memory of Laura Ann Konter*



Rosemary Munala - May 28, 2022 at 05:31 AM



“ *I am sending condolences to Laura's family. I am so sorry for your loss. Laura and I were Oak Grove buddies. She taught me how to play Peter Gun on the guitar. We watched Batman on several occasions at her house after school. We used to laugh and have such good times when we were goofy middle schoolers. May you rest in peace. I will hold all the good memories in my heart. ❤️*

Debbie Carter McClure - May 27, 2022 at 06:08 PM



“ My wife and I were destined to spend a life together. I first saw her when I was 15 years old. Went to the movies in Libertyville and saw her across the lobby. To young ; to tongue tied to approach her. I turned my back and she was gone. Then less than a year later I had an appendicitis attack. Laying on the gurney at Condell hospital and whimpering in pain Laura came up to me and consoled me. I told her I'd see her the next day but I never showed up. And then when I was 17 , I was cooking at the Libertyville dog and suds. (There was a dog and suds in Libertyville) . As I was behind the dog and suds mixing coleslaw when Laura and her friends almost ran me over ;) but I remember seeing Laura looking at me as they drove by. I couldn't take my eyes off her.

Life took us on different paths but those paths crossed again when I was in my early 20s. This time when I saw her she was a waitress and I couldn't even order a hamburger I was so tongue-tied. I came back the very next day because I had to know Who she was. But she had quit the job and I missed another opportunity. Or so I thought. The cosmos is a bewildering place.

I had put an ad in the paper for a mechanically inclined individual who I would train to help me at a repair shop I managed.

Sometimes things are just cosmic. About a week later Laura came and asked for the job. That was the beginning Of a long relationship. We started with traveling together and then we settle down and had a family.

All those memories Are the joy of the last 50 years. So you see I've known her for almost 55 years and we hung out together for 50 of those.

I can only say I'm so sad that our plans to travel again like we did when we were kids have left as Laura has left on her journey through time.

With all my love dear Laura. We will cross paths in time again.

Rick Konter - May 27, 2022 at 07:56 AM

SC

Beautifully said Rick. She was your Sweets

Shelley Carlisle - May 30, 2022 at 02:55 AM

SB

It is with saddness to receive the passing of mama Laura, her death has brought darkness not only in the family but also her extended family in kenya and usa, she was dedicated lady with a golden heart learning her death has been not easier . i know she has finished the work God gave her on this earth, he has called her to rest. Rick and your family atlarge receive our condolences . we may miss each other physical but spiritual we are connected. Mama Laura rest in eternal peace, we shall meet you in the next heaven kingdom

Samwel Brian - May 31, 2022 at 03:54 PM

JR

“ I have so many wonderful memories of my Aunt Laura! Being my Godmother was one of the greatest blessings in my life! And five years ago, when my mother passed, Laura was my rock and helped me through. I have always been one to write what I'm feeling and thinking in the moment. This is what I'd like to share here today. My mother started explaining to me at a very young age that with life, also there is death. With most honesty, she explained that all things in life having a beginning must and most certainly will have an end. Including life itself. I took in her words of wisdom and understood that meant that everyone and everything around me would someday be gone.

It was instilled into me that spending time with those around us was most important. We were creating the memories that would one day be all we would have left to keep us going after our loved ones pass on, one by one.

As tough and honest that this, one of life's many lessons mom shared with me was, it still hadn't prepared me for how the losses make me feel today.

Growing older and having only the memories of the people that were such a big part of my being is at times, a lonely existence. I remember things so vividly and for a moment, I am happy and content. But sadness too overfills my heart and my thoughts. As each loved one passes on, a piece of the puzzle that is my heart, gets misplaced.

Yes, the memories may help to keep me going, but with each passing day, I realize my missing pieces have made me feel incomplete. And maybe that's ok. Maybe that is how we are supposed to feel while we continue on through this life. Forever taking with us the life lessons, memories, and most of all, the love those who have left us blessed us with. One day, when it is our own time to go, we will be complete once again.

Joleen Rhodes - May 24, 2022 at 08:35 PM

BS

“ Laura and Rick have been friends for years. Even tho we moved to FL, 20 yrs. ago, we still were friends, the type of friends that no matter how much time has gone by, we could still pick up the phone and talk like no time has passed. Laura was a great mom and wife. She was taken too soon from her friends but mostly her family. We love you Laura, Rich & Barb.

Barb Sparrowgrove - May 24, 2022 at 01:31 PM

SC

“ Laura was my neighbor. My best friend and confidant for many years. We pretty much raised our kids together. So memories keep flooding my mind. Hot summer night boat rides with all the kids. Bonfires with marshmallow and lots of friends and the neighborhood kids too. Halloween night was especially exceptional!! Laura calling me and saying you'll never guess what I got and then telling me to look outside....it was a COW!! Laura calling me and telling me to hurry and meet her outside... and there was this HUGE UFO right above our homes!! Then our husbands coming home and sure that we had lost our minds. I could go on an on as memories keep coming to mind. I remember her laugh so well. Laura was a wonderful wife, mother and friend. I will never forget her. I wish I could make the trip home. Rick, Faye, Brooke and River. may God comfort you during this very difficult time. Laura is in Paradise awaiting the New Earth. It is a most beautiful and peaceful place and you will see your beloved Laura and your mama again. I love you all ❤️❤️❤️

Shelley Carlisle - May 22, 2022 at 03:43 AM