



Laura Whipple Sykes

October 26, 1955 - November 11, 2017

Ms. Laura Amelia Whipple, born October 26, 1955 in Perry, GA. Daughter of the late Allen Pugh Whipple, III and Elinor Trunnell Whipple. She was raised in Perry and attended West GA College in Carrollton and Mercer University in Macon.

Laura's work experience began with being a realtor for Northside Realty in Atlanta, this was the beginning of cultivating her entrepreneurial spirit and discovering the power and value of building relationships with people. She moved onto working as an insurance agent with New York Life, where she began grooming her mindset as well as others on self-advocacy.

Laura went on to be a flight attendant instructor for Eastern and Continental Express with South Jersey Airlines, where she developed her skills as a teacher. After becoming a mom, she began to look for balance and flexibility and decided to go to nursing school. She worked as a geriatric nurse for 8 years and created programming for staff to deliver that (extra special touch) to clients.

She went on to work with Century Twenty One Alliance, and became a Centurion Producer and served as top agent in her office for 4 years. The twist of these successes is that she had been diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer and was bouncing back and forth between surgeries and closing

deals. She transferred to Remax and became a top agent and was grateful to their commitment to the breast cancer movement.

Laura was honored by the CEO of the Susan G. Komen Foundation and the CEO of Remax as one of the international role models surviving breast cancer. She was also involved with organizations, Crossing the Finish Line, Make a Wish and I Am Beautiful.

Laura died on Saturday, November 11, 2017. She is survived by her two sons, Stephen (Jaclyn) Sykes and Matthew (Abby) Sykes; brother, Allen Metts Whipple, Sr.; sister, Lane Hanson, and her sister in law, Linda F. Whipple, whom she lived with and several nieces and nephews.

A Service will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 10:30 in United Methodist Church of Avalon, 3344 Dune Drive; Avalon, NJ 08202 with a Visitation from 9:30 until the Service.

Tribute Wall

BG

“ I met Laura when we were young and she was in high school.. We stayed friends the rest of her life. I have the best memories of Laura and continue to miss her. 2025 Bobby Golden

Bobby Golden - July 30, 2025 at 05:38 PM

SC

“ Laura and I were best friends throughout elementary school. We lived in the same neighborhood and played together, rode bikes, trick or treated and attended school-often in the same class. I would go with her to visit her grandmother and uncle at her mother's home farm where we had so much fun playing on the farm, fishing, riding her uncle's horse and eating those wonderful southern farm meals. I moved away and we lost touch but I had spoken with her just a few years ago after Melissa Helms helped me locate her with her married name. I knew of her struggles with her health and I also have had the same struggle though not metastatic. She was so full of life and I loved her as a sister. My prayers will be for all of her family to have peace and joy for having had her in their lives. Love to all, Susan Andrews Cobb

Susan Andrews Cobb - July 07, 2018 at 09:50 PM

PB

“ This message goes out to Steve and Matthew. Your mom loved u so much, that's why she never gave up. And know that u will see her again in heaven. Where there is no more pain and tears. Love u both, Patricia Baldini.

patricia baldini - November 23, 2017 at 10:48 AM

VC

“ Truly, one of the funniest people I have ever known! She definitely had the gift to make people laugh. Precious soul that was loved by everyone. Be at peace now, I pray.

vicki hayes claxton - November 14, 2017 at 09:49 PM

BE

Always a fighter, always an advocate...a lioness who loved her sons more than life itself...rest in peace, dear friend

Beverly McCall, Esquire - November 15, 2017 at 09:29 AM

TS

Always a very caring person who was so loved.

Terry A Sims - November 15, 2017 at 07:23 PM