



Shannon Rebecca Laursen

April 5, 1975 - February 10, 2017

Shannon Rebecca Laursen, age 41, wife, mother, daughter, and dear friend, passed away suddenly on Friday, February 10, 2017. Shannon was a passionate, caring and fun-loving woman that adored her family and friends, and whole-heartedly embraced being a wonderful mother for her three children. Shannon met her college sweetheart, adventure partner and soul mate, Travis Long, in 1993 at Hope College and the two married in 1999. They have three beautiful daughters, four-year-old Vivian, one-year-old twins, Charlotte and Evelyn. Shannon had a fearless spirit that loved adventure, traveling to far-off beaches and mountains, dancing to Justin Timberlake, watching scary movies, and hanging out with friends. She and Travis traveled far-and-wide to more than 25 states and 15 countries in North America, the Caribbean and Europe. Shannon had a powerful passion for trying new things, including skydiving, scuba diving, roller derby, photography, pottery, painting, mosaic glass and many other artistic endeavors. She was also an animal lover, an avid supporter of the Humane Society of Huron Valley, and shared her home with many foster animals. Shannon was born April 5, 1975, in Howell, MI, the daughter of Shirley (Noechel) Laursen and the late David Laursen. Shannon graduated from Howell High School in Howell, MI, in 1993, and received a Bachelor's Degree of Science in Nursing from Hope College, and Master's of Science Degree in Nursing from the University of Michigan. She worked as a nurse practitioner for the University of Michigan for over nine years, caring for adult and pediatric patients with congenital heart disease. Shannon is survived by her husband Travis, three daughters, Vivian, Charlotte and Evelyn all of Saline; her mother, Shirley (Noechel) Laursen of Howell, MI. She was preceded in death by her father David Laursen and her uncle Norman Laursen. Memorial services for Shannon will take place at 2:30 pm, Saturday, February 18, 2017, at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home at 301 East Michigan Avenue in Saline, MI. Pastor Matt Parks officiating. Family will receive friends at the funeral home beginning Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 12:00 pm until the time of the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that those planning on making an expression of sympathy consider a donation to her children's college savings fund or to a special memorial in her name at the Humane Society of Huron Valley. For donations to the Human

Society, visit www.hshv.org/memorial. For donations to the college savings fund, please make checks payable to Michigan Education Savings Program, which can be dropped off at the Memorial Service or mailed attention to Eric Lofstrom, 3588 Plymouth Road, Box 384, Ann Arbor, MI 48105.

Please also consider signing Shannon's online guestbook and leaving a memory of her to share with family and friends. For more information or directions, please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Events

FEB **Memorial Gathering** 12:00PM - 02:30PM

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Robison-Bahnmilller Funeral Home & Cremation Services
301 East Michigan Ave., Saline, MI, US, 48176

FEB **Memorial Service** 02:30PM - 03:30PM

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Comments



“ Travis, my family and I have been praying for you and your family since we first heard about your loss. My deepest sympathies. Please know we will continue to pray for you during this most difficult time.

Barb Fike - February 20, 2017 at 06:06 AM



“ Shirley,
Our hearts are broken for you and Travis and the girls. We can't imagine the loss you are feeling. We pray that God will comfort and strengthen you and give you hope for tomorrow. We don't know why things like this happen suddenly, but we pray and trust that God can use this for something good and that He will be glorified through it. Our hearts are with you and we will pray for you and your family in the days ahead.
Love,
Bill and Valerie Tulip

Bill Tulip - February 18, 2017 at 10:47 AM



“ Travis,
Keeping you and your family in my prayers for Gods supernatural presence and strength in this unimaginable tragedy . Know that many in our Ford family are doing the same. Phil Ruhala

Philip Ruhala - February 18, 2017 at 06:46 AM



“ I'm a twin mom who befriended Shannon through HVPOM meal support. I'm shocked and saddened to hear of Shannon's passing. Sincerest condolences to you, Travis, and your beautiful daughters. My heart breaks for your family.

Peggy Tiani - February 15, 2017 at 07:01 PM



“ Little things speak to our hearts. Sounds, fragrances, music that would mean nothing to others suddenly reach into our souls to do a work that the obvious could not touch. Simple remedies can heal the deepest ills -- a smile, a whistle, the sound of birds singing. All these things can warm us and lift us out of the depths of fear. But we have to listen and rest and refuse to think dark thoughts. We do not always believe a choice is possible. But whether we go down or take things in our stride is a matter of choice. At times we should not judge ourselves too harshly because things change quickly. Life requires much of us. Before we get down to the business of knowing what we are to do, we can let the little things comfort us so that we can weave a sturdier fabric of life. (by Joyce Hifler)

She will be deeply missed. Love and Prayers to my Family

Love you -- Aunt Janet

janet ADAMS - February 15, 2017 at 07:00 PM



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Mike - February 15, 2017 at 12:41 PM



“ Shannon was one of my sorority sisters at Hope College -- I will always remember her as being incredibly kind, smart, and wickedly funny. Travis, you and the girls will be in my thoughts and prayers in the months ahead. You are surrounded by support and love.

Angie Brown - February 15, 2017 at 11:44 AM



“ Travis, I was shocked and saddened to hear this news. I am praying for you and your girls.
-Karen (Keys) Ten Cate

Karen Ten Cate - February 18, 2017 at 10:18 PM



“ I work on the same program as Travis at Ford. My sincerest condolences and prayers for strength for him and his family. Only God has answers for these things and I pray for Gods Grace to give peace and healing during this most difficult time. My grandmother once told me that when God calls someone home, all of our family members that have gone on before us help us in this transition. Some stay in heaven with welcoming arms with pure joy and love while others come down to earth to be with us and surround us with their love and support to let us know that we are not alone. Again, my sincerest prayers for peace, strength, courage and love and continued faith in God's Plan.

Susan Fenner - February 14, 2017 at 09:34 AM



“ I work with Travis, he was my supervisor for about two years. He took an interest in me and got involved with helping me. Some where along the line, Travis became a friend - if he were to ask, there is nothing I wouldn't do for him or give him. My family and church will be praying for him.
.....My heart is broken today for his and his children's loss....

DH - February 13, 2017 at 07:46 PM



“ Shannon & I went to high school, studied nursing at Hope, & were sorority sisters sisters together. Shannon was sweet, generous, & had a wicked sense of humor. She adored Travis. Although I haven't seen her in person in years, we kept up on FB. My heart breaks for Travis, her beautiful girls, & her mom. I will keep her family & friends in my thoughts & prayers...

Jenny Farmer - February 13, 2017 at 02:43 PM



“ Travis and Kids....You are in my prayers. I can honestly say that Travis and Shannon were my favorite Buyers that I ever worked with and just the sweetest couple I have ever met. Travis...please let me know WHATEVER I can do to help out. We are here for whatever you need from us.

David Mueller

David Mueller - February 13, 2017 at 12:52 PM



“ Shannon has always been nothing but a joy and delight to hang around with! She was always so kind, funny and just an overall fantastic person! This news just drops you to your knees and makes you ask God why? Her family....those babies....and Travis are in my heart and prayers. I wish there was something that would make it hurt less. Thanks Shannon for blessing my life with your kindness.

Nicole Kehoe - February 13, 2017 at 12:39 PM



“ My heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with Shannon's family and friends at this most difficult time. I work with Shannon and every occasion and interaction i had with her was always one that left me feeling proud to work with her. I will miss her dearly!

Julie Simpson - February 13, 2017 at 07:29 AM



“ When I spoke to Shannon at work she was always kind and helpful and always had a smiles on her face. She will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this most difficulty time. Mariam

mariam najar - February 15, 2017 at 10:30 AM



“ I had the pleasure of meeting Shannon this past summer at my daughter and son-in-laws, Brock and Heather Long. She was very sweet and had a great sense of humor. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family at this time. To her mother, Travis, and her girls, I am so sorry for your loss.

Tamera Winton - February 17, 2017 at 10:42 AM



“ I am Shannon's mom (Shirley Laursen) insurance gal in Howell. I have seen photos and heard only love, joy and praise about Shannon over the years. I'm so sorry for your loss. I don't know what to say, I wish I had the right words to comfort you all. You, your family and your loved one will be in my thoughts. Lora

Lora - February 17, 2017 at 10:53 AM



“ Shannon would use warmth and humor to make days pass quickly. She is an NP whom I sat next to in clinic (different services) who had great insight, care, and compassion and always a bit of charm and humor to help all those around her. Her wisdom, love and humor shall live on....best of thoughts to the entire family...

Kathleen Fasing - February 17, 2017 at 11:57 AM



“ Shirley, my heart breaks for you. Travis, Shirley and I attended GPHS together then remet and became friends just before your courtship. I helped deck the hall and string lights for your reception. Sweet memories of your wedding day. My love and prayers to you both and your beautiful daughters, such a gift.

Susan Marvin - February 17, 2017 at 08:07 PM