



Laurie Ann Fultz-Ritchie

October 15, 1974 - April 19, 2023

ADRIAN- Laurie Ann Fultz-Ritchie, 48, of Adrian passed away Wednesday afternoon, April 19, 2023 with loved ones by her side.

Laurie was born on October 15, 1974 in Toledo, Ohio. She was born to Robert and Elaine (Rowden) Fultz, Sr. and raised by Robert and Michelle Fultz. Laurie graduated from Madison High School with the Class of 1992 and went on to serve her country in the United States Army Reserves. Upon discharge from the Army, Laurie continued her education earning her Bachelor of Arts in Education from Eastern Michigan University, a Master of Arts in Education from Siena Heights University, and a Master of Arts in Counseling.

On July 19, 2016 Laurie married John Ritchie in a beautiful ceremony in Frankenmuth, MI followed by a special ceremony on July 21, 2016 at Lake Michigan. They have shared much love and laughter in their time together.

Laurie started her educational career through the LISD as an instructional assistant in Madison Elementary's Hearing Impaired Classroom. In 2008, Laurie moved into her full-time teaching position at Madison Elementary as a special education teacher and has been a "favorite" teacher, co-worker, and friend there for 15 years.

Laurie lived a life of service, giving of her time and talents in many ways. She was always thinking of ways to help others and lived this belief through her daily actions. When Laurie's father died in 2014, she carried on his community work with Damascus Road Ministries. Laurie was a faith-filled member of Ogden Church for many years. She enjoyed spending time with her beloved family, friends, and dogs, riding her bike, watching movies, and reading whenever she had a quiet moment. Laurie loved her niece and nephews, stepson Alex, and her many students with all her heart.

She is survived by her loving husband, John; mom, Michelle Fultz; mother, Elaine Fultz; siblings, Robert Fultz, Jr., Tina (Scott) Phillpotts, and Sarah (Ted) Young; nephews and

niece, Jacob, Mia and Nicholas Young, and Spencer, Zachary and Garrett Phillipotts; and stepson, Alex Longenbarger. Laurie was preceded in death by her father, Robert, and sister-in-law, L. Fultz.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, April 23, 2023 from 2 to 8 p.m. at Wagley Funeral Home, in Adrian and on Monday, April 24, 2023 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Ogden Church with funeral services immediately following at 2 p.m. with Pastor Brandon Rickard officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Laurie's name may be made to Young Life or Ogden Church.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
1501 W. Maumee St.
Adrian, MI 49221
(517) 263-1400
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

Visitation

APR **24**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Ogden Church
3201 E. US-223
Adrian, MI

Funeral Service

APR **24**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Ogden Church
3201 E. US-223
Adrian, MI

Tribute Wall

CG

“ My heart is breaking for all of you. Sending much love and condolences. What a fighter she was. I'm sure her dad was waiting with open arms. God Bless sweet Laurie. ❤️🙏🙏
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Claudia Georges - April 22, 2023 at 09:52 AM

JC

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I know her dad was so proud of her. I can only imagine his face when she entered the kingdom of Heaven. Prayers to the family. Shelly we love you. Ben and Julia Christie

Julia Christie - April 21, 2023 at 06:17 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Laurie Ann Fultz-Ritchie.



April 21, 2023 at 12:36 PM

LY

“ I'm sorry to hear of Laurie's passing. She has always treated my Son Jake like family, kind and loving. To me as well. I will always be grateful to her for that. RIH

Laura Young - April 21, 2023 at 11:12 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Laurie Ann Fultz-Ritchie.



April 21, 2023 at 11:01 AM

FJ

“ From Bob, Julie, Hayley, Anthony, Jake purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Laurie Ann Fultz-Ritchie.



From Bob, Julie, Hayley, Anthony, Jake - April 21, 2023 at 10:00 AM

BL

“ Laurie always shared her heart and provided for a mission that was so special to me and Scott! Greenbelt Project Presents. She would start shopping in January and load us up!! She had a heart of gold and I will miss her!! Such a blessing that she is no longer in pain. Love her!!

Bonnie Langneyer - April 21, 2023 at 08:20 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Laurie Ann Fultz-Ritchie.



April 21, 2023 at 01:44 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Laurie Ann Fultz-Ritchie.



April 20, 2023 at 09:43 PM

MB

“ Laurie donated the beds for children to us to give to Surviving to Thriving Non Profit. We thank you and are very sad to hear of her passing. Our condolences are with her family. She truly made a difference to many.
Melissa Beal
President of Surviving to Thriving

melissa beal - April 20, 2023 at 08:54 PM

RV

“ My memories are amazing! She became such a great friend, mentor and co-worker. We worked together as her assistant for 9 years! She taught me so much! The kids we had became family to us! Laurie was faithful, kind, loving, sweet and loving. She brought me through some hard times and I am so very blessed to have her in my life! I will see her again fully healed. Big piece of my heart is missing. I love her so much. 💕💕💕💕💕

Rebecca Vogel - April 20, 2023 at 08:01 PM