



Carla Rae Laiben

February 25, 1956 - March 3, 2024

Carla Rae Laiben of Ironton, MO, entered into rest on Sunday, March 3, 2024, at the age of 68 years and 7 days. She was born February 25, 1956 in St. Louis, MO, to the late Luther Carl and Essie Rae (Knuckles) Radford.

On October 2, 1988, Carla was united in marriage to David Randolph “Randy” Laiben who survives. Also surviving Carla are her son Koby Radford of Herculaneum, MO, her step-daughter Angela Laiben of Festus, MO, three grandchildren, Mason, Ksiah, and Bishop; two brothers, Randall Radford and wife Patti of Festus, MO, and Rudy Radford and wife Julia of Barnhart, MO, a brother-in-law Gregg Laiben and wife Dana of Kansas City, MO, and many more loving family members and friends.

Carla is preceded in rest by her parents, a step-son Jacob Laiben, and a brother Larry Joe Radford.

For many years Carla has been an artist in many different ways; she loved to paint and create/design sculptures, she played music on her fiddle, she loved to sing (just not in public), and planting and tending to her beautiful flower garden. She had a personality as beautiful as her flower garden and as bright as her paintings which was obvious for those who knew and loved her. She had a great and wonderful sense of humor; she was always the “life of the party” when she was with friends and family, and she was a bubbly and loving person. She also loved to take care and feed stray pets. She was known to feed all the stray and lost pets which entered her yard. A lot can be said about those who care for the animals who are lost, alone and scared.

She also was a past member of the Historical Society and Genealogy Society, and enjoyed learning about the past, hers and that of others.

Carla Rae Laiben will be missed by all who were blessed to know and love her.

A Visitation for friends to gather will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, beginning at 5:00 pm and lasting until 8:00 pm from the Cole Family Funeral Home.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, March 7, 2024, beginning at 11:00 am from the Cole Family Funeral Home.

Interment will follow the services in the Arcadia Valley Memorial Park.

Roxanne Lanfersieck will be officiating the services.

In lieu of flower, donations and memorials may be made to the Ironton Animal Shelter or any animal shelter in Carla's honor. For the Ironton Animal Shelter, please make checks payable to the City of Ironton, and put animal shelter in the memo line. Their address is 123 N. Main St. Ironton, MO 63650.

Cemetery Details

Arcadia Valley Memorial Park

Russellville Road
Ironton, MO 63650

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cole Family Funeral Home
210 E Reynolds St
Ironton, MO 63650
(573) 546-0742

Celebration of Life

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Carla was an enigma...she was as at home in a high-class crowd speaking about fine arts as she was having drinks with blue-collar boys at some dive, as she was “holding court” on some porch while keeping everyone in stitches. Carla was a creative genius- excelling at any and all artistic endeavors that she decided to undertake- and it was all so lovely because she truly appreciated beauty in all forms. She was always genuine and she was kind to all living things. And she had the best sense of humor when it came to life’s oddities and inconsistencies. She will be missed and always cherished by all of us who were honored to know her. She was a steadfast friend.*

Deborah Gambill - March 06, 2024 at 12:37 PM

JL

“ *Condolences to all the family from Jake and Mackenzie Lukens. Carla will be greatly missed.*

Jake Lukens - March 06, 2024 at 11:23 AM

NK

“ *Carla had a beautiful heart with a smile that would light up the room. Her laugh was contagious. She was an artisan to the truest word. Our hearts and prayers are with Carla’s family. Love, Mark & Nena Kettler*

Nena Kettler - March 06, 2024 at 07:47 AM

SG

“ From Scott Goodbread

There are a ton of funny memories I have of Aunt Carla but my favorite was the time I got stuck at her house because of an ice storm. I had stopped by to visit and the driveway at her house had a steep decline. While we were visiting, freezing rain started and when I went to leave I realized I couldn't get back up her driveway. Being the kind Aunt she was she offered to let me spend the night. Now I'm not known to be short of words and can carry on a conversation with the best of them. That night I met my match. We talked and talked and talked some more. We talked until I finally could not keep my eyes open. I remember thinking "I can't fall asleep that will be rude but I can't keep my eyes open anymore". I remember closing my eyes the last time and she was still going. I got the complete Radford download that night. You sure will be missed Aunt Carla!

Scott Goodbread - March 05, 2024 at 10:13 PM

FK

“ From The Goodbread family, Ken, Kathy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carla Rae Laiben.

From The Goodbread family, Ken, Kathy - March 05, 2024 at 09:03 PM

FK

“ From The Goodbread family, Ken, Kathy purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Carla Rae Laiben.



From The Goodbread family, Ken, Kathy - March 05, 2024 at 09:03 PM

TL

“ *The Adams Family, Kim, Jason, & Laura purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Carla Rae Laiben.*



The Adams Family, Kim, Jason, & Laura - March 05, 2024 at 08:22 PM

DB

“ *Doug Graham abd Adrienne Bernsen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carla Rae Laiben.*

Doug Graham abd Adrienne Bernsen - March 05, 2024 at 05:31 PM

DB

“ *Doug Graham abd Adrienne Bernsen purchased the Always by Your Side - Glassware for the family of Carla Rae Laiben.*



Doug Graham abd Adrienne Bernsen - March 05, 2024 at 05:31 PM



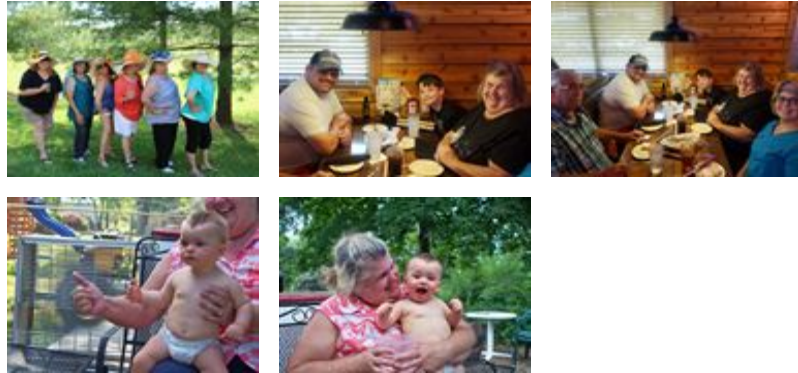
“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Carla Rae Laiben.*



March 05, 2024 at 04:52 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Cole Family Funeral Home - March 05, 2024 at 02:48 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carla Rae Laiben.



March 05, 2024 at 11:37 AM



“ Bob, Roxanne, Ty and Jack Lanfersieck planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carla Rae Laiben.

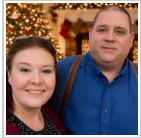
Bob, Roxanne, Ty and Jack Lanfersieck - March 05, 2024 at 09:22 AM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Carla Rae Laiben.*



March 05, 2024 at 09:22 AM



“ *I met Carla 9 years ago at the art studio in Arcadia. She taught me how to paint and over time I got to know her as a person. She was a hoot! Full of funny stories and an overall good time. I haven't seen her in awhile but I think of her often. I'll miss you Carla! See you on the other side ❤️*

Amy Walka - March 04, 2024 at 11:28 PM



“ *Susan McClenahan and Tina/Scott Anderson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carla Rae Laiben.*



Susan McClenahan and Tina/Scott Anderson - March 04, 2024 at 10:54 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carla Rae Laiben.*



March 04, 2024 at 10:34 PM

AR

“ Alan Eggemeyer and Dori Robinson purchased the *Your Light Shines for the family of Carla Rae Laiben.*



Alan Eggemeyer and Dori Robinson - March 04, 2024 at 09:41 PM

CF

“ Chrissy crow and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carla Rae Laiben.

Chrissy crow and family - March 04, 2024 at 07:07 PM

CF

“ Chrissy crow and family purchased the *Sweet Tenderness for the family of Carla Rae Laiben.*



Chrissy crow and family - March 04, 2024 at 07:07 PM

JJ

“ Jamie Bahr & Dave Jones planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carla Rae Laiben.

Jamie Bahr & Dave Jones - March 04, 2024 at 07:01 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Carla Rae Laiben.* ”



March 04, 2024 at 07:01 PM