



Laurie C. McDonald

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Laurie Carpenter McDonald, 61, of Leesburg, VA passed away on April 3, 2011.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William S. Carpenter, Jr. and Jean Waibel Carpenter of San Antonio, TX.

Mrs. McDonald was the loving wife of John C. McDonald and the incredibly devoted mother of Jeffery David of Arlington, VA and Emily Elizabeth of New York, NY. She is also survived by one brother, William S. Carpenter III of San Antonio, TX, sisters Abby Dentry of Parkton, MD, Mary Rose Barker of Fairfax Station, VA, Kathleen Carpenter also of San Antonio, Martha Carpenter of Keedsyville, MD, and ten nieces and nephews.

After graduating from James Madison University, Mrs. McDonald received a Master's Degree in Educational Administration and Supervision from George Mason University. She has proudly served Loudoun County Public Schools for 39 years as teacher, assistant principal, and principal through February 16, 2011.

Laurie was the principal of old Ashburn Elementary and opened the new Ashburn Elementary. She also opened Lowes Island Elementary School and most recently was principal of Evergreen Mill Elementary School in Leesburg.

Mrs. McDonald was a passionate educator and leader, devoting her time and energy to the students, parents and teachers of Loudoun County. In 2000, she was named the recipient of The Washington Post's Distinguished Educational Leadership Award.

In addition to her career, Laurie's greatest joy was her family. She was an accomplished cook and hosted holiday gatherings for family, friends, and colleagues over many years. Additionally,



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Laurie thoroughly enjoyed travel and her time spent at the beach at her second home in Sarasota, FL.

Her loving and generous spirit will be forever cherished and deeply missed.

Services will be held on Saturday, April 9th at 10:00 a.m. at Christ the Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 46833 Harry Byrd Highway, Sterling, VA 20164.




Events


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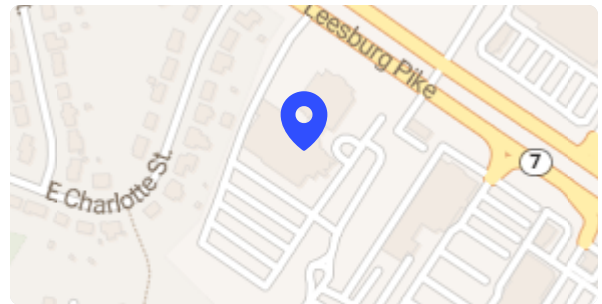
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Service

 **Saturday**, April 9, 2011

 10:00 AM ET

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Christine Marlin posted:

My first administrator in Virginia. Encouraging and helpful. Enjoyed her guidance and friendship

December 11 at 1:42 PM



Anonymous posted:

i worked at ashburn elementary & opened Lowes Island as a custodian. She was a Great lady to work for.##imported-begin##alice close##imported-end##

April 15 at 9:29 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dearest John, Jeff and Emily, I don't even know where to begin. I just got back down to Virginia from Maine where I spend lots of time since retiring and like always...went to get the Loudoun Times Mirror. I had no idea Laurie was even ill. I hadn't seen her in several years, but on my goodness, the memories we shared! It all began at Guilford where we bonded immediately as fellow Air Force Brats. As an art teacher in the county I had the privilege and joy of working "with" Laurie and "for" Laurie and her love of teaching was simply contagious. Jeff, you and my daughter Molly went to Cee School together so we always met at their little gatherings. I let your mother talk me into coming to Ashburn Elementary when it opened because we loved to work together soooo much, but as soon as she left, I went right back to Middle School Art. She always left me so many sweet notes in my mailbox about the art work in the halls. In case you can't tell, I just adored your mother. I'm so sorry I didn't get the chance to visit with her lately - What a huge void now for us all, but may your lives be filled with the precious memories and sweet love she showered on you.Love, Kay Scott##imported-begin##Kay Scott##imported-end##

April 14 at 3:38 PM



Anonymous posted:

My deepest sympathy to the family of Laurie. I first met Laurie when I was teaching at Sully Elementary and she was the assistant principal there. She brought such joy to everyone she met. She had a deep compassion to all as well. I only worked with her a couple of years, but occasionally ran into her over the years...she never forgot my name. An amazing person and I am so sorry for your loss. Alice##imported-begin##Alice Chopko Gordon##imported-end##

April 13 at 2:57 PM



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Anonymous posted:

John and Jeff, I'm so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you both during this hard time.##imported-begin##Amber Brock##imported-end##

April 11 at 5:39 AM



Anonymous posted:

What an inspiration Mrs. McDonald was to all, not just the children. As a parent of a child who attended Evergreen Mill Elementary for the years she was Principal there, it was evident Laurie made ALL feel special, intelligent and loved. This was her gift. She will be missed and thought of often. Paul, Trish and Patrick Blake##imported-begin##Trish Blake##imported-end##

April 8 at 5:14 PM



Anonymous posted:

Laurie was a beautiful lady inside as well as out-always sharing and encouraging. I was her cafeteria manager at Lowes Island. We did many special things not only for students but also staff. We love you and will miss you dearly. Your life was taken much too soon.##imported-begin##H.Diane Beckett##imported-end##

April 8 at 4:26 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our memories of Laurie will always be of what a warm, friendly, caring, gracious and lovely person she was. Our hearts go out to John, Emily, Jeffrey, the entire family and school community. Peace be with you, Laurie. Ed and Shelley Amaddeo##imported-begin##Ed and Shelley Amaddeo##imported-end##

April 8 at 2:53 PM



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Anonymous posted:

My deepest sympathy to Laurie's family. She was a wonderful and caring woman, who was strong, determined and steadfast in all she undertook. Laurie was a mentor and friend to me when I worked/opened Algonkian ES back in 1989 and we came full circle when she was overseeing and protecting my grandson who started @ Evergreen Mill ES in 2008. I cherish my last conversation of joy, laughter and remembering "old" times with Laurie. My heart and prayers go out to all who were lucky enough to be touched by such a spirit. This world is a better place for having had Laurie make a difference in the lives of our children and I am blessed to have known her.##imported-begin##Gail Greene##imported-end##

April 8 at 11:25 AM



Anonymous posted:

I was at Ashburn Elementary back in 1985. This was the first year Mrs. McDonald was principal in Loudoun County Schools. What a wonderful principal she was too. We were a very small school back then but she never forgot a name or face. It is to my understanding that she never did no matter how many students were in her care. Condolences to her family, friends and all the children at Evergreen Elementary. God has called an extraordinary angel home. She was an angel to many. Rest In Peace Mrs. McDonald from the first 3rd class you were every residing principal over. You have never been and will never be forgotten.##imported-begin##Anonymous##imported-end##

April 8 at 9:33 AM



Anonymous posted:

Laurie treated her students with love & respect, which taught them to love & respect themselves and others. She was such a success in her career and touched many lives. Laurie will be missed, but will remain in our hearts forever!##imported-begin##Robin Hartwell##imported-end##

April 8 at 8:19 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear John, Jeff and Emily, Our family is praying that God will make himself known to you most poignantly during this time as you deal with the loss of your wife and mom. Laurie was most proud of her children! I am forever grateful that Micah and Morgan were under her leadership when Lowes Island opened in Aug. of 1997 and until they moved on to SRMS. Laurie's reputation came before her as Lowes Island was being built! We already knew how blessed we would be as a community! As I walked the halls of L.I.E.S., I was aware of how respected Laurie was by her staff and colleagues as she encouraged, uplifted and mentored each. Laurie only hired 'the best'. One always knew where they stood with Laurie as she was most open and honest about her convictions both educationally and personally. Our earnest prayers for each of you as well as Laurie's family of origin and your extended family John. Respectfully, Laurie, Micah and Morgan Bush###imported-begin###Laurie Bush###imported-end##

April 8 at 7:47 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Mary Barker, I remember meeting Laurie and being so impressed by her. She was an outstanding Principal and professional but most of all she was probably one of your best teachers. Our sister's are our soul mates. I can only pray that she is at Peace and her family can remember her life more than this time of sadness. God bless you all, Love, Barbara and Bear###imported-begin###Barbara Crowell###imported-end##

April 7 at 2:46 PM



Anonymous posted:

Laurie was such a tremendous influence on our whole family through her educational leadership. Her warmth, knowledge, and dedication to her work and family were more than exceptional. We wish John, Emily and Jeff much peace in knowing how many, many lives she touched in wonderful ways. We will miss her so much.###imported-begin###The Sandusky Family###imported-end##

April 7 at 2:58 AM



Anonymous posted:

My deepest sympathies to John, Jeff, Emily and all of Laurie's family and friends. Even though I didn't have the honor of seeing her often, I have many great memories over many years. She was a loving, caring and wonderful person and cousin! All my love, Morgan###imported-begin###Morgan Borer###imported-end##

April 6 at 6:49 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Laurie, We will never forget you and all you did for our children while they were at Lowes Island. It is such an honor to have known you. Rest in peace. Lisa and Mike Clippinger

April 6 at 3:22 PM



Anonymous posted:

John, Jeff, and Emily, I offer my heartfelt sympathy to you as you mourn the loss of the heart of your family. May you be comforted in the knowledge that Laurie's memory will be held in the hearts of many, many people who loved her too.

April 6 at 2:19 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mrs. McDonald stood outside every day at Ashburn Elementary to greet students as they came to school. I remember her standing out front with a big smile, waving to students and asking each one how they were doing. She made the beginning of the school day special with her warmth and kindness. Mrs. McDonald will be greatly missed and my thoughts are with her family during these difficult times.

April 6 at 7:03 AM



Anonymous posted:

Mrs. McDonald was my elementary school principal in the early 90's at Ashburn. I still remember her to this day, now 22. I kept meaning to email her and touch base as I am now a graduate student at JMU for teaching, but life got away and I'm sad to hear of her passing. She made an impact on my life and will never be forgotten.

April 6 at 5:54 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Laurie was a gifted principal who devoted herself to her students, teachers and the community. She was an inspiration to many young Ashburn parents in the early 1990's when she spearheaded the opening of Ashburn Elementary with a wonderful staff of teachers that set the example for success for the opening of many elementary schools in Loudoun County during the next 18 years. We have been blessed by her presence and her passion for educating children. She has left an indelible mark on all of our hearts and she will be missed greatly!Linda and Lee Coogle###imported-begin##Linda Coogle###imported-end##

April 5 at 2:49 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the McDonald family. The children of EMES will sadly miss her. The Stuckwisch Family###imported-begin##Stuckwisch Family###imported-end##

April 5 at 12:42 PM



Anonymous posted:

You are forever in the hearts of my 3 girls! Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.###imported-begin##Cathie Bossie###imported-end##

April 5 at 8:40 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dearest Laurie,Words will never express the sadness that I feel for losing you to this disease at such a young, vibrant age. I will miss your beautiful style and vibrant energy that you emanated throughout our school. The priviledge of having the most wonderful time in Sarasota are memories I shall cherish forever.All my love,Christine###imported-begin##Christine Freeman###imported-end##

April 5 at 7:23 AM



Anonymous posted:

our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family###imported-begin##Greg Weaver###imported-end##

April 5 at 6:53 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Laurie is truly a gift. She inspired everyone with her passionate spirit, graceful presence, her commitment to excellence, and her incredible love & devotion to John, Jeff, and Emily. She was an incredible mentor, colleague, and friend. While her physical presence will be missed her spirit lives through those who she so deeply touched. It is a priveledge to have worked with and known Laurie. I extend my heart felt sympathy and prayers to her family whom she loved so very much.##imported-begin##Janet Platenberg (Radcliffe)##imported-end##

April 5 at 6:26 AM



Anonymous posted:

Laurie was the most gracious, hard working and dedicated principals that I had the honor of working with for 10 years. She was a friend, a mentor and an inspiration. Laurie has truly touched the lives of thousands and has changed our lives for the better. My thoughts and prayers go out her to her wonderful family.##imported-begin##Judi McCarthy##imported-end##

April 5 at 5:52 AM



Anonymous posted:

I was in Mrs. McDonald's (Miss Carpenter's) first fifth grade class at Guilford Elementary and I had the wonderful privilege to attend her wedding. I thought she hung the moon! She was so beautiful, and I loved her long hair and platform shoes! I have had the wonderful opportunity of running in to her throughout the years. She was always so happy to see me and so interested in my life. I am so very sad she is gone, and I pray for her family. I know she will be terribly missed.It was a blessing to know her, and I love my memories of fifth grade with her.##imported-begin##Lori White Wright##imported-end##

April 5 at 5:46 AM



Anonymous posted:

Thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Jim Ruddy##imported-end##

April 5 at 5:17 AM



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Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. I am blessed and honored to have been touched by Laurie's warmth and love.##imported-begin##Pamela Ruddy##imported-end##

April 5 at 5:10 AM



Anonymous posted:

Two weeks ago I had the privilege of speaking with Laurie via emails. She was so very proud of her children and their accomplishments! It was my honor to have known Laurie and to have her as part of my own children's lives many years ago at Ashburn Elementary.I send my deepest sympathies to the McDonald family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Vickie Moretz Kidner##imported-begin##Vickie Kidner##imported-end##

April 5 at 5:01 AM



Anonymous posted:

I am going to miss Laurie's kind, generous, enthusiastic, cheerful, wonderful presence, as well as the cute notes, emails, and cards that she sent. She was an incredible lady, and I am deeply saddened that she is gone. My heartfelt sympathies to her family and everyone who was fortunate enough to know her. The world is a little dimmer with her passing, but the stars will shine brighter. Rest in peace, Laurie. with love, Nance##imported-begin##Nancy Kramer##imported-end##

April 5 at 4:44 AM



Anonymous posted:

Your legacy will live forever.##imported-begin##Jennifer Landry##imported-end##

April 5 at 4:39 AM



Anonymous posted:

Love you, Aunt Laurie. You will be missed by many.##imported-begin##Stacey##imported-end##

April 4 at 9:06 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Through her leadership and personal attention, Mrs. McDonald promoted a positive learning environment at Evergreen. Our daughter made the honor role thanks to her commitment to the students. She will be missed. ##imported-begin##John Mullins##imported-end##

April 4 at 7:44 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Laurie C. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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