



Loretta "Laurie" Petrucce Roselle

April 4, 1955 - August 9, 2024

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Laurie Petrucce Roselle left this world peacefully on August 9, 2024. She was born April 4, 1955, to Mary and Anthony "Tony" Petrucce in Marion, Indiana. Mary and Tony raised their six children in Marion, and both lived long lives before passing away at 82 and 98, respectively. Their ownership of Liniger Company as a vibrant engineering business was instrumental in providing all six children (MaryAnn, Kathy, Joe, Laurie, Beth, and Vicki) the ability to grow up in a loving family environment and earn college degrees.

Laurie's life of 69 years was characterized by an innate ability to juggle its most important elements: her life with John Roselle, family, career, Notre Dame, Delta Gamma, and many other causes and interests. She was best characterized as enthusiastic, high energy, caring, loving, thoughtful, and giving. Her smile was infectious and her determination to succeed in every endeavor she tackled was both genuine and irresistible.

Laurie graduated from Bennett High School in Marion and received her degree from Purdue University. While growing up, her "special thing" with Dad was going to Notre Dame football games at an early age. Those special moments foreshadowed the future, as she became a rabid Notre Dame fan. She applied to and was accepted by Notre Dame, but her chagrin family pressures pushed her to Purdue. At Purdue she joined Delta Gamma's Beta Iota Chapter, which would change her life forever. Her devotion and love for Notre Dame never waned though and was further fueled when she met John

Roselle (Notre Dame '75) in 1981. They were married in 1982, starting a love affair that lasted over 40 years.

Together, Laurie and John were not blessed with children. Instead, they grew their respective careers, travelled extensively, and devoted themselves to family, growing especially close to their nieces and nephews. Laurie was always dedicated to remembering birthdays, anniversaries and any special events that were the slightest cause for celebration. She was famous for her handwritten notes, cards and gifts for both family and friends that were always thoughtful and much appreciated.

Graduating from Purdue in 1977, Laurie enrolled in the Paralegal Institute in Philadelphia, which again portended a large part of her future. Her parents drove her to Philadelphia, did not like the neighborhood, and drove her back home. Her strong will, plus her well-controlled temper, convinced her parents to let her go back. Thus began her career in the legal profession.

Starting as a paralegal in Indianapolis, she became the paralegal manager at Baker & Daniels. With John's transfer to New York, this Indiana girl hit New York City by storm, joining the law firm of Roger and Wells and became Director: Legal Services – North America for Clifford Chance, LLC. She was instrumental in maintaining order on September 11 when she witnessed both planes hitting the World Trade Center and helped lead the safe evacuation of many at the firm from their location atop Grand Central Station. Laurie then helped coordinate the firm's relocation within Manhattan.

Laurie's life as a Delta Gamma sister was unparalleled. She was involved from day one, often leading the way and setting an example for generations of DGs. It was no surprise that she eventually became Delta Gamma Fraternity's International President and received several of the sorority's most treasured international-level awards for leadership, philanthropy, and loyalty. Despite the challenges faced within any organization, as well as the numerous other interests in her life, Laurie remained true to the sorority, its principles and mission, and the many friends she made. When diagnosed in 2021 with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease), the outpouring of love, affection, and support she

received was a testament to the many lives she had touched.

In addition to all her interests, Laurie simply flat out loved and enjoyed life. Holiday celebrations with family could last days; watching her enjoy The Sound of Music or Mama Mia while singing favorite songs with her sisters was special. She always had a crush on someone, whether it be Kevin Costner, Val Kilmer, or Mario Andretti. She claimed to have been responsible for igniting Joe Montana's career as she cheered his come-from-behind victory against Purdue. John would constantly remind her: "I'm right here, Hun." Her love of travel took her to Ireland and Italy, the beaches, and the Rockies, and she loved them all. She was famous for her love of figure skating which took her to the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City and Torino. Her affection for the artistry of Michelle Kwan and Brian Boitano was nearly matched by her open disdain for the unoriginality of the Russians and East Germans.

Giving of herself and seeing the results for others was Laurie's greatest pleasure. As noted, her awards were many, but her greatest reward was the smiles she was able to put on people's faces through her giving. Whether collecting prom dresses for under-privileged high schoolers, running a silent auction to fund a suite at Peyton Manning Children's Hospital or managing a trivia night to benefit Visually Impaired Pre-School Services (VIPS), Laurie took immense joy in seeing others benefit from her endless energy.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Woodland Country Club in Carmel on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. for friends and family.

A private ceremony will be held at Notre Dame later in August. Contributions can be made in Laurie's honor to The Live Like Lou Foundation Roselle endowment for ALS Research at <https://givebutter.com/c/allin> or Indianapolis Visually Impaired Pre-School Services (VIPS) online at <https://vips.org/donate/>.

Final arrangements and care are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **20**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Woodland Country Club
100 Woodland Lane
Carmel, IN 46032

Tribute Wall

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“ Although I only knew Laurie from numerous LAMA/IPMA conferences up to 2012 when my positions changed, I remember that her warmth and smile could light up a room and she inspired paralegal managers to have fun notwithstanding the serious nature of our work. May her light continue to shine on the other side of the veil.

Laura S. Uyenaka - September 30, 2024 at 09:28 PM

SW

I care for her Mother. Laurie and her sisters always was there for they mother. Wonderful family.

Susanna Wright - October 26, 2024 at 10:48 PM

CE

“ There are few people that stand out in your mind forever. She was one. We go back 30 years. I will always remember her smile, her upbeat and positive personality. My sincerest condolences to her family and friends. She was one of a kind.

Chere Estrin - August 16, 2024 at 04:18 PM

DC

“ many memories of cousin Laurie..best was gettting a post card stating I'm getting married you're in the wedding...details to follow...I still use a wool scarf that she gave me from Ireland... we both liked Kevin Costner..we talked about him often..she was a force to be reckoned with...I send my deepest condolences..Cousin Donna Chiodo Pottsville Penna

Donna Chiodo - August 14, 2024 at 02:53 PM

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“ On behalf of the entire Woodland Country Club Staff we offer our deepest sympathy.

Robert Reynolds - August 13, 2024 at 12:16 PM

DB

“ I got to know Laurie many, many years ago when we were all beginning our careers in that new legal profession for “legal assistants” or “paralegals.” We weren’t sure what we were. She was such a leader in helping all of us as Indiana Legal Assistants was formed and later the Indianapolis Paralegal Association (later changed to the Indiana Paralegal Association). We all go wayyyy back. I am forever grateful for her dedication, commitment and leadership to all of us young, aspiring paralegals. Thank you, Laurie, for your vision and talents that you shared with all of us!

Debi Binkley - August 12, 2024 at 07:58 PM