



Mrs. Laurie J. Sproul Marcotte

December 4, 1964 - January 19, 2019

POLAND - Laurie Jean (“LJ”) Sproul Marcotte, age 54, died Saturday January 19, 2019, at her home in Poland, ME after a 2+ year fierce and brave battle with ovarian cancer. Her last days and hours were spent at home with her loving husband, parents, sister and dogs by her side.

Laurie was born in Augusta, ME on December 4, 1964, the daughter of Richard Sproul and Jeanne (Pottle) Sproul of Jay, ME. She was raised in Jay, ME and attended Jay schools. She attended the University of Maine at Farmington, receiving her teaching degree in 1987.

Laurie married the love of her life, Bob Marcotte in 1996, and they moved to their home in Poland where they built a wonderful, happy life together.

Laurie was a Science and English teacher for her entire career, most recently a Science teacher at Auburn Middle School. She was that “favorite teacher” kind of a teacher, and she had the unique ability to connect with students at a level that few teachers are capable of. Students loved and respected her, and she was able to make a meaningful impact on the lives of many students. In addition to teaching, Laurie worked part time for many years as an aerobics and fitness instructor. She was a master personal trainer, and prior to her illness she was always fit and full of energy.

Laurie loved the outdoors and anything to do with it. She hated being cooped up indoors; it would drive her crazy. She loved outdoor sports and activities throughout the year, including camping, boating, hiking, fishing, road biking, mountain biking, rollerblading, kayaking, paddle boarding, snorkeling, snowboarding, snowshoeing, XC skiing, skating.....you name it...if it involved playing outdoors, she loved it and she did it. She was a leader in organizing local women’s groups for biking, snowshoeing and hiking, and those groups were affectionately named the “Biker Chicks”, the “Snowshoe Bunnies”, and the “Hiking Honeys”. She developed close and long lasting bonds with these wonderful ladies, and she will be missed terribly by them.

Laurie had an infectious bubbly personality. If you were in a room with her, there was going to be laughter, no two ways about it. She was a female “McGyver”, and when a problem or roadblock would arise, she would be well into implementing her solution with the tools she had available, while others would still be thinking about what to do next and

complaining that there was no way to fix it. She was the perfect person to have on your team, because she was that rare person who had the skills to be a great leader, but she instead chose to leave the leadership role and accolades to others while she took on the role of doing the heavy lifting, getting the job done and motivating those around her to do the same.

It was well known that Laurie's favorite holiday was Halloween. She took great pride and pleasure in spending countless hours decorating her house for Halloween, in preparation for her epic annual Halloween parties.

During the times when she could not go out and enjoy the outdoors due to her weakness from the battle with cancer, Laurie spent many hours crocheting 300 hats for cancer patients, and 50 little red hats for sick children.

Laurie's intense love for her family and her tenacity at achieving her goals were displayed in her fight against this terrible disease. She was given a terminal diagnosis in September, with an estimated 8 weeks to live, and she decided that instead of laying down and giving in to the cancer, she was going to continue to fight it with everything that she had. She endured emotional and physical pain and suffering the likes of which would have brought the strongest of men to their knees in tears, and she did it all without complaining and without giving up hope. You hear the term "she was an inspiration" mentioned a lot, but Laurie truly was inspiring to the army of supporters who kept track of her cancer journey through the CaringBridge web site. Her husband Bob never had a hero before, but Laurie's desire to endure unspeakable pain and suffering in an effort to spend more time with him has made Laurie his true hero.

Laurie's greatest passion was being a volunteer and a foster care provider at Greater Androscoggin Humane Society in Lewiston. Laurie's love for animals, particularly dogs, drove her to contribute a significant amount of her time and effort in helping the humane society. Over the years, Laurie provided foster care for 59 dogs. In honor of Laurie's contributions to the humane society, a fund called "The Daisy Mae Fund" was established in the fall of 2018, and the fund is dedicated to providing life saving medications for animals at the humane society. In addition, Laurie's gal pals purchased a bench that will be located at the humane society, and the bench has a plaque that gives a tribute to Laurie for her service.

Laurie is survived by her loving and dedicated husband Bob and her two "children" Tucker (Golden Retriever) and Lily Bear (Pom-Chi) of Poland, her parents Richard and Jeanne Sproul of Jay, and her sister Lisa Gallant of Jay.

The family wishes to thank Laurie's army of supporters who gave her strength and determination throughout this long battle, as well as the staffs at Maine Medical Partners and Cancer Treatment Centers of America, and last but not least the caring and compassionate staff of Androscoggin Home Healthcare & Hospice.

Visiting hours are Saturday February 2, 2019 from 9:00 AM to noon at Pinette Dillingham

and Lynch funeral home, 305 Alfred A Plourde Parkway, Lewiston ME. A Catholic service will be provided at the funeral home at noon. At the completion of the service, guests will be invited to a celebration of life gathering and meal at a location to be determined.

Online condolences and sharing of memories may be expressed at www.lynchbrothers.com

It was Laurie's wish that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to The Daisy Mae Fund at Greater Androscoggin Humane Society 55 Strawberry Ave., Lewiston, Maine 04240.

Laurie and her family thank all who have and will donate.

Events

FEB **Gathering** 09:00AM - 12:00PM

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Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home & Cremation Services
305 Alfred Plourde Parkway PO Box 181, Lewiston, ME, US, 04240

FEB **Service** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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Comments



“ I love you my wonderful Mousie and I miss you terribly. May you be in peace and be happy and bouncy in heaven and as a beautiful angel over those you left behind. Send BUBBLES to Scotty and I. I love you.
Noreen

Noreen Lyons - March 06, 2019 at 11:22 PM



“ Jude Cyr lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Laurie J. Sproul Marcotte



Jude Cyr - February 02, 2019 at 02:36 PM



“ LJ had an indomitable spirit, an unquenchable positivity, that was inspiring to all. I made a business model out of it. I have many fond memories of old work parties, hiking trips (photo is on Bigelow, where you know how to smile at a camera and I clearly do not), and the occasional hello at Moosehead Lake. LJ, you are missed by all who ever met you.



Bob - January 31, 2019 at 03:37 PM



“ Laurie was an amazing and extraordinary beautiful woman. I cycled with Lauri with the Auburn Cycling group and was part of her Biker Chicks group. I was also part of her aerobic's class at The Gym for years. Laurie was such a great encouragement to me. She was so good at what she did and this inspired me. The world has lost a great ray of light, a burst of rippling hope has departed from us. I am deeply sorry for your loss and send my condolences to Bob and the rest of Laurie's family. Sincerely, Jill Johnson.

Jill Johnson - January 28, 2019 at 08:33 PM



“ It was always a joy to work for you in your home. Putting the wall paper in your kitchen, painting all the rooms but your office and Bobs. Seeing you get ready for Halloween.
I loved the way you got the Halloween tree ready. You made everything look just right. Oh, how I am going to miss you! Your painter Robin

Robin Ruckman - January 28, 2019 at 12:25 PM



“ I volunteer at the Greater Androscoggin Humane Society. Whenever an event was happening that she was a part of, it was that much more fun. She was a force, she knew how to do whatever needed to be done, at times she took right over. It was a joy to have known her. My condolences to the family for this loss is great.

Vickie E. Gould - January 26, 2019 at 09:01 AM



“ With our heartfelt sympathy to the Family of Laurie Sproul Marcotte. Gina Tag.Landry and Kevin Landry (high school classmates)

K and G Landry - January 25, 2019 at 10:19 PM



“ You were the first female I met in the sciences, 7th grade at Tripp, and a very strong influence in my choosing molecular, cellular and developmental biology as my undergrad. I am so happy I was able to tell you that in person. You were vibrant, funny, beautiful and always had novel ideas (with the best experiments)! You showed me science could have a personality and life. I still remember the pens that would get lost in your hair. Hugs to your family and friends. You were an incredibly influential teacher. I'm so sad to hear of your passing. Only 54 short years, you gave so much. Thank you, xo.

Monica Quimby - January 25, 2019 at 08:52 PM



“ "I was so sad to hear of Laurie's passing- she had an amazing smile and infectious laugh! The obituary was wonderful, and true! I had the most amazing year 'teaching' at AMS a few years ago, and a lot of it was due to her! She was kind and inclusive, honest and bubbly, loving and giving! She will be missed!"

Kristi - January 23, 2019 at 03:28 PM



“ I did not know LJ until she was well into her journey with cancer. We met at a gym that we both worked out at. LJ shared her diagnosis matter-of-factly, without any anger or resentment.

I echo the sentiments of others -- LJ lit up a room with her presence and was ever upbeat and cheerful. She always signed in with a smiley face; that's the way she was.

Martha Littlefield

Martha P. Littlefield - January 23, 2019 at 11:10 AM



“ Bob, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Laurie was an awesome lady. RIP Laurie Peter & Linda Goodwin



Linda Goodwin - January 22, 2019 at 08:56 PM



“ There is no way to explain the type of teacher she was for middle schoolers, I had her on my team both years of middle school. She was a great teacher, and from what I hear and learned, a great person. To the family and friends, sorry for your loss. Sending my condolences from a fellow student of hers years back.

Kyley Lagasse - January 22, 2019 at 05:20 PM



“ Bob and family, We are sorry for your loss and send our condolences.

Rob & Apri Rollins - January 22, 2019 at 03:51 PM



“ My condolences to Laurie's family and friends. I'm extremely saddened to read of her passing. She was a lovely young lady and always smiling and positive. :(Kay Seefeldt

Kay Seefeldt - January 22, 2019 at 09:04 AM



“ "Miss Sproul" was my 7th grade science and homeroom teacher at Tripp Middle School. Thirty years later, I remember her smile, her crazy hair accessories and the way she made every student feel special. I am so sorry to hear of her untimely loss and send my condolences to her family and many friends.

Kate Flewelling - January 22, 2019 at 08:33 AM



“ My 15 years working at Women's Fitness were made so much brighter by working with Laurie. We shared many talks and laughs over the years. She always lit up the room. From staff meetings to Christmas parties (where we would laugh so much my cheeks would hurt) My favorite memory though is the day her and I went to Popham state park where she taught me the "right way" to dig for sand dollars. It was an awesome day of chatting and deep conversation. She was one of a kind. A force to be reckoned with, a sweet soul, a hard worker who had a serious work ethic. I loved her . She will be missed.

Tina Bowden Duquette - January 22, 2019 at 08:12 AM



“ I have very fond memories of Laurie and her entire family growing up with them. The smile she had on her face as a child followed her during her entire life. Prayers for you and your family.

Tammy Dwinal-Shufelt - January 21, 2019 at 09:12 PM



“ Terri Blasi lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Laurie J. Sproul Marcotte



Terri Blasi - January 21, 2019 at 08:25 PM



“ She was a bright light in our world. She will be missed.

Terri Blasi - January 21, 2019 at 08:26 PM



“ It was such a pleasure to be a part of an Auburn Middle School family with Laurie. When we had the opportunity, our conversations usually revolved around a mutual love that we shared towards dogs. I can see her now greeting them at the end of The Rainbow Bridge. She has been an inspiration in so many ways during her last courageous years. My thoughts and prayers are with her family. May she rest in peace.



Trudy Files - January 21, 2019 at 07:42 PM



“ I still remember an use a lot of the tings she taught me. She was a wonderful teacher that treated us like she was nurturing us to be great young adults and truly showed she cared for us. Her memory will continue to live on through all of us



Whitney - January 21, 2019 at 06:37 PM



“ Kris and Dave Wing - with all of our love.



Kristine Wing - January 21, 2019 at 06:37 PM



“ Mrs. Marcotte was my 8th grade Science Teacher at Auburn Middle School in 1998. She was the type of teacher who impacts a child’s life in the best way possible. Her laugh was unforgettable and she was always smiling. It was in her class that I fell in love with science to later in life earn a Bachelros Degree in the Science of Nursing. She will forever be a part of my heart. May God Bless her and her family.

Kimberlee Cartwright - January 21, 2019 at 06:30 PM



“ **2003, not 1998..

Kimberlee Cartwright - January 21, 2019 at 07:03 PM



“ God'Peace and Blessings to Laurie"s husband Bob, her parent and family now and in the days ahead. May His Love and Comfort continue to surround you+

Ann Rowe

Jay High School,

1982 Graduate

Ann Rowe - January 22, 2019 at 12:46 PM



“ Minina Benevento lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Laurie J. Sproul Marcotte



minina Benevento - January 21, 2019 at 06:03 PM



“ Laurie you were loved so much and will be missed and remembered by so many
Fay & George



Fay - January 21, 2019 at 05:22 PM



“ Karen Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Laurie J. Sproul Marcotte



Karen Henderson - January 21, 2019 at 05:13 PM



“ Susie Langerlier lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Laurie J. Sproul Marcotte



Susie Langerlier - January 21, 2019 at 04:21 PM



“ Jenny And Jeff Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Laurie J. Sproul Marcotte



Jenny and Jeff Johnson - January 21, 2019 at 03:33 PM



“ Mz. Marcotte, you will be missed by many. No one had the energy, enthusiasm, and love for students as you did. I channel your energy every day when I find I'm low on it with students. Your biker, snowshoeing, and hiking friends will miss you for the enthusiasm, support, and love you've showed us all. My first 50 mile ride was because of you. You had a way of making everyone feel they could "do it"! and we did. Better yet, we smiled while we did it. I love you and feel so blessed to have had you in my life. I will cherish our memories and miss you already.

Jenny Johnson - January 21, 2019 at 03:45 PM



“ Rest in Peace Laurie



Cyndi Matthews - January 21, 2019 at 02:39 PM



“ Such a terrible loss. Laurie was the best! Prayers going out to Bob and Laurie's family. Sue & Roger Lajoie

Roger Lajoie - January 21, 2019 at 01:40 PM



“ A great teacher. A warrior. R.I.P. Peg

Peg Mower - January 21, 2019 at 01:36 PM



“ Kim St Pierre lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Laurie J. Sproul Marcotte



Kim St Pierre - January 21, 2019 at 12:40 PM



“ With loving respect Aunt Laurie was also survived by her brother-in-law Norm and his wife Terri, her sister-in-law Sue and her husband Rick, her Nephew Jason and his wife Janet, her niece Danielle, her niece Nicole and husband Shawn, her step nephew Brandon and his wife Felicia and step niece Meagan as well as 9 great nieces and nephews.

It was an honor for us to all watch this beautiful angle love Moncle Bob the way she did and we couldn't have asked for a more perfect addition to our family. Her smile and laughter during the times our family was together light up the room and it was always such a joy to listen to her stories of her travels, her students, her furry friends, and just her overall love of life. I am sure I can speak for my entire family when I say that Aunt Laurie was such a huge inspiration to us all and will continue to be as we honor the legacy that she was. Rest easy Aunt Laurie, we all love you and you will be sorely missed

Danielle Marcotte - January 21, 2019 at 12:23 PM



“ Becky & Ron Baril lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Laurie J. Sproul Marcotte



Becky & Ron Baril - January 21, 2019 at 12:21 PM



“ Roberta O'Neill lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Laurie J. Sproul Marcotte



Roberta O'Neill - January 21, 2019 at 12:09 PM



“ Monica Kroeger lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Laurie J. Sproul Marcotte



Monica Kroeger - January 21, 2019 at 11:52 AM



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Kim St Pierre - January 21, 2019 at 11:44 AM



“ Lynn Ward lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Laurie J. Sproul Marcotte



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Funeral Staff - January 21, 2019 at 10:28 AM



“ Thank you for the out pouring of support and love so many have shown us in our darkest moments. Mom (Jeanne) &(Richard) Dad Sproul Jay, Maine

Jeanne Sproul - February 04, 2019 at 07:12 PM