



Laurie Ann Elston

July 23, 1965 - December 23, 2024

Laurie funeral will be live streamed at <https://vimeo.com/event/4813070>

The funeral for Laurie Ann Elston, 59, Valley City, North Dakota, will be 11 am Friday, December 27, 2024, at the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. Visitation will be one hour before the service in the chapel. Burial will be in the Hope Cemetery, Hope, North Dakota. Laurie passed away December 23, at Mercy Hospital, Valley City.

The first part of her obituary was written by her father prior to his death in 2017. She was the daughter of Don and Carol (Nelson) Elston.

The summer our daughter Laurie Ann was born on July 23rd, 1965, at Mayville, North Dakota, I was out haying road ditches and wherever there was grass to cut. I had been at the hospital in Mayville most of the night when Laurie finally decided to enter this world. I went home. Like I said I was haying, and this was before any cell phones so one of my neighbors came and told me I should go back to the hospital which I did. This is when I found out Laurie was not normal and had a mental handicap. Some of the joy I was feeling left me. Carol and I talked about it and decided we would do what we could for her. Laurie took a lot more care than a normal baby. Carol did a great job right from the start. Laurie has given us a kind of joy that most parents

don't have.

Laurie spent several years with the Open Door in Valley City before entering SMP Health-St. Raphael.

Laurie was a happy person and loved to give hugs out. She enjoyed combing fixing hair by combing it out and putting barrettes in. She liked to color and would set and do that while watching football but enjoyed the coloring more. One thing that Laurie really loved was her coffee and it had to be hot... if it cooled down, she would insist it be put in the microwave to reheat it. She was the sweetest soul. When she would visit at home, in Hope, her nephew, Jeremy, gave her the nickname, Larry, which stuck with her when he would talk about her. One of Laurie's favorite times of the year was Christmas. She loved singing Christmas songs.

She is survived by her mother, Carol, Valley City; two brothers Curt and Paul (Kesey Cole) all of Hope; a nephew Jeremy Elston and a niece Kaylauna Cooley.

She was preceded in death by her father Don, a brother Gary and a nephew Randy Cole.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel. An online guestbook is available at www.olivernathanchapel.com

Cemetery Details

Hope Cemetery

Hope, ND

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Traditions Funeral Services - Oliver Nathan Funeral Chapel
251 Central Ave. S.
Valley City, ND 58072
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Funeral

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - December 27, 2024 at 10:57 AM



“ *Oliver - Nathan Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Laurie Ann Elston*



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“ *Carol so sorry to hear of Laurie's passing, she was a sweet loving child...must of been because of you and Don.
Cheryl Brendemuhl Saari.*

Cheryl Saari - December 30, 2024 at 09:13 PM



“ *Laurie was a student of mine for many years when she lived in Kulm, ND. I have many heartwarming memories of her as she was such a kind and warm child. She wore a smile everyday to school. I remember her especially enjoying story time. My sincere sympathy to her family and friends. Rest in peace Laurie. 🙏❤️*

Crystal Moser - December 29, 2024 at 12:25 PM

JM

“ Carol and family, You are in my thoughts and prayers. Judy

Judy Mathias - December 26, 2024 at 01:15 PM

EJ

“ So sorry Carol and boys to hear this sad news, but she is with her Lord and Savior, no more suffering, God be with you.....sincerely, in my prayers Edith

Edith Johnson - December 25, 2024 at 04:51 PM

NK

“ Carol, Curt and Paul, My sympathies to you and your family in the loss of Laurie, When I would see her in Valley at a store, she always knew and talked to me if I mentioned I knew you and Curt. She always had a smile for everyone. God bless her memory.

Nancy Kainz - December 25, 2024 at 11:48 AM