



## Laura L. Coppens

September 21, 1957 - September 3, 2024

Laura L. Coppens, age 66, of Estero, FL, and formerly of Ann Arbor, MI, died at her home on the morning of September 3, 2024. She was born on September 21, 1957, in Lansing, MI.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 46 years, Patrick J. Coppens of Estero, FL; two sons, Andrew D. Coppens (Christina) of Durham, NH, and Bradley J. Coppens (Brett) of Manhasset, NY; one daughter, Kristin M. Johnston (Justin) of West Olive, MI, and three grandchildren, Campbell Coppens, Luke Coppens, and Jase Johnston. She loved her children and grandchildren immensely. Laura was a daughter of David W. and Carol M. (Romano) Clark. She is also survived by her two brothers, Lee Clark and Michael Clark, and her sister, Raejean June. As a child, Laura had a very strong relationship with her grandparents, Marian and Samuel "PawPaw" Romano.

Laura attended Lansing Eastern High School and Lansing Community College. Professionally, she spent many years working at Michigan National Bank and later Williams Sonoma. Reflecting her concern for and deep commitment to others, Laura volunteered for many years at the Safe House Center of Ann Arbor, MI, helping domestic violence survivors.

Patrick and Laura met at the Tastee-Freez in Lansing, MI, where they both

worked as adolescents. They spent many enjoyable years in Lansing and then later in Ann Arbor, raising their family before retiring and moving to Florida. Laura was well-known everywhere she lived for her outgoing and vivacious personality, wit, generosity, and charm. She was a friend to many, especially her dear girlfriends in Ann Arbor. Laura took an interest in people from all walks of life – the community members most often ignored or overlooked were among those to whom she extended the most concern and compassion.

Memorial services for Laura will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2024, at 10:00 AM at the mausoleum of St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery: 2520 W. Willow, Lansing, MI 48917. A Celebration of Life gathering will follow at One North Lansing: 5001 W Saginaw Hwy, Lansing, MI 48917.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Safe House Center of Ann Arbor, MI, where Laura was a long-time advocate and volunteer (see <https://www.safehousecenter.org/donate/>).

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home; to sign Laura's guest register or to leave online condolences please visit <https://www.shikanyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/>.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2520 W. Willow  
Lansing, MI 48917

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery  
2520 W. Willow  
Lansing, MI 48917

## Reception

NOV 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

One North  
5001 W. Saginaw Hwy.,  
Lansing, MI 48917

# Tribute Wall

RK

“ *Pat, I am so very sorry. I remember you and Laura well from our Beurmann-Marshall days. Rose Baxter Krueger*

Rose Baxter Krueger - October 20, 2024 at 07:28 AM

PC

*Hi Rose. Oh my gosh what a surprise. I remember you very well. Thank you so much. Can you believe it's been over 40 years? I hope you're doing well.*

Patrick Coppens - October 21, 2024 at 02:56 PM

DM

“ *So saddened to lose Laura. I will always remember her tireless energy. We were preparing for Brett's shower at my sister's home, getting food ready, and dressing cupcakes; she got right in there with a million great suggestions; she was ready to do anything, clean anything. She visited our home in Naples and wanted to be busy, she was a doer - so we did - the morning walk, the bike ride, the afternoon swim work out. I was use to doing my laps in the pool, she joined right in, and never tired, I was getting tired, she was not. She was strong. I'm not sure if she explored sports personally, but had she done so, she would been a good competitor. She was a great lady, a super Mom, a loving grandparent, and a good buddy of mine. I will miss her. God Bless you, Laura.*

*With much Love, Denise Mumm*

Denise Summers Mumm - September 29, 2024 at 12:43 PM

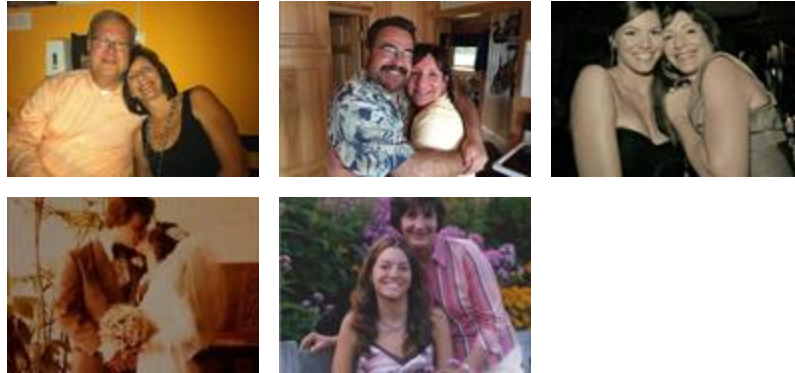
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*Thank you so much Denise. What a nice remembrance. You had to know her to appreciate her.*

Patrick Coppens - October 04, 2024 at 01:20 PM

PC

“ 10 files added to the album *Tribute Wall*



Patrick Coppens - September 22, 2024 at 04:22 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of *Laura L. Coppens*.



September 22, 2024 at 12:35 PM

Kim  
Baker

“ Beautiful picture of *laura*.shows her joy in life.will so miss her.but cherish my last visit with her.

Kim Baker - September 21, 2024 at 05:42 PM

PC

Thank you Kim. She just loved the day she spent with you. Childhood friends

Patrick Coppens - September 28, 2024 at 06:04 PM