



Laurel Lee Sweener

December 15, 1952 - September 16, 2021

Laurel Lee Sweener, 68, of Bradford, died Thursday, September 16, 2021 at Unity Health Hospital in Searcy. She was born December 15, 1952 in Pittsfield, Massachusetts to the late Franklin and Pauline (Altobelli) Sweener. Laurel began her career with the IRS working in the global offices before she moved to Singapore to open and run a tax planning business. There she met Greg and they then begun their life together. They frequently traveled between Arkansas and Singapore and enjoyed their time together.

Laurel was a city girl who also enjoyed her country life with Greg. She had extended family that was dear to her.

She is survived by her sister, Lisa Carlon and husband Jamie; mother and father-in-law, Faye and Doyle Wells; brother-in-law, Clay Wells; sisters-in-law, Julie Blakley and Carri Franks; as well as many extended family and friends in Arkansas and Singapore.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Greg Wells and her parents.

Graveside memorial service will be held 2:00 p.m. Friday, September 24, 2021 at the Carter Cemetery in Russell.

Arrangements entrusted to Powell Funeral Home Bald Knob-Judsonia. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Previous Events

Graveside Memorial

SEP **24**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Carter Cemetery
Russell, AR

Tribute Wall

PB

“ *My deepest sympathy to Laurel's family in this tragic and unexpected loss. I first met Laurel on a mutual friends yacht dinner trip as we sailed from Singapore to the nearby islands of Indonesia. We met at the American Club, friends dinner parties and she was my tax advisor for the past few years. Laurel was a respected professional, was always thoughtful to others and had a unique and dynamic personality. She will be missed by many of us. Please take consolation that we will all reflect on wonderful memories of Laurel. She is now in God's warm embrace.*

Paul Bradley - September 27, 2021 at 08:38 PM

IJ

“ *Both my husband and I were very close friends to Laurel and Greg and many of our friends who have met Laurel always remember her as a very sweet, very intelligent and a good companion to have a great time with. She would come out with great ideas for anything and we appreciate her friendship very much. She is a great loss to humankind and we will always remember her very fondly. REST IN PEACE, SWEET LADY. LOVE YOU ALWAYS. Ray & Irene Jackson*

irene jackson - September 24, 2021 at 11:18 AM

JT

“ I am so grateful for having had the opportunity to work closely with Laurel for 8 years at the American Club. I saw her generosity, respect and admiration for the Club Team countless times and she touched so many of us over the years - we knew she had our back; Laurel was always in our corner. I know I speak for hundreds of staff over the many, many years that she served on the Club's general committee, that she was special and so we held her in especially high regard. The American Club, Singapore & America has lost an incredible woman. Never have I seen some one give so generously of her time and her bright mind. You are so fondly remembered & so very much missed dear Laurel. Rest In Peace!! Josie Tulipano



Josie Tulipano - September 23, 2021 at 10:57 PM

ST

Was close friends with Laurel when she lived in Pittsfield and NYC. A beautiful person with a good heart. I am just finding out. I am heart broken.

StevebGroat - May 18, 2022 at 03:18 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Laurel Lee Sweener.



September 23, 2021 at 10:43 PM

JW

“ I was saddened to hear the news that Laurel had passed away. But then when I thought about her, it could only bring a smile to my face. Over the years she was a great contributor to many organisations in the Singapore community ... AmCham, American Club and Singapore Repertory Theatre. But for me, she was also the trusted source of guidance on US/SG taxes for 25 years ! I shall miss our talks about taxes, and also the general state of affairs in SG and the world !! Laurel took such great care of her tax clients with sound guidance, and I shall always remember leaving her office with a smile, and enjoying a bit of laughter together. My condolences to Laurel's family. May she rest in peace.

Juanita Woodward - September 23, 2021 at 10:42 PM

TH

“ Lisa, I am so sorry for your loss. Laurel and I haven't kept in touch over the years but I think of the times we were together.
Best always
Tj Holly Seymour, CT.



Tj Holly - September 23, 2021 at 07:59 PM



“ Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Laurel Lee Sweener.



September 23, 2021 at 02:22 PM

GS

“ I was deeply saddened to hear about Laurel's passing. Laurel helped me file taxes for the last 20 years and was a solid, patient and reliable source of advice. I will never forget her emphatic, personal and humorous manner. To Laurel's family we wish to express our sincere condolences. May she find eternal peace.



Gabriel Szulanski - September 23, 2021 at 01:18 AM

TS

“ TAXPLAN SERVICES SINGAPORE purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Laurel Lee Sweener.



TAXPLAN SERVICES SINGAPORE - September 23, 2021 at 12:56 AM

FS

“ Francisco De la Hoz and Terri Shimomura purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Laurel Lee Sweener.



Francisco De la Hoz and Terri Shimomura - September 22, 2021 at 11:23 PM

TS

“ We are deeply saddened to hear of Laurel's passing. Laurel was a financial "rock" for our friends and us over the last 30 years. We will always remember her kindness, gentleness, and sense of humor. We send our deepest sympathies to Laurel's family and loved ones. Francisco De la Hoz and Terri Shimomura

Terri Shimomura - September 22, 2021 at 11:00 PM

RH

“ I was deeply saddened to learn that Laurel had passed away. I met Laurel nearly thirty years ago, when she first started helping with taxes. We served together later in several of the non-profits in Singapore, including AmCham and the American Club, and over time we became friends. Laurel always had excellent perspectives, and she was very willing to share her insights. While we got together regularly in person for a glass of wine in the past, that gradually shifted to virtual happy hours - one of which was supposed to happen this month. More recently, we enjoyed chats about our farms, hers in the Southeast US and mine in the Northwest US, and we learned from each other. I will miss sharing ideas with her and I will miss her friendship.

Richard Hartung - September 22, 2021 at 01:42 PM

AZ

“ To The Family of Laurel Lee Sweener, our deepest condolences for your loss.

The entire family & community at The American Club in Singapore will deeply miss her smiles and her contributions to our lives.

May the Lord strengthen & surround you all with His love as you go through this difficult time.

*Warmest regards,
From the Zecha Family
(Adam & Lian, Alex & Charmaine)*



Alexander Zecha - September 22, 2021 at 12:24 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Laurel Lee Sweener.*



September 22, 2021 at 10:36 AM

JS

“ *Joe and Nancy Ranieri - Singapore(1990-) purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Laurel Lee Sweener.*



Joe and Nancy Ranieri - Singapore(1990-) - September 22, 2021 at 08:46 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Laurel Lee Sweener.*



September 22, 2021 at 06:13 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Laurel Lee Sweener.*



September 22, 2021 at 02:52 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Laurel Lee Sweener.*



September 22, 2021 at 01:50 AM

GK

“ *Laurel was one of the founding directors of the Singapore Repertory Theatre 25 years ago. What started as a small non-profit theatre in a young country with a fledgling arts scene, SRT has grown into one of the largest English-language theatres in the Southeast Asian region. This would not have been possible without Laurel's unwavering support over the past two and half decades. Her contribution and passion will be deeply missed by all of us.*

*Gaurav Kripalani
Artistic Director
Singapore Repertory Theatre*

Gaurav Kripalani - September 22, 2021 at 01:30 AM

SL

So sad to hear this. We are heart broken for our Arkansas family. Lots of love to each and every one of you from Ann, Clarke and Susan.

Susan Lawson - September 22, 2021 at 02:30 PM

RA

We are deeply saddened to hear of Laurel's passing. Our deepest condolences to Laurel's family. May God give you strength to bear her loss.

I had the privilege of serving with her on the Finance committee at the American Club in Singapore. She always brought her thoughtfulness, her smile, and deep insights and experience to bear and we were all the richer for that.

I will truly miss Laurel- her friendly smile, her readiness to help others, her sage counsel. May your soul rest in Peace!

Rahul & Kristine Arora

Rahul Arora - September 22, 2021 at 10:41 PM