



Laura Sue LaPorte

July 17, 1964 - February 3, 2026

Laura Sue (Ragan) LaPorte, 61, of Plainfield, passed peacefully from this life after a lengthy battle with cancer, on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, while in the comfort of her own home. She was born in Plainfield on July 17, 1964, to the late Thomas Franklin Ragan and Nancy Elizabeth (Pierson) Bill.

One of five children, Laura grew up in an old farmhouse in Plainfield, where her love for horses took root—and where she was lucky enough to have one of her very own, Samantha. Involved in 4-H, she was gifted with a melodic singing voice and was a member of the school's choir, performing in ensembles and solos, as well as earning lead roles in several plays and musicals. With an inner beauty that shone through, she was dubbed the Hendricks County Fair Queen. After graduating with the class of 1982 from Plainfield High School, Laura spent a year studying at Purdue University before switching gears and gaining employment at Golden Rule Insurance Company. It was there that she met her future husband and soulmate, Michael LaPorte. He saw her pushing a cart full of claims and was instantly enamored with her beauty. He invited her to lunch, and the rest was history. The pair dated for a year and a half before sealing the deal with a church ceremony on June 20, 1987. The newlywed couple were blessed with four children, completing their happy family of six. Moving around for several years, the family built their forever home on family land in 2013.

A stellar mother and wife, Laura ran a tight, loving ship, cooking and cleaning, and always ensuring the people she loved most in this world were well taken care of. She went all out for the holidays, decorating the house perfectly while randomly singing Christmas songs, even in June. She treasured traveling and her favorite destinations were Universal Studios, Hawaii, Bald Head Island in North Carolina, cruises to the Caribbean and especially to Alaska. A trip out west gave them the opportunity to hike down the Grand Canyon and spend the night, taking two days to hike back up to the top.

A true movie buff, Laura took solace in kicking back with her popcorn and Coke to watch Harry Potter and Lord of the Rings movies. She enjoyed gardening and landscaping and planted and tended to an immense flower garden in which weeds didn't stand a chance. She found joy in scrapbooking, crafting handmade cards for those she loved, baking, and giving her children Easter and Valentine's Day presents every year. Meticulous by nature, not only was her house in order, Laura, held the poise of a true lady, and she continuously took pride in her appearance. The best years of her life were when her children were little, and her world centered completely on them and Michael. A sun worshiper, she held pool days with her cherished family close to her heart, and she could be found reading by the poolside while they swam and played. She dearly loved them, and the rest of her circle. Gone from this world entirely too soon, Laura will be greatly missed by all who were fortunate to know her.

Along with her parents, Laura was preceded in death by her brothers, Bruce Ragan and Thomas "Chris" Ragan.

She leaves behind her devoted husband of 38 ½ years, Michael LaPorte of Plainfield; children, Alexis Johantgen (Josh) of Plainfield, Anthony LaPorte (Kelci) of Georgetown, Austin LaPorte of New Albany, and Ashton LaPorte (Sydney) of Mooresville; sisters, Michele Carr (Greg), and Lisa Peterson, all of

Plainfield; along with her grandchildren, Colton, Kaley, Kylie, Kinley, and Chase Johantgen, and Emersyn LaPorte.

Cremation Arrangements were entrusted to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel, in Monrovia. The family will hold a Celebration of Life Memorial Service on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at 2:00 pm at the Fairfield Friends Church, 10441 E County Rd 700 S, Camby, IN 46113. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made online to The Gathering Together by clicking <https://thegatheringtogether.org/donate/>. To share a favorite story, send the family an online condolence, or light a candle in Laura's memory, please visit her tribute page at www.lightmemorial.com.

Cemetery Details

Cremation

585 E. MAIN STREET
Monrovia, IN 46157
<http://www.lightmemorial.com>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Memorial Service

FEB 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

Fairfield Friends Church
10441 E County Rd 700 S
Camby, IN 46113

Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Stark Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Laura Sue LaPorte.*



The Stark Family - February 06 at 08:30 PM

DB

“ *I am truly blessed to have had Laura as a dear friend all throughout high school. Musically, I was fortunate to work alongside Laura in South Pacific, Carousel, and Brigadoon with an even deeper connection in our show choir, Belles et Beaux. This created a foundation that led to a great friendship with so many cherished memories. It is solid friendships like this during my formative years that truly made me the better of a person and I am so blessed to have walked this path with Laura. Rest in peace!! My condolences to her entire family, you will remain in my thoughts and prayers. Godspeed!*

Dean A Black - February 06 at 03:55 PM

ML

Would you happen to have any performances recorded?

Michael LaPorte - February 11 at 03:54 PM

BS

Hi Michael, First, I'm terribly saddened for the loss of your sweet Laura. I knew Laura well as kids & spending time with Lisa and Laura on their family farm and at Pierson's lake. Also, I was in 4-H with them, and was in Belles et Beaux show choir and wanted to answer your question about potential recordings. I am still in contact with our Choral Director from back in our HS days and will reach out to him regarding recordings, most especially of Laura. Once I find out what he knows, I'll leave you a message here. Sending prayers of comfort to you and your family.

*Beverly (Clark) Schroeder
317-446-0549*

Beverly Clark Schroeder - February 21 at 11:20 PM

JF

“ Joe Fox purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Laura Sue LaPorte.



Joe Fox - February 06 at 02:38 PM

JF

“ Joe Fox planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laura Sue LaPorte.

Joe Fox - February 06 at 02:38 PM

SA

“ Sue Agan lit a candle in memory of Laura Sue LaPorte



Sue Agan - February 06 at 02:10 PM

SA

It was a pleasure to know Laura. She is very special. A light in my life. Prayers to her family.

Sue Agan - February 06 at 02:13 PM

RK

“ Ron & Judy Echsner; David & Tammy Kraft purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Laura Sue LaPorte.



Ron & Judy Echsner; David & Tammy Kraft - February 06 at 11:08 AM

RK

“ Ron & Judy Echsner; David & Tammy Kraft planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laura Sue LaPorte.

Ron & Judy Echsner; David & Tammy Kraft - February 06 at 11:08 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Laura Sue LaPorte.



February 06 at 08:53 AM

YF

“ Your BNY family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laura Sue LaPorte.

Your BNY family - February 06 at 08:53 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Laura Sue LaPorte.*



February 06 at 07:51 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Laura Sue LaPorte.*



February 05 at 10:48 PM



“ *Lauren Striegel purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Laura Sue LaPorte.*



Lauren Striegel - February 05 at 09:41 PM



“ *In loving memory of Laura Sue LaPorte and in support of our friend and colleague, Josh Johantgen we have made a donation to The Gathering Together hospice.*

Josh and Alexis, find strength in one another as you celebrate Laura Sue's life with friends and family. Your "BNY family" is with you in spirit.

Greg Metzler - February 05 at 02:24 PM

LL

“ Leonel L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laura Sue LaPorte.

Leonel L. - February 05 at 09:06 AM

CD

“ Carl Daley purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Laura Sue LaPorte.



Carl Daley - February 05 at 06:58 AM

CD

“ Carl Daley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laura Sue LaPorte.

Carl Daley - February 05 at 06:58 AM

LF

“ Love, your Humana family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Laura Sue LaPorte.



Love, your Humana family - February 04 at 06:51 PM

LF

“ Love, your Humana family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laura Sue LaPorte.

Love, your Humana family - February 04 at 06:51 PM

AW

“ Alan & Brooke Wheatley purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Laura Sue LaPorte.



Alan & Brooke Wheatley - February 04 at 05:23 PM

SM

“ Steve and Beth McCulley. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Laura Sue LaPorte.



Steve and Beth McCulley. - February 04 at 04:45 PM

SM

“ Steve and Beth McCulley. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laura Sue LaPorte.

Steve and Beth McCulley. - February 04 at 04:45 PM

RG

“ Laura was such a fighter I couldn't imagine the things that she was going through. Towards the end, sadly all they could do was control pain. I personally know this is so hard on Mike. I'm so happy that she's in the arms of our Savior right now and Mike I'm here for if you need anything, my friend.

Randy Greb - February 04 at 03:45 PM

RG

“ Randy and Angie Greb purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Laura Sue LaPorte.



Randy and Angie Greb - February 04 at 03:42 PM

RG

“ Randy and Angie Greb planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laura Sue LaPorte.

Randy and Angie Greb - February 04 at 03:42 PM

DH

“ I am very sorry to hear of Laura's passing. Laura had such a beautiful voice, shared her talent with us in Belles et Beaux and on the PHS choir stage. My condolences to her family and community. Don Heatherly, PHS 1983



Don Heatherly - February 04 at 03:38 PM

ML

Would you happen to have any performances recorded?

Michael LaPorte - February 11 at 03:56 PM

ED

“ *Eden, Duane and Darren purchased the Pretty PI ease for the family of Laura Sue LaPorte.*



Eden, Duane and Darren - February 04 at 02:25 PM

GS

“ *Gary and Wendy Smith purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Laura Sue LaPorte.*



Gary and Wendy Smith - February 04 at 01:38 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Laura Sue LaPorte.*



February 04 at 01:00 PM

TF

“ *The Bill Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Laura Sue LaPorte.*



The Bill Family - February 04 at 12:57 PM

TF

“ *The Bill Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laura Sue LaPorte.*

The Bill Family - February 04 at 12:57 PM

CB

“ *LaPorte family we are so sorry for your loss. Even though our time as neighbors was short, always enjoyed being your next door neighbor. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.
Paul and Chrissy Buckingham*

Chrissy Buckingham - February 04 at 12:35 PM

SW

“ *Mike and family, We share your sadness of Laura's passing. So many memories of a beautiful niece. Rest in peace Laura.*

Steve and Jane Willett - February 04 at 11:20 AM

KG

“ *Michael and family: I remember Janet telling me that she fought the C for a good while. She came to the point where she’s just wore out from it. My thoughts and prayers are with you and in the days ahead you have a good family unit that’s going to be there for you and I will be in thought. I am unable to come to the calling at Fairfield. Saturday as we have a family event to attend.
Take care cousin!*

Keith Gray

Keith Gray - February 04 at 10:43 AM