



## Laurel Preston Breckinridge

July 19, 2009

Laurel Preston Breckinridge, age 61 passed away on Sunday July 19th, 2009 at Portsmouth Naval Hospital. Mrs. Breckinridge was born in Huntington, WV. , the daughter of the late Henry Joe Preston and Theodora Michael Preston. She was predeceased by her father and her husband James Robert Breckinridge. Mrs. Breckinridge is survived by her mother, Theodora Preston and her sister Nancy Ferguson, both of Florida, and her fiancé Tom Remington, of Chesapeake, Va. Mrs. Breckinridge was a retired teacher with the Martinsville VA. Schools. Funeral services were private. Arrangements were entrusted to Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel.

# Tribute Wall



“ I was shocked and saddened to hear of "Lappie's" passing. She was such a positive influence during my adolescence, as she and my father, Jim, dated for many years. She was there for me for many "firsts". She guided me through puberty and all those "yucky" things a girl just can't talk to her dad about. I remember sunbathing in her backyard when she lived in a round house!, riding in her Volvo with a sunroof! and baking the most amazing chocolate chip cookies because no one could do it like her!. She ironed all the time, everything she could. She would iron socks, washcloths and even underwear! She said it was calming. I never understood how one person could need so much "calming", but that was before I was a mother. Now I can imagine how much "calming" she needed with the three of us kids running around the house! I remember visiting her sister, where she taught me the words to "Sweet Dreams" by Annie Lennox. I remember her lime-green telephone, her chapstick and her hair; her hair always smelled so good.

Talk about a small world... we had a mutual friend when we each lived in Martinsville. Although we spoke several times we never did get together for the "catch-me-up" lunch we planned.

Laurie was such an important person to so many people. I think she knew it while she was here but I know, at least for me, I should've said it more. I hope all of us make time for "catch-me-up" lunches and always remember to "say it more"...##imported-begin##Kim Bushong Crawford##imported-end##

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August 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Preston and Nancy,  
May seem strange to write two of these but when I saw that her friends had written some directly to Laurie, I thought it might help me to do so.  
I have written to you both on tributes.com also.  
I am so upset to learn of Laurie's passing. It's a long story how I discovered it and still is difficult to accept. Her life had it's ups and downs but I'm going to remember the good times. She could make things happen and lighten up a room when she was in it. I will miss her even more knowing that it is not just the miles between us but that she is not there.  
I hope that you are getting through this time with the help of each other. I'm wondering about Tom. I would love to talk with you 972-484-9490.  
Sincerely, Adamek##imported-begin##Betty Adamek##imported-end##

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August 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Laurie,

*I am devastated to have found out that you have left us for a better place. I can only hope you are happier. Please forgive me for not being there for you but I too could no longer contact you. I just kept hoping you'd write like you were so good at in the past. You have been an important person in my life since we met that summer of '68 in Radford with you calling me the "lousy freshman". I have great memories of times with you, friends, family, homes and dogs over the last 40+ years. You were such a wonderful person and best friend. Life is not going to be the same knowing you are not there for me and visiting you will not be a part of my trips to Virginia. Until we meet again...don't you and Betty Jo have too much fun without me.*

*Love you, Adamek & Bimtoo##imported-begin##Betty Adamek##imported-end##*

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August 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Laurie was a special person from a very special family that had a great influence on my life. I am deeply saddened by her death. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers##imported-begin##Fred Parker##imported-end##

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August 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Preston and Nancy, we all have childhood memories of Laurie that conjures up a period of innocence and the notion we would live forever. Unfortunately, we learned to the contrary, life is a journey of ups and downs and many twists in the road to countless destinations. I am deeply saddened Laurie is no longer with us. She was a beautiful and gifted person. I pray she is now in God's hands where she can be eternally happy and content. Laurie, you will be sorely missed by those who loved you and admired your many talents.##imported-begin##Leon Prater##imported-end##

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August 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ To Laurie's family and friends, I send my deepest sympathy. Our growing up years will never be forgotten. We had so many fun, special, and crazy times at AHS. I remember Laurie's beautiful smile and wonderful personality. May you find peace in the coming days and know that Laurie's memory will be cherished by all her old friends. Sincerely, Joyce##imported-begin##Joyce White McConnell##imported-end##

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August 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I will never forget that beautiful girl I went to high school with, may God bless her soul##imported-begin##Bill Mink##imported-end##

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August 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Ms.Preston and Nancy,  
I'm remembering Laurie tonight as she was the last time I saw her,  
33 years ago. Such a beautiful and unique person! I will pray for the  
repose of her soul. Lovingly, judy###imported-begin##julia ramsey  
walker###imported-end##

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August 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Preston and Nancy,  
I am so sorry to hear about Laurie's recent passing. Even though  
we lost touch over the past 40+ years, I have such fond memories  
of our years at AHS. My thoughts and prayers are with you during  
this time, and may your memories bring peace to your  
hearts.###imported-begin##Susan E. Lowry###imported-end##

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August 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I have nothing but wonderful, happy memories of Laurie and our  
"growing up" years. We've lost her far too soon! Prayers are for  
Laurie and her family.###imported-begin##Jane Moore  
Green###imported-end##

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August 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Laurie it is always with great sorrow learning one of our AHS class  
of 1966 has passed on. I cherish my days growing up in Abingdon  
and I hope you did too. I pray you are in a better place now and God  
will bless you and your family.  
Mike Shaffer###imported-begin##Mike Shaffer###imported-end##

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August 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Laurie, just read your obit in the newspaper yesterday. I just had to remember all the fun we used to have growing up and riding around in the Jag. The "GANG" tried to call you in May, but we did not have the right number. You always had to be first and you really did it this time. Love, Jane##imported-begin##Jane Rutledge##imported-end##

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August 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM