



Laura Lynn Friend

November 24, 1956 - April 8, 2026

Laura Lynn Friend, age 69, of Middlebourne, WV passed away on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at Wheeling Hospital in Wheeling, WV. She was born on November 24, 1956 in Sistersville, WV the daughter of the late John Tallman and Opal Carol Haught Tallman.

Laura graduated from West Virginia University with a bachelor's degree in nursing. She worked as a nurse for several years in Sistersville before becoming one of the founding members of Journey Hospice. Later, she became the executive director of the West Virginia Counsel of Home Health Agencies. She was a member of the Pursley Church of Christ. Laura enjoyed knitting and spending time with her beloved grandkids, many friends, and other family members.

She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Charles "Eugene" Friend of Middlebourne, WV; daughter, Joanna Friend of Parkersburg, WV; granddaughters, Olive and Alice; and brother Gary Tallman of Portland, Oregon.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Laura's honor at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made in Laura's honor to Journey Hospice: 314 South Wells Street, Sistersville, WV 26175.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory of New Martinsville, WV.

Sympathy expressions at grisellfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall

SM

“*Laura was a beautiful person both inside and out. She touched many lives with her kindness and compassion. Sending love and prayers to Eugene and family for peace and comfort .*

Sandy Marody - April 10 at 11:58 PM

JH

“*I had the privilege of working with Laura for several years at Journey Hospice. Thanks to her efforts in establishing Journey Hospice many patients and families have benefited from the service hospice provides. My prayers go out to her family and loved ones. She will be sorely missed.*

Jackie Heintzman - April 09 at 09:38 PM

NR

“*I've tried to think of the right words. But I come up so short with words. Laura was a wonderful neighbor and friend. She will be missed dearly. I'm praying for yall.*

Nikki Richardson - April 09 at 09:13 PM

LA

“*I am shocked and heartbroken to learn of Laura's passing. We have been friends for close to 50 years. Laura was an amazing, loving and intelligent nurse. Laura and Eugene met and enjoyed their first meal together at my house. We have stayed in touch during all the years. She enjoyed nursing but what she loved the most was her family. My heartfelt sympathy to Eugene, Johanna and her beautiful grandchildren.*

Lucinda Dillon Ambrose - April 09 at 06:09 PM

KH

I have know Laura and her bother Gary since we were children. Her grandmother lived beside me growing up. Special condolences to her family. Laura was a sweet lady. Prayers for all who knew her.

Kaye Hadley - April 09 at 08:31 PM

KP

All of us who knew Laura will miss her dearly. Heaven will embrace this loving child of God. Peace be with you.

Kathy Powell - April 10 at 12:24 PM

MS

“ *So sorry to hear this. I knew Laura through our nursing connections.*

Mary Seckman - April 09 at 05:24 PM

CS

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Laura's passing. Always enjoyed chatting with her and all the years are kids were in Alma Rocketeers 4-H club together. I know Laura will deeply be missed by her Love of her Life Eugene and precious family. I'm going to miss running into her and chats on Facebook. Eugene, Joanna and Family, Praying for all of you. Hugs 🙏💚😞🙏*



Corinne Seckman-Allen - April 09 at 04:58 PM

CS

Before I make some Teacher mad, I'm correcting my "Are Kids" kids to "Our Kids!" Dumb auto correct 😞 Sorry

Corinne Seckman-Allen - April 09 at 05:04 PM

RB

I am so shocked and saddened to hear about Laura's passing. She was a blessing to know. We are Tallman cousins and enjoyed sharing family history. Prayers to Eugene and family!

Rose Carroll Branham - April 12 at 09:40 PM