



## Laurie Bitner

August 25, 1961 - October 15, 2024

Laurie Bitner, age 63, of Lennox, SD, passed away October 15, 2024, at Sanford USD Medical Center, Sioux Falls, SD. Laurie Ann Springsteel was born on August 25, 1961, at International Falls, MN, the daughter of Douglas and Almira (Aemes) Springsteel. She grew up here attending school and then graduating from International Falls High School in 1980. Laurie made her home in Pennsylvania and New Hampshire before returning to South Dakota in 2003. She enjoyed camping, travel, cooking, baking and sharing her baking with family and friends. Besides her parents, Laurie was preceded in death by three brothers: Douglas "Butch", Jonnie and Richard. Laurie is survived by her husband, Dallas Pederson; sisters Nola (Joe) Mercil and Taffy and her family as well as several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Per Laurie's wishes, there will be no services. Private family directed burial will occur at a later date in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Chester, SD.

# Tribute Wall

GS

“ I just read about Laurie’s passing. My condolences to Dallas and family

Gayla Stewart - December 30, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Laurie... We will all miss you and your unselfish, willing to help, wonderful person we knew you as. you are now in God's loving hands. Many prayers and strength to Dallas as the coming days pass. Many prayers to your family and friends as they heal.

Kim and Russ Pierce - October 22, 2024 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ Laurie's favorite song was, *The Only Scars In Heaven Are on the Hands That Hold You Now*. We will miss you!  
Love Mom Pederson

Norma Pederson - October 21, 2024 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Laurie,  
I'm at a loss for words. Thank you for being there for my dad and thank you for all your kind words and love.  
Rest in peace angel.



Sarah McKenzie - October 20, 2024 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Laurie  
Thank you for being there and loving my dad so much. I wish we could have met. But I'll always remember what you've done for me.  
Love Sarah

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**Sarah Lee** - October 20, 2024 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Sorry for your loss. She was always a pleasant person growing up.



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**Barb Little** - October 19, 2024 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Dear Family of Laurie: I was shocked to read of Laurie's passing. My heart sank to learn of this sad news. You are in my thoughts and prayers as you journey through your sorrow and grief. I always enjoyed our conversations. She struggled with so much but now she is free from all of those.



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**Dr Janell Christiansen** - October 18, 2024 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Dallas & Family,  
Laurie was such a good person and I'm so sorry for your loss.  
Prayers to the family.  
Brian and Trudy Papka

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**Trudy L Papka** - October 17, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I'll always treasure our memories we shared growing up and as adults. I will think of you n' miss you terribly 💔



Kilene Semmerling - October 16, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ I love you auntie



Kellie Flores - October 16, 2024 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ I love and Miss you so much my thoughts and prayers are with you until we meet again



nola mercil - October 16, 2024 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Laurie, was and will always be my best friend. The strongest person i've ever met. She always guided me and took the lead. And even tho shes not here i still feel the strength she showed me, I love you, i miss you, but at least i can rest my head knowing you have no more pain. Rest in peace my very speacial lady. And thank you.

Dallas Pederson - October 16, 2024 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Laurie was a great person she loved family she eas kind hearted and made it her passion to treat others as they would treat her I will miss her kindness

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**Stephen Christensen** - October 16, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Laurie has been my best friend for 58 years we grew up together no matter the distance. She is by far the best friend I could have asked for. Our prayers and thoughts go out to her family and friends. Until we meet again Laurie love ya and miss ya.

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**Mary & Phil Cairns** - October 16, 2024 at 12:00 AM