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**L**aurie Ann Sullivan was born in a Naval Hospital in Newport, Rhode Island at 12:22 PM on September 10, 1956, to Norvel N. "Pete" and Darlene Sullivan.

She attended Browning-Pearce Elementary School, Palatka Middle School, and graduated from Palatka South High School in 1974, where she participated in and held office in many clubs and enjoyed sports.

After graduation, she worked as a tour guide with IT&T in Palm Coast, FL and soon after, through a mutual friend, she met her future husband, Billy, at a Halloween party, where she was dressed in a unique costume, where it was love at first sight. It was a whirlwind romance, and quickly there after, they moved in together after only knowing each other for one week, and have been together ever since, where they were married six months later on April 19, 1975, and have been together for a total of 49 years and married for 48 1/2 years.

On July 6, 1976, they were gifted with a son, William S, "Bill" Dunson, III. Growing up, she loved having Bill's friends over and waited on them hand and foot. She loved catering to their every need. So much so, all of Bill's friends called her "Dunson's Deli", which she loved, because she was constantly surrounded by and feeding all of his friends which she considered family.

Laurie had many longtime friends who would regularly come and visit and have a girls day out which she thoroughly enjoyed and looked forward to.

Laurie enjoyed life with card games, puzzles, horses, searching for painted rocks, her many dogs, cooking, sitting on the porch and watching all the different birds and bunny rabbits. In her younger days, she loved the beach, camping, helping Billy in his garden and the outdoors. Billy would cut wildflowers for Laurie, which she loved, and bring them home to her from one of his hunting trips, and her son and friends would say "Why are you picking weeds and bringing them home" and Laurie would say, "you should be more thoughtful and pick them for your girlfriends"



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with a smile on her face. Laurie loved her flowers and loved it when Billy brought them home to her.

June 14, 2016, Laurie became a grandma which she was overjoyed by. Walker was born and she was able to do what grandma's love to do, spoil their grandkids.

Unfortunately, Laurie became ill at a young age in life at 52 years old. She was a soldier through it all and fought it out and had her family by her side helping her each step of the way. Her family was her life and she loved helping and providing for them. Laurie had strong family ties and beliefs, and was known for her generous and great spirit, outgoing personality, and for her beautiful smile.

October 11, 2023, at 7:15 PM, Laurie passed away peacefully at home with her husband, Billy by her side. She is survived by her loving and dedicated husband of 49 years, William, "Billy", son William "Bill", and grandson, Walker. She was preceded in death by her parents, Pete, and Darlene Sullivan. She is survived by three brothers, David Sullivan, Michael Sullivan, and Steven Sullivan, (Tammy), and two sisters, Patti Sullivan and Kathleen Sullivan Lowe (Lyle).

Per her wishes, she chose cremation with no service or burial.



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PS

**Patti Sullivan** posted:

Happy 1st Birthday in Heaven Laurie. You are greatly missed. Still so hard to believe and accept that you are gone. But never forgotten. You will never be forgotten. Say hi to mom and dad, Aunt Ben, Uncle Dick, Unk Joe, Robin, and everyone else. Love you.

September 10 at 5:31 AM

RT

**Rita Thompson** posted:

I'm her niece, when I was young I went over to her and Uncle Billy's for a day or so. She had records. Reo Speed Wagon, Barry Manilow, Journey, ....all the greats. I think I wore out a needle that weekend.

December 14 at 3:27 PM

PS

**Patti Sullivan** posted:

To my big sister. The one I always looked up to. The one I always wanted to be like. The one with a big heart, a beautiful smile, and an open mind. The one who knew who she was and never changed for anyone. The one who no matter where I lived in the world and no matter how expensive long distance calling was, always called me. The one who listened to me for hours every night when I needed her, even though she worked and had her own family to tend to. The one who always had a bedroom for me. There is a big hole in my heart and an even bigger hole in my life without you. To my big sister, who is now in heaven, I will love you and miss you forever. Fly free and high big sister. Love always, Patti

November 1 at 3:31 PM

PS

**Patti Sullivan** January 26 at 2:46 PM

Hi Rita, I know you miss her too.

RT

**Rita Thompson** December 14 at 3:34 PM

I'm so sorry for your loss Patti.

JS

**Jean A Salvatore** posted:

Laurie, My dearest friend I miss you so much. Thank you for loving me and being so loyal and understanding. Love you forever. See you on the other side.

October 21 at 2:52 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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