



Laurie Beth McClelland

March 29, 1956 - December 25, 2020

Laurie Beth Hendren McClelland, 64, died December 25, 2020, at her home in White Plains Maryland.

She was born March 29, 1956 in Hays, Kansas to Gaila (Heidel) and R. Orland Hendren. Laurie was the youngest of five children. Dennis 73 of Emporia Kansas, Christy Hendren, who died at birth, Jeff Hendren, 68, of Mulvane Kansas and Bruce Hendren 67, of Emporia Kansas. She inherited her grandmother Hendren's red hair. At the age of 4, she came to faith in Christ Jesus as her Savior. That faith was to characterize the rest of her life. The family moved from Plainville Kansas to Emporia Kansas in 1965 while she was in elementary school. Laurie graduated from Emporia High School in 1974, and from Emporia State University in 1978. She married Charles McClelland 65, of the home on May 13, 1978. After graduating from college, she worked as a Special Education Teacher at Leavenworth Junior High School, until her first child was born. They had two children Rebecca Beavers, 38, of Washington D.C. and Andrew McClelland, 36, of Las Vegas Nevada. After the birth of Rebecca, the family moved to Springfield Missouri, where Andrew was born. Then they moved to Topeka Kansas. In 1987, they moved to Alma Kansas where her husband pastored a small Baptist Church. First in Alma and then Mill Creek Baptist Church in the neighboring town of McFarland. Laurie completed her master's degree from Emporia State University in 1996 and began working as the Counselor for the High School in

Onega Kansas. While on her way to work she was injured in a traffic accident on August 20, 1998. That accident severed her spinal cord and resulted in her confinement to a wheelchair. She continued working as a counselor until 2014 when Laurie retired. She and her husband moved to Maryland to be closer to their grandchildren. She was able to enjoy her grandchildren clear to the end of her life.

Laurie was preceded in death by her sister Christy and her parents.

She is survived by her husband, three brothers, two children and four grandchildren, Isaac 7, Ravin 6, Lucy 6, and Jacob 3.

A service and interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of Waldorf, 10045 Bunker Hill Road, Waldorf, MD 20603.

Tribute Wall



“ Laurie Beth McClelland

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ Laurie Beth McClelland

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ To the Hendren boys - lots of good memories of times together in Plainville at grandma's house. What a beautiful life Laurie had and now persevered under difficult circumstances.

To her immediate family - Charles, children and grandchildren - I am so sorry for your loss. But it is always a huge comfort when we know our family is in Heaven rejoicing and in a completely healed body.

May God comfort each of you as you walk through these days.

Noreen (Elrod) Noble - Lena Elrod youngest daughter

Noreen Noble - May 04, 2021 at 12:21 PM

BW

“ Charlie I know the depth of your loss. You are in my prayers. My wife Nita was in her Sunday School class. Laurie was an inspiration to her. She loved her as a teacher and a friend who always showed genuine concern for her. I will miss her smile and her Christian radiance as she cruised through the hallways of our church.

Bobby Wallace

Bobby Wallace - January 07, 2021 at 07:31 AM

MB

“ Laurie, through all her challenges, was such a positive person! She was a great Christian friend and encourager to me and so many others. When she saw a need, she looked to meet it. And I loved spending time talking with her. What a perfect time to go home to Jesus on the celebration of His Holy birth, Christmas Day! I know she heard "Well done thou good and faithful servant!" Laurie, you will be severely missed here on this earth. Charlie and your family, we lift you up and pray for comfort.

Mary Brady - January 06, 2021 at 07:54 AM

 Paul
Soni

“ Laurie despite her own ailments was a beacon of light for those who were struggling. She was always gracious and kind to those who came her way. She was an excellent example of grace under fire. Will dearly miss her. May God bless your family with His peace.

*In Him
Paul Soni*

Paul Soni - January 05, 2021 at 07:34 AM

NB

“ Laurie was one of the most warm, cheerful people I had ever met. She always had a smile on her face and a moment to share with anyone who wanted to chat.

Nikki Bradburn - January 04, 2021 at 03:53 PM

JA

“ I am so grateful to the love and tenderness that Laurie showed with my two children. While many might be frustrated or angry with being confined to a wheelchair, Laurie was able to make my children feel comfortable in her presence and they came to know her as someone that was "blessed with special legs." She will be sorely missed in the halls of our church but she'll always be in our hearts!

Jessica Andritz - January 04, 2021 at 01:35 PM

MR

“ I remember Laurie's kind heart and always being so sweet to me. She will be missed dearly. Sorry for your loss Charlie!



Melodee Rusher - December 30, 2020 at 09:18 PM

RR

“ So many memories. From church, bible camps, to girl scouts. She helped mold me into the woman, mother and Christian I am today. I can't put into words how much she meant to me. May she dance with the Angels and our Lord!

Renee Ritchie - December 30, 2020 at 08:24 PM

SR

Charlie, so sorry for your loss. Laurie was one of a kind. She was beautiful inside and out. She was a super Sunday teacher. She always worn a smile. Laurie is in a wonderful place, in Heaven with our Lord and she is the newest angel. Praying for you Charlie and your family.

Sharon Reynolds - January 04, 2021 at 08:51 PM



“ *My Soul Lives On Blanket* was purchased for the family of Laurie Beth McClelland.



December 30, 2020 at 07:46 PM

CM

“ *My heart is broken with the news of Laurie’s passing. The years I worked with Laurie were the best years. She was as much a counselor to me as she was to the students. She had such sound advice and such a positive attitude. I have thought of Laurie often since she left Onaga. I missed her immensely when she left, but was so happy that she was with her family and able to enjoy her grandchildren. I know she is now in heaven watching over all of us. May God hold you in His loving arms as you go through this very difficult time. My love, thoughts, and prayers are with all of you.*

Cathy Marten - December 30, 2020 at 07:38 PM



“ *Mrs. McClelland was the greatest high school counselor and helped me so much in planning for college and shaping my future. I can honestly say I wouldn't be who or where I am right now without her! She will be missed by so, so many, but it makes my heart happy to know that she was surrounded by her family and grandchildren! Sending thoughts, prayers and virtual hugs to her family!!*

Courtney Kolterman - December 30, 2020 at 06:51 PM

DB

“ *Laurie is a wonderful woman of faith. I had the honor of working along side her, as we served as leaders in the Wamego/Alma area planning youth events before her accident. Even in difficulty, she never lost her smile and laughter. She will be missed by all those who were blessed to have known her, until we gather and are united again in the Lord's presence. May the peace of knowing Laurie is with her beloved Savior, fully healed, and waiting to welcome us Home lighten the sorrow of separation.*

D D Boggs - December 30, 2020 at 12:12 PM

LF

“ *I will be forever grateful to Laurie (My favorite High School Counselor) for the many conversations we had during my five years working at Onaga High School. Laurie was an inspiration to all of us for her perseverance and incredibly positive outlook on life. I admired her loving care she provided each and every Onaga student. I can see still her charging down the hallway, headed to the next meeting. She would have a smile on her face and a kind word for everyone she met along her way! I was blessed to have worked with her. God Bless the entire McClelland Family during this extremely difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Loren Feldkamp*

Loren Feldkamp - December 30, 2020 at 09:57 AM

Shelly
Severns

“ When my family moved to Onaga in 1999, Momma Mac (as my kids called her) was such a positive force. Always had a smile on her face and her eyes twinkled with orneriness (and in a good way!). She brought out the best in everyone she met. She will be greatly missed but Heaven gained one heck of an angel. My prayers to the family.

Shelly Severns - December 30, 2020 at 09:56 AM

LN

“ She was an amazing counselor and women! Her smile was infectious. Thoughts and prayers for her family! Onaga Class of 99



Laura Nickel - December 30, 2020 at 09:36 AM

MT

“ She was amazing and always had great words of encouragement and inspiration. I was blessed to have known her as my guidance counselor here at Onaga.

Melissa Tisdale - December 30, 2020 at 08:19 AM

CS

“ Oh Charlie, my grief will not allow words. Those 8 years we shared will never be forgotten. I'm sorry for your lost.

Candy Schlegel - December 29, 2020 at 10:56 PM

GF

“ Laurie welcomed me to Onaga High School with open arms. She was a one of a kind gal. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I loved to hear her laugh!

-Gayla Figge

Gayle Figge - December 29, 2020 at 10:36 PM

RR

“ Laurie was a sweet and faithful friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all! God bless your family, The Routh Family, Alma, Kansas

Rachelle Routh - December 29, 2020 at 10:12 PM