



Laura Johnson Lourde

March 14, 1965 - April 16, 2012

Critically acclaimed singer-songwriter Laura Lourde passed away in her sleep early Monday morning. Known to her many thousands of fans across the country as Laura Shawen, she was both admired for her distinctive mix of rock and country sung in an unmistakable, husky voice, and beloved for her tremendous generosity, brilliance, and quick wit. She is survived by her daughter, Jamie Cox, and grandson Trent—both of Spring Hill, Fla.—brother Chris Shawen of Maryland, and partner Kathleen Lourde of Dacoma, Okla. She will be sorely missed.

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BN

“ I just recently found out about my longtime friend. I in last 4 yrs got in touch with her on the computer, after leaving SD, ca in 1993, It was some of the best times hanging out with her, funny, intelligent and taught me more about music and life and to respect all of it. This news has broken my heart, but I know she is no longer in pain, though it was way to soon, her spirit lives through all that knew her, she was most definetly one of a kind. I feel priveldged to have been graced with her as a "friend" i adopted her as my big sis...she knew so much about me, and did so much more for me than she will ever know. Much respect for the incredible woman, beautiful soul, and kindred spirit of one of a kind, Laura you will be so much more than missed. May the Goddesses surround her partner Kathleen. Peace out)0(

Betty Nelson - August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JQ

“ Laura was a big presence in many lives. It's hard to believe she is gone. I send my prayers to her family.

judy quinlan - April 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ rest in peace my love

Corrie Van Steenberg - April 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ I am so sorry to hear about this. My heart goes out to all her family. She will be missed by me and her many many facebook friends...RIP sweet Laura....

Sheila White - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Sweet Sis,
I know that you are singing with your beautiful voice with the angels. Sing proud!! You always made me smile and I hope that I made you smile on Facebook and in our texts. My thoughts and prayers for Kathleen and family.

Penny Smith - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Miss Laura may you rest in peace. The world will be a more empty place without you in it. God bless and keep you always*

Barry Smith - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *you will be greatly missed and we all love you*

Mandy Bohn - April 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *Dear Laura,
You were my first mentor in the lifestyle and You never left my heart nor my soul. Though we had not talked but for a few e-mails the last several years, I thought of You often. Getting to spend time with You back in the summer of 1996 when I was totally green in the lifestyle was a rare privilege and a memory I will cherish forever. You live on forever in the spirit You imparted to others and in your amazing music.
Namaste,
Sage*

Sage/Tracey - April 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Laura. She was certainly one of a kind in her music and the way she lived her life. My heart go out to those who loved her and who were loved by her.

Annik - April 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Laura was a very unique and special person to a lot of people, and will be sorely missed. Prayers to her family and many friends.

Cathy Lewis Landon - April 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ I remember a long ago evening in Chapel Hill when Laura brought her music to us in a sweet little bar. My two daughters were very young but had been exposed to her music through "Deliver Me" and could sing every word of the title song. Laura was gracious and my girls were in awe. Bless you, Laura. You live on through your music and through those who love yous o. Thank you, Andrea, for introducing me to this amazing talent. May Light, Love and Peace be with those who are grieving. And may we all continue to listen to the music....

Michaeline Parrish

Michaeline Parrish - April 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ My prayers go out to Laura's loved ones!

Denise Kimes Horner - April 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there; I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond glints on snow,
I am the sun on ripened grain,
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circling flight.
I am the soft star-shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there; I did not die.

Andrea McMillan - April 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ A beautiful, funny, talented and wonderful person. Could always count on her to bring on a smile or make me laugh with her FB status.....you will be missed, but your music lives on. RIP

Kitty Wyatt - April 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ I am sorry for your loss.

Melissa Margaret Windsor - April 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ Laura and I go back a long way! I spent a lot of time at her house as we were growing up. The memories are endless. They begin with Bette Middler-her idol, "Carrie", the birth of her beautiful daughter, Jamie, and soooo many more. My thoughts and prayers are with the family and her many freinds. Miss and love you, sis!!!

Kim Benn O'Grady - April 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AZ

“ *i am lost without You. i was only whole within You. i hope You are at peace, and pain free now. Fly AngelSyren, fly as the wind. You are missed, more than You will ever know, and the hole in my heart can not be filled but with Your memories. I love you, I loved You, and I will always love YOU.*

Andrea Zeeman - April 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM