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LaPlata, MD - Laura Meffley was welcomed into the Lord's house on Friday July 29, passing peacefully at home at the age of 61 after battling AML Leukemia the past 18 months.

Laura is remembered for her smile, caring nature, her grace, and the way she made everything just a little bit better. She was a private person that cherished spending time with her sons, grandchildren, sisters and friends. As a military spouse, she relied on her faith and her close circle of friends to get through challenging days, providing support to those that needed assistance, and positively impacting all that knew her. As a gifted abstract expressionism artist and home interior decorator, Laura's passions included the arts, contemporary accenting, shopping, refinishing and needlepoint. Always having a knack to bring out both the beauty and potential of people she met, she always knew how to brighten your day and make you appreciate what was already there. Laura actively repurposed items years before the term existed, and just knew how to make décor work with an older item added or rearranging what was already there.

Laura was born November 6, 1960 at Ft. Eustis, VA to the late August John Olesch, and late Ann Marie (Branzovsky) Olesch. As a military child, she lived her early years in Germany and France, and returned to the states to Gloucester, VA. Her family eventually moved back to Newport News, VA., for the remainder of her youth. Laura graduated from Denbigh High School in 1978. She attended Trident Technical College, Thomas Nelson and Rappahannock Community Colleges, and graduated from the Navy Command Spouse Leadership Course in Newport, RI.

Laura married Roger Meffley, her loving husband of 44 years at Ware Episcopal Church Gloucester, VA. July 29, 1978 and soon began a 30-year adventure as a Navy submariner's wife. As a military daughter, spouse and mother for 57 years, she sacrificed many birthdays, holidays, and special occasions in support of their duties. Laura loved her county and highly respected those that went in harm's way to protect our freedoms. While being an independent military mother and wife, she raised her two sons often on her own while managing a busy schedule that included juggling work, exercise, cooking, painting, decorating, youth sports, and Boy Scouts. Laura was a Senior Advisor to numerous Navy submarine Family Support Groups, an active member of the Torpedo Factory Art Center in Alexandria, VA, and the Mattawomen Creek Art Center Charles County MD, and attended St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pomfret, MD. She was a licensed Real Estate Sales Agent since 2001 and was associated with Virginia County Real Estate for over 12 years. Her experience also includes Purchasing Agent for the Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences - College of William and Mary, Sales Agent at Sea Technology and a Marina Office Manager in Gloucester, VA. She previously worked in the food service industry in Charleston, SC. Laura emphasized that the most important jobs that she ever held was being a good big sister to Rachel and Linda and a loving mother to Ben and Jason.

In addition to her parents, Laura was proceeded in death, by her brother-in-

law (Ronald Meffley) and nephew (Cameren Sanders). She is survived by her husband Roger Meffley, sons Benjamin Meffley and Jason Meffley (Mercedes), grandchildren Skylar Meffley, Emma Medina, and Mason Meffley, sisters Rachel Morgan (Steve) and Linda Sanders (Mark), brother-in-laws Robert "Bob" Meffley (Linda) and Richard Meffley, sister-in-law Drema Meffley, nephews Nick Sanders (Caroline), Michael Sanders (Kelsey), Taylor Sanders, Ryan Meffley (Nikki), Gregg Meffley, nieces Heather Miller (David), Erin McCart (Bryan), Meribeth Cavanaugh (Chris), Jessica Broadney (Colin), Jenna Morgan, and Laura's forever friends of Laurie Yates and Calisse Manning.

Visitation will be held on Friday, August 12, 2022 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at Raymond Funeral Service, 5635 Washington Ave. LaPlata, MD 20646, with reflections at 7:30 PM. Friends will be received at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 4590 St. Josephs Way, Pomfret, MD 20675 on Saturday, August 13, 2022 from 9:30 AM until time of Eulogy at 10:30 AM. A Catholic Funeral Mass will follow at 11:00 AM. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a future date.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
4590 St. Joseph Way
Pomfret, MD 20675

Eulogy

AUG 13. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
4590 St. Joseph Way
Pomfret, MD 20675

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
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Tribute Wall



“ *Laura Lynn (Olesch) Meffley*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM

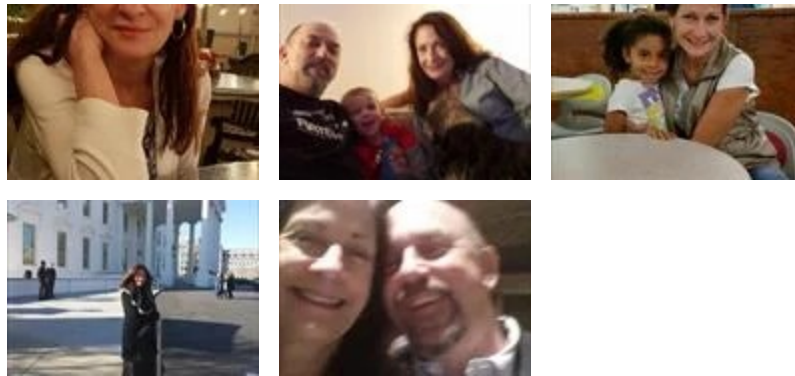


“ *Laura Lynn (Olesch) Meffley*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *19 files added to the tribute wall*



Roger Meffley - October 22, 2022 at 11:40 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Laura Lynn (Olesch) Meffley.*



August 12, 2022 at 11:42 AM

LY

“ I met Laura through a mutual friend who said he thought we would enjoy each others company. I have quietly thanked my lucky stars since. We are so opposite in many ways but we just seemed to fit. I learned so much from Laura and I admired her grace, poise and talents. She loved her husband, children, grandchildren, sisters extended family and animals. Oh and her plants. We spent so many days shopping, eating, talking...well I did most of the talking but she did more as time went along. We knew we would be friends no matter what because we accepted each other where we were. And we loved each other no matter what. I will always see Laura in the mermaids and seahorses she loved, the cactus plants she loved and the place she holds in my heart. I will miss you forever. My deepest condolences to Roger, Ben , Jason Rachel and Linda and extended family.

Laura Yates - August 12, 2022 at 07:59 AM

FF

“ From your 05U7 Family purchased the Ringed by Love for the family of Laura Lynn (Olesch) Meffley.



From your 05U7 Family - August 11, 2022 at 04:49 PM

MS

“ Roger, Ben and Jason, I am so sorry Laura has been so sick and lost her battle to an untimely death. It seems such a short time ago she was having yard sales and redecorating. God is with you through this journey and will be there whenever you seek Him. Memories are our treasure bank. Remember the good times; a gentle word, a hug, a smile of reassurance, all those things that you hold dear. Use them, they are yours. Bill joins with me in extending our deepest and heartfelt sympathy to each of you. Most sincerely, Murielene Swindeck



Murielene Swindeck - August 11, 2022 at 11:07 AM

JC

“ Jess, Liz, & Chiropractic Care Center purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Laura Lynn (Olesch) Meffley.



Jess, Liz, & Chiropractic Care Center - August 09, 2022 at 03:40 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Laura Lynn (Olesch) Meffley.



August 08, 2022 at 09:35 PM

JJ

“ There was this girl who loved her dog Charcoal dearly. Charcoal walked the streets of Stoneybrook with Laura and me, always happy to be wherever Laura was. I imagine that they are reunited at this moment. Laura was beautiful, brave, and sure of herself. She painted her bedroom orange and hung a group of circular mirrors on her wall, already showing her talent for colors, things, and decorating. Once we had driver’s licenses we roamed the rural Gloucester area, stopping at antique shops. She had great appreciation for things that were old, even back then. She was protective of Rachel and Linda, and she loved her parents fiercely. I was lucky to know that girl. I see in her obituary that Laura became an extraordinary woman, accomplishing so much in her life. I am happy that each of you were blessed to have had Laura in your lives. I am sorry I did not stay in touch. I extend the most heartfelt sympathy to you Roger, Rachel, and Linda. Your loss is great.

Jody Scarberry Jones

Jody Scarberry Jones - August 08, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Laura Lynn (Olesch) Meffley.



August 07, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Laura Lynn (Olesch) Meffley.*



August 06, 2022 at 02:39 PM



“ *Our sympathy for the loss of a lovely person. from Jody and Gordon*

Jody and Gordon - August 06, 2022 at 09:15 AM



“ *To the family. We are sorry to hear about Laura passing away. We worked with Laura at Sea Technology. It was a pleasure to have known and worked with her.*

God Bless,

Donald and Sharon Garland.

Donald Garland - August 04, 2022 at 08:13 PM



Roger and family, So very sorry to learn of Laura's passing. Ross and I are still living in the house you sold to us in Hayes, VA. May our Lord comfort you and bless you in your time of sorrow. With deepest sympathy, Pam Shuster- Murphy and Ross Murphy.

Pam Shuster-Murphy and Ross Murphy - August 07, 2022 at 01:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Laura Lynn (Olesch) Meffley*.



August 03, 2022 at 04:27 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of *Laura Lynn (Olesch) Meffley*.



August 03, 2022 at 09:23 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Laura Lynn (Olesch) Meffley*.



August 02, 2022 at 09:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Laura Lynn (Olesch) Meffley*.



August 02, 2022 at 09:38 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Laura Lynn (Olesch) Meffley.*



August 02, 2022 at 09:38 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Raymond Funeral Service, PA - August 02, 2022 at 03:32 PM