



## Laura J. Callahan

August 25, 1952 - October 18, 2021

AYER: Laura J. (Jordan) Callahan, 69, of Ayer, formerly of Quincy, died Monday, October 18, 2021 at her residence after a year-long battle with pancreatic cancer.

Laura was born in Quincy, August 25, 1952, a daughter of Barbara (Benson) Jordan and the late Robert and grew up in Quincy. She was a graduate of North Quincy High School and continued her education at Northeastern University.

Laura worked for the Town of Ayer School Department for over 24 years retiring in 2015 as the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Ayer Public Schools.

In addition to her mother of Rockland, Laura leaves her husband of 44 years, Denis Callahan; three sons and daughters in law, John P. and Tessa Callahan, Luke R. and Shannon Callahan, Matthew J. and Lauren Callahan all of Wilmington; a stepson, D. Christopher Callahan of Arlington; her brother, Cooper Jordan of Kissimmee, FL; her sister, Linda Machnig of Middleboro; seven grandchildren, Rowan Callahan, Josephine Callahan, Finn Callahan, Nolan Callahan, Angelina Callahan, Bailey Callahan and Bryce Callahan.

Laura loved the ocean, especially at Long Beach in Rockport, MA. She was an accomplished equestrian, enjoyed surfing in her younger years, was an avid reader, and loved traveling and dancing, and of course her dog Ralphie.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 AM Saturday, October 23, 2021 at St. Mary's Church, 31 Shirley Street, Ayer. Interment will be held privately.

Laura's family will receive family and friends at calling hours on Friday, October 22nd from 4-7 PM at the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road (Rte. 2A) Ayer. For additional information or to leave an online condolence please visit their website at [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com).

Memorial contributions may be made to David B. Perini Quality of Life Clinic, c/o Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 450 Brookline Avenue, Boston, MA 02215-5450.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

OCT **22**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer  
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A  
Ayer, MA 01432  
(978) 772-2355

## Funeral Mass

OCT **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Church  
31 Shirley Street  
Ayer, MA 01432

# Tribute Wall

BM

“ Lots of memories of Laura as my babysitter! Grew up with her family and ours sharing a few vacations up to NH and extended-McCarthy family gatherings over many years.

*Rest in Peace*

*Brian McCarthy*



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**Brian McCarthy** - January 12, 2022 at 10:21 AM

SW

“ Denis, John, Luke, Matthew and family—I just learned of Laura’s passing and am so very sorry to hear of her loss! I just loved your wife/mom. I had the great pleasure of working with her in the school system and she was always SO helpful, kind, gracious, skillful, loving and fun! I thought she was just wonderful! I’m so very sorry for your great loss!

—Sharon Webb

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**Sharon Webb** - October 30, 2021 at 08:07 PM

WM

“ I will always remember the good times we had over the years.

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**William machnig** - October 22, 2021 at 01:19 PM

PC

“ We met through our boys and a friendship formed. We had so many good times whether it was gatherings after games, our walks at lunch, graduations and weddings. But my fondest memories of Laura will be when she talked me into horseback riding again after so many years of not riding. Our trips to the Andover Horse Farm were filled with so many laughs and even a trip to the ER. To Denis, John, Luke and Matt know that the Carlson family is thinking of you. I still can't believe both Laura & Mark are gone from our families. Love to you all.  
Peggy Carlson and Family

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peggy carlson - October 22, 2021 at 01:18 PM

SB

“ Dennis I am so sorry for your loss, I remember Laura coming into JP Sullivan and she was always so Happy and such a Good person. I truly understand what you are going through. Bless you and your family.  
Stell Borneman

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Stell Borneaman - October 21, 2021 at 07:20 PM

KM

“ Denis and dear Family, Jay and I send our thoughts and prayers to all of you during this difficult time. Even though we live in California now, we have many fun time memories of get together with you Denis and Laura. What a beautiful, fun loving , sometimes wild and hysterical woman she brought to our life. Remember the memories of Laura/Mom and bring them into your daily life. Love, Kathy and Jay McCluskey 🙏

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kathy and Jay McCluskey - October 21, 2021 at 02:13 PM

LF

“ *Love The Cronin Family purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Laura J. Callahan.*



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**Love The Cronin Family** - October 21, 2021 at 10:51 AM

LC

“ *Mom, you brought energy and fun everywhere you went. I love you and miss you so much.*

*Love,  
Lukey*

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**Luke Callahan** - October 21, 2021 at 10:33 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Laura J. Callahan.*



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October 20, 2021 at 12:34 PM

MW

“ *Denis your family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

*My condolences.  
Mark Whitehill*

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**Mark Whitehill** - October 20, 2021 at 12:34 PM

BF

“ *Bill, Kathy, and Family. purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Laura J. Callahan.*



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**Bill, Kathy, and Family.** - October 20, 2021 at 11:12 AM

MC

“ *Mom, I admire your strength and courage. I am so sad and miss you so much already, though I know you are in peace right now, and will always be with us. I love you!*

*Love,  
Matt*

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**Matt Callahan** - October 19, 2021 at 09:37 PM

MH

“ *Sending our love and prayers to Denis and the entire Callahan family.*

*Laura had that very special ability to light up a room with her smile and always ready sense of humor. We shared many stories and laughs together over the years- first in the office and later as friends. Laura will forever remain in our thoughts and memories,  
Bill & Mary Beth Hamel*

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**Mary Beth Hamel** - October 19, 2021 at 08:04 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Laura J. Callahan.*



October 19, 2021 at 07:21 PM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Laura J. Callahan.*



October 19, 2021 at 06:13 PM



“ *I'm a better person for knowing you personally and professionally. I will always look for you on the rail trail to share a laugh.*

**Susan Copeland** - October 19, 2021 at 02:36 PM



“ *Debbie Rader purchased the Fields of Europe for the family of Laura J. Callahan.*



**Debbie Rader** - October 19, 2021 at 10:21 AM

LH

“ It is with a heavy heart that we grieve the passing of our friend and neighbor. We so admired Laura's strength, determination and no nonsense approach to life. She and Denis were always welcome guests at parties at 16 Madigan Lane. Laura was so engaging and fun, she made other guests feel welcome. Always an asset, always invited!

*For years we have enjoyed watching her family grow. It always brought a smile to our faces to see the boys and their wives come by to visit with Laura's beautiful grandchildren. Laura's light will continue to shine through her amazing family.*

*Finally, I would be remiss if I did not mention Ralphie. Thanks to Ralphie running away to our house or our Oliver running to the Callahan's, many impromptu get-togethers resulted. We will miss those casual conversations most of all.*

*Always in our hearts,  
The Horgan Family (Kevin, Laurie, Emma, Annie & Ryan)*

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**Laurie Horgan** - October 19, 2021 at 09:57 AM

LM

“ Laura you were an amazing women! Best memory I have with you is spending the day on Long beach in the rain waiting for the sun to come out. You made us all laugh so much that day! I will miss you so much.

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**Leah Monagle** - October 19, 2021 at 09:51 AM

JC

“ Mom, you had an amazing ability to be in the moment and enjoy every minute; something I continue to strive for. I love you and miss you! Love, Johnny

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**John Callahan** - October 19, 2021 at 09:14 AM

AF

“ *Amy Mcpadden Fairweather lit a candle in memory of Laura J. Callahan*



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**Amy mcpadden Fairweather** - October 19, 2021 at 08:26 AM