



## Laura J. Tanous-Marshall

November 6, 1963 - December 7, 2021

LEWISTON - Laura Joan Tanous-Marshall, 58 of North Turner, passed away on December 7th, 2021, after an agonizing battle with Covid-19.

Laura was born on November 6, 1963, the second child of Charles and Cynthia Downing Tanous. She was a faithful believer and walked with Jesus Christ. Laura believed that we are not born for ourselves but to help others. Laura touched the lives of so many people and created lifetime bonds everywhere she went.

Laura called Van Buren, North Turner, and Sugarloaf her homes. She was a graduate of Leavitt Area High School class of 1982 and was an honorary graduate of Van Buren High School Class of '82. Laura was also a graduate of Bernard's School of Hair Fashion. Although Laura only lived in Van Buren until she was 11, the friends she made were friends she held dear her entire life.

During her time at Sugarloaf, Laura spent time working for the mountain, owning her own hair salon, and developing life lasting friendships. Sugarloaf is where Laura met Brian, her loving husband of 25 years, and where their first child Scott was born. They added to their family a few years later with their son Hunter.

Laura spent most of her life caring for people- from various spa treatments and volunteer work, to caregiving for the elderly in their final days.

In 2017, Laura was diagnosed with breast cancer putting her faith to the ultimate test. Shortly after Laura's cancer diagnosis, her best friend Tina, "her sister from another mother", was diagnosed with a rare cancer that took her life. These events were life changing for Laura and she turned her anger, sadness, and sense of loss into helping others. Laura diligently raised funds for the Dempsey Center, reaching and increasing her goal for her team "Never Say Never" each year. Laura started a cancer survivor support group and had over 100 members. She would immediately reach out to offer love and support to everyone, especially newly diagnosed cancer patients. Laura fought for everyone's survival.

Laura enjoyed her hundreds of true friendships, forming bonds and creating family, but she had a special place in her heart reserved for Sandy, Gretchen, Laura, Libby, Suzanne, Alice, and Arlene. Laura loved the ocean and just sitting on the beach, skiing at Sugarloaf, camping at Hermit Island, traveling to Florida, and spending time by a campfire at Bear

Pond. But most of all Laura loved her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Brian Marshall; sons Scott Marshall and Hunter Marshall; her mother Cynthia Tanous; brother William Tanous and wife Christine; sister Andrea Tanous Wilson and husband Joseph; brother Mark Tanous and fiancée Kelly Langlois; nieces Ashley Terwilliger, Victoria, Catherine and Marla Tanous, nephew Haid Tanous, and many uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Laura is predeceased by her beloved father, Charles Tanous, and her dearest friend, Tina Green.

The family wishes to express their profound gratitude to ICU nurses, doctors, and healthcare workers at Central Maine Medical Center for their care of Laura during a time of incredible turmoil.

Due to Covid 19, a private, closed funeral service for family and a few friends will be held on Thursday, December 16, 2021, at 2:00 pm. The private service will be live streamed at <https://my.gather.app/remember/laura-tanous-marshall> so all her friends and family who cannot attend in person may find some comfort.

A Celebration of Life will be held on May 21, 2022, at Boothby's Orchard and Winery in Livermore, Maine for Laura's many friends and family to come together, celebrate, laugh, dance, and remember the amazing impact she had on all our lives.

Friends and family that would like to continue Laura's journey for cancer survival can do so by contributing to the Dempsey Center in Laura's name at <https://www.dempseycenter.org/give-back/>

Online condolences and sharing of memories may be expressed at [www.lynchbrothers.com](http://www.lynchbrothers.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Laura J. Tanous-Marshall*



**Pinette, Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - December 11, 2021 at 12:46 AM

SP

*Not only has Laura been a valued friend of the family for many, many years, but she kindly offered her professional care-giver services to each of my parents during their final illnesses only last year. My mother, especially, looked forward to Laura's visits, and all in our family were blessed with the comfort that came from knowing Mom was in such loving hands. Rest in Peace, Laura. Peace to all of your family and loved ones.*

**Scott S. Pierce** - December 11, 2021 at 01:30 PM

LA

*My heart is so saddened with this tragic loss, my deepest sympathies to Laura's family & her many friends, she will be missed dearly .* Linda Angello

**Linda Angello** - December 11, 2021 at 10:17 PM

BM

*My heart is saddened by the loss of Laura and condolences to the family and many friends whom she reached out to in the time of need going through cancer. She will forever be in our hearts. RIP Laura.*

**Barbara Mills** - December 13, 2021 at 10:20 AM

AT

“ *So sorry to learn of Laura's passing. Within the last couple of years I had a chance to talk with her for a while at a Dempsey happening, she always was very pleasant. I know that near the end of life for Pat C she enjoyed having Laura help her. My thoughts are with the Tanous family.*

**Adriann Tucker** - January 06 at 11:39 AM

CH

“ I've known Laura since I was a kid through her brother, my Uncle Mark. Every single time I was around her, I remember how kind she was, how she was always interested in having a friendly conversation and always smiling. I remember the time she did my hair as a kid and I loved it. My prayers and condolences go out to her family and many friends. You will not be forgotten, Laura!

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**Cheyenne** - December 16, 2021 at 11:01 AM

CP

“ The last time I got to see her beautiful smile. Rest easy my sweet friend.



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**Christina Parrish** - December 16, 2021 at 07:42 AM

KG

“ My Forever Friend who will be Forever Missed!



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**Kelley Green-Chartier** - December 15, 2021 at 07:36 PM

JC

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Jayne Comeau** - December 15, 2021 at 06:16 PM



“ *Such a beautiful friend who be forever missed. My condolences to the Tanous and Marshall families and all who loved her. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

*Sheila Vickers*



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**Sheila Vickers** - December 15, 2021 at 10:22 AM

SK

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Stef Keenan** - December 15, 2021 at 06:36 AM

TA

“ *When I think of Laura, all I think of is what a beautiful soul and what a great loss. I feel blessed that I knew her. My deepest sympathy to her husband and sons, the Tanous family and all her special friends. Love you Laura, you surely will be missed.*

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**Tammy** - December 14, 2021 at 03:27 PM

BS

“ *We grew up together and when we were in the school cafeteria, she saved me from choking on a carrot! She pounded on my back until it came up! Later in years she would cut my hair. She was a wonderful friend. She will be missed.*

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**Beth Dube Sylvester** - December 14, 2021 at 08:12 AM

GI

“ *Laura has been a life-long friend. She was a true friend. She was loved by so many. I'm so very sad that the world lost her. Forever in my heart.....*



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**Gigi** - December 14, 2021 at 07:02 AM

CA

“ Laura was always full of life, love and fun. I will always cherish all the memories I have of her over the past 20 years and especially the few girls weekends we had. Love you Laura💕💕



Carol - December 13, 2021 at 09:07 PM

MC

“ Laura brought love, life and laughter to our “Concord Street” apartment days back in the late 1980’s. (Arlene and Alice’s cousin).....such fun we all had, so many laughs during our early years. My heart goes out to Brian, your sons, and all of the Tanous-Marshall family.....Laura, you are so missed...love you!



Martha Casey - December 13, 2021 at 08:16 PM

MM

“ Laura was a great lady and champion for everyone. She will be so missed.  
Melinda Miller

Melinda Miller - December 13, 2021 at 07:57 AM

SD

“ I went through junior high and high school with Laura. She was VIBRANT! She was also incredibly thoughtful and kind. Laura made a difference in this world because she put her kindness into action by helping so many others. My condolences to her family.

Steve Duguay - December 12, 2021 at 03:18 PM

DD

“ From Highschool to the present, every time I was in Laura’s presence her enormous heart and love of life was always apparent. Laura is one of those beautiful souls and heaven is lucky to have her. To all of the Tanous family, our hearts go out to you and our prayers surround you. Love to all. The Doyle family

Deanna Doyle - December 12, 2021 at 08:30 AM

DC

“ Laura was the first person to take a picture of our first born grandchild. The picture was amazing. Such a sweet lady lots of kindness and easy to talk to. Rest in peace dear classmate and friend to all

Donna Cormier - December 12, 2021 at 05:55 AM

KM

“ Recent photo of cousin Laura with our Frankie up to Cold Stream Pond. We miss her so much. Our hearts are broken. We will cherish all the memories.



Karen Michaud - December 11, 2021 at 07:32 PM

JH

“ My deepest sympathies to the Marshall and Tanous families. Laura was a dear friend, a very special person, and loved by so many. She was such a fun, positive person who impacted so many people's lives. Laura shared her kindness and compassion with everyone she knew, and was always trying to help people. She will be deeply missed. Rest in peace, my friend.

Janie Cyr Helfrecht

Janie Cyr Helfrecht - December 11, 2021 at 03:28 PM

AN

“ I'm so sorry for the loss of Laura. My thoughts and prayers are with all of her family and friends in this difficult time. RIP Laura.



Anna - December 11, 2021 at 10:57 AM

JC

“ Laura, we shared so many wonderful memories that forever I will cherish. You always made me smile and I will never forget your contagious laugh. I love and miss you ❤️

Jayne Comeau - December 11, 2021 at 10:42 AM

VL

“ Laura, I will always remember that cute little 12 year old that came to my door looking to babysit. You will always be in my heart, RIP sweet girl.

Vickie Libby - December 11, 2021 at 10:26 AM

FS

“ Memorial Donation's on Laura's memory may be made to the Dempsey Center online at <https://www.dempseycenter.org/give-back/>

Funeral Staff - December 11, 2021 at 12:51 AM