



Laura Swain

March 19, 1951 - December 25, 2022

Frankfort - Laura Ellen Buckner Williams Swain died unexpectedly on Christmas Day from a cardiac event. She was born to Raymond Vines Buckner and Mattie Mozelle Carter Buckner on March 19, 1951 in Ft. Benning, Georgia. A 1968 graduate of Walter F. George High School and 2001 Kennesaw State University, she dedicated her studies to art and art history. She married John McLarty Williams Jr. in December 1969 until he preceded her in death in 2007. In 2015, Laura married James Everett Swain, the love of her life.

She was a member of the Frankfort Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, serving in many callings since her baptism in 1994. She lived in Oak Grove, Georgia from 1982 to 2011 before moving to Asheville, North Carolina, the home of generations of both sides of her family for centuries.

In 2013, she met her husband James Everett Swain, her best friend and eternal love, and they quickly connected over their common interests in almost everything. After they wed, through years of weeding, planting, fertilizing, and tender-loving care, they converted a normal backyard into a marvel of beauty, life, activity, and peace, planting hundreds of irises and numerous trees (including their beloved backyard willow tree). The Two Foxes Forest Garden became a Certified Monarch Butterfly Waystation, filled with

milkweed as the host plant of choice for the next reign of Monarchs.

A talented artist, Laura drew, painted with watercolors, and made mixed media sculpture. Her art hangs in places of honor in the homes of friends and family.

Music was a fundamental part of her daily existence. She played several instruments, especially the accordion and piano, and listened to live and recorded music with Jimmy almost every day.

Laura was caring, eccentric, brilliant, creative, loud, hip, tenacious, magnanimous, profoundly-loving, and, above all, generous, helping multitudes of family, friends, and strangers with a leg up when they needed help.

She is survived by her husband, James Everett Swain, her son John McLarty Williams, III (“Mac”) and daughter in law Mickelle Williams, her daughter Susanna Marie Williams and son-in-law Eric Perley, her five grandchildren Marley Xiomara Williams, John McLarty Williams IV (“Jack”), Calliope Marisol Williams, Arthur Perley-Williams, and Theodore Perley-Williams, and her father-in-law, John McLarty Williams, Sr. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Laura will be profoundly missed. She is tenderly loved and will be remembered forever as our wife, Mama, Lala, Aunt Laura, Papa’s favorite daughter-in-law, and dear friend.

Due to an increase in COVID, she will have a private family ceremony. A public Zoom link will be shared via social media and email. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Sunshine Center, the Josephine Sculpture Park, or St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

Tribute Wall



“ *Laura Swain*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Sincerest and deepest condolences and sympathies at such a profound loss. Prayers, love and concern for all closest to Laura Swain. Sincerely saddened at this loss at such a difficult season. We only met Laura a few times when she and Jim were together but the love between them was apparent and rich. We were so delighted that they found each other and spent the time together with which they were blessed. Rest in God's loving arms dear Laura and prayers that Jim and family are upheld by His grace always and forever.*

Bill and Carol Barto - January 02, 2023 at 11:05 AM



Beautiful, and much need, #grateful for your kind wishes

Jim Swain - January 02, 2023 at 11:22 PM



“ *I am still stunned by this loss. Laura is a beautiful soul. No one loved or gave more. She leaves such a beautiful legacy in those she loved and the ones who loved her. Thank you Laura, for everything. Your life was as beautiful as your garden.*

Gina Morales - January 01, 2023 at 05:04 AM



Your gracious spirit is much needed. Thank you for inviting Laura's spirit presence

Jim Swain - January 02, 2023 at 11:25 PM

DH

“ All of Lauras friends here in Atlanta, from WFG High, and college, will miss her, the artwork, and the KY garden photography.

David Hughes - December 31, 2022 at 11:30 PM

NS

“ Laura was a gentle soul that loved all living things. Truly loved my brother and was generous and caring and a best friend. There are no words to express her kindness. God sent her to give great joy and comfort to Jimmy. I will miss her stories and her laugh and will forever be touched by knowing her.

Nancy Swain - December 29, 2022 at 11:45 PM



Sherry Lacy

I loved that girl. She was a little sister to me. We have been blessed to have her as a member of our family. We will surely miss her playful spirit.

Sherry Lacy Connell - December 31, 2022 at 03:00 PM

JS

Gentle memories that are being shared are blessings to my lonely soul.

Jim Swain - January 02, 2023 at 11:27 PM

MW

“ Laura was always a great customer friend. I am saddened by her passing and will be praying for comfort during this time of loss. Mark Wilson and family

Mark Wilson - December 29, 2022 at 02:07 PM

JS

Thank you Mark

Jim Swain - December 29, 2022 at 08:08 PM

VS

So saddened to hear of this loss. Prayers and healing thoughts coming your way, Jimmy, Nancy and family

Victoria Schreier - December 30, 2022 at 08:48 AM

JS

Healing thoughts and energy greatly

Jim Swain - January 02, 2023 at 11:30 PM

JS

appreciated...

Jim Swain - January 02, 2023 at 11:31 PM