



Laurie Bey Pontillas

August 2, 1981 - February 18, 2019

Laurie Bey Pontillas, 35, of Seattle, Washington, died February 18 in Felipe Carrillo Puerto, Mexico. She was born August 2, 1981 in Perryville, MO, daughter of Job Pontillas and step mother Teresa Pontillas of Harrison, AR, and Carolyn Bey Hardaway and step father Donald Hardaway of Perryville. She was a 1999 graduate of Perryville High School and a 2004 graduate of Washington University in St. Louis, MO. She was a certified TESOL instructor and had been employed as a teacher of English as a second language at Kaplan International and City University in Seattle, WA. She was an advocate for Latino immigrant rights and a donor and active volunteer at Casa Latina in Seattle. Most recently she worked at Na'atik Cultural and Language Institute in Felipe Carrillo Puerto, Mexico teaching English. She was an avid cook and music lover. Survivors include both parents, one grandmother, Shea Bey, one sister and one brother, Maria (Rory) Shackles of Tacoma, WA and Ryan Pontillas and (Annie Sklar) of Denver, CO, one niece, Piper Shackles, one Uncle, John (Karen Yates) Bey of Cape Girardeau and two cousins, Sarah and Katie Bey of Kansas City, MO. She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Paul Bey, and great aunt, Gertrude Bey. Visitation will be held at Young & Sons Funeral Home on Saturday, February 25 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Memorial service will be held at Young & Sons chapel on Saturday at 2:00 pm with Rev. Milton Ryan CM officiating. Burial to follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Memorials are preferred for Casa Latina, Seattle and Na'atik Cultural and Language Institute, Mexico.

Tribute Wall



“ Laurie Bey Pontillas

October 20, 2023 at 02:54 AM



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“ To all of Laurie's family, I am so sorry to only now find out about her death. I am sad beyond words. Safari Laurie was a huge part of my coming of age at Drury, gave me endless motivation to pursue my dreams and to embrace all things colourful and extraordinary. I have great memories of our time together and only a few days ago read some of her letters (with beautiful and weird stickers!), which kept me going in rough times. I will continue to remember her fondly.

Kathryn Russell-Jones (Burns) - May 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ So very sorry, Laurie was an incredible, inspiring young woman. I've known her since our Drury university days. She was so charismatic, smart and funny. Still in shock, what a loss... my deepest condolences to her family and friends.

Ivan Kovaevi - March 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Caroline, John and I have been traveling. We got word about Laurie's passing from a friend. We send our deepest sympathy to you and your family. I am praying for you all. Betsy and John Rigdon

Betsy Rigdon - February 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

Jl

“ *I'm heartbroken to hear about Laurie. Our family sends our love and prayers during this difficult time in your lives. I am not surprised to know Laurie was living abroad and enjoying life to the fullest. I remember her being so spunky and energetic as a little girl, running around with all the neighborhood kiddos, riding bikes, talking a mile a minute-and what a smile! Sending so many hugs and I hope you feel God's love wrapped around you. Love, Jenny (Eberhardt), Alex, Lukas, Max and Noah Inman*

Jenny Inman - February 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *So sorry to hear of Laurie's passing. Our thoughts & prayers are for you to remember all the happy memories & what a special woman she was to so many.*

Bill/ Sheila Martens - February 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CW

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Corey Winkler,

Illinois

Corey Winkler - February 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *Caroline, Job, Maria, and Ryan... I am so sorry for you loss. My prayers are with you and your family. Have very fond memories of our Thanksgiving dinner over the years. Keeping you all in my prayers.*

Linda Hodges - February 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *I am so sorry to hear that you have passed. I have so many neat memories growing up and spending time together with you through school and in Girl Scouts. I admired your creative and free spirited personality and your contentment in being yourself and being unique. You could always make me laugh. I always knew that you would end up traveling the world someday and I'm sad that I couldn't hear about your experiences firsthand. I'm sure that you were a special gift to your students and a very strong advocate for them as well. May you Rest In Peace. Keeping your family in prayer.*

Andrea (Robinson) Mattingly - February 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ *Caroline, Job, Maria and Ryan,I just read about Laurie. I am so sorry for your loss. You are all in my prayers. I have many fond memories of Laurie in my classroom. Will let my girls know about Laurie, so they can remember her in prayer.Cathy Eberhardt*

Catherine Eberhardt - February 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DR

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Donna R,

Chester, Illinois

Donna R - February 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I have such great memories of our friendship as kids. I will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers.*

Jennifer (Essner) Dennis - February 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *Caroline, Job, Maria, and Ryan... I am so sorry for you loss. You and your families are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Barbara Brown Griffith - February 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Our condolence and prayers to Job and Caroline. We are so sorry for your loss.*

Scott & Delana Berkbigler - February 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM