



## Laura Bell DeLong

October 21, 1945 - March 29, 2026

Laura DeLong, age 80, of Centerville, Tennessee, passed away on March 29, 2026, in Nashville, Tennessee, surrounded by her loving family members.

Laura was born on October 21, 1945, in Decaturville, Tennessee, the daughter of the late Arthur and Toka (Ivey) Phillips. She grew up in Decatur County and spent much of her life in Centerville, where she built lasting relationships and made a meaningful impact on those around her.

Laura was a devoted beautician for many years, owning and operating her own salon where she became a familiar and beloved fixture in the community for 18 years. After closing her shop, she continued to serve in the beauty industry in several capacities before eventually returning behind the chair, where she found great joy in styling hair and connecting with her clients. She spent nearly 40 years in the industry and touched countless lives through her work, kindness and genuine care for others.

Laura had a deep love for family gatherings and treasured celebrating every holiday with the people she loved most. Easter was especially dear to her heart, as she joyfully hosted a large egg hunt each year for family and friends, bringing everyone together in laughter and love. These moments meant so much to her, and her face would light up with the biggest smile whenever she talked about them. The memories she created during those special

celebrations will be cherished by her family for years to come.

Laura cherished her role as a mother, grandmother, aunt, and loyal friend. Her greatest joy was watching her granddaughters grow into the beautiful young ladies they have become. Laura is survived by Gordon DeLong, Sr.; children Phyllis Lockridge, Gordon DeLong, Jr., Dana (Jeff) Sullivan; her grandchildren, Abby Lockridge, Rachel Sullivan and Rebekah Sullivan; her brother Jerry (Gloria) Phillips; special nieces, Trina (Michael) Harris, Kristie (Dustin) Beshears; great niece Taylor (Drew) Rawl; great nephews Aiden Beshears and Henry Beshears; her great great-nephew, Capers Rawl; and Tyler Polk, Curt Lockridge and her closest and dearest friends.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at McDonald Funeral Home in Centerville and Thursday prior to the service beginning at 12:00 p.m. A service to celebrate Laura's life will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel of McDonald Funeral Home with Bill McDonald officiating.

Laura will be deeply missed and forever loved by all who knew her.

# Cemetery Details

## Memory Gardens Cemetery

2833 Hwy 100  
Centerville, TN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County  
102 West End Ave.  
Centerville, TN 37033  
(931) 729-3561

## Visitation

APR 2. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County  
102 West End Ave.  
Centerville, TN 37033  
(931) 729-3561

## Funeral Service

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APR 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County  
102 West End Ave.  
Centerville, TN 37033  
(931) 729-3561

# Tribute Wall



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Laura Bell DeLong.



April 06 at 05:52 PM



“ Thanks for the good times we shared. You was always a special friend and classmate.

David Keeton - April 02 at 01:59 PM



“ Janet Wright lit a candle in memory of Laura DeLong



Janet Wright - April 01 at 08:11 PM



“ Marilyn Gilliam sent a virtual gift in memory of Laura DeLong



Marilyn Gilliam - April 01 at 07:57 PM

BH

“ *Bonnie Hargrove lit a candle in memory of Laura DeLong*



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**Bonnie Hargrove** - April 01 at 05:08 PM

HL

“ *Hal & Stephanie Loveless lit a candle in memory of Laura DeLong*



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**Hal & Stephanie Loveless** - April 01 at 03:36 PM

BM

“ *Laura was very special - so sweet and kind*



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**Bobby/Sandy McFarlin** - April 01 at 12:02 PM

VF

“ *Vicki Frazier lit a candle in memory of Laura DeLong*



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**Vicki Frazier** - April 01 at 12:01 PM

SS

“ I remember Mrs. Laura so well. My Grandma, Mrs. Lucille Livengood would always go get her hair done on Fridays at her shop for many, many years. I would go with her. She was such a lovely person. Sending comforting hugs & prayers to her family. 💜

Shea Sundown - April 01 at 11:43 AM

JH

“ Joanie Holtsford lit a candle in memory of Laura DeLong



Joanie Holtsford - April 01 at 10:18 AM

CM

“ Cheeva McClearen lit a candle in memory of Laura DeLong



Cheeva McClearen - April 01 at 07:31 AM

DN

“ Dana Nicholson lit a candle in memory of Laura DeLong



Dana Nicholson - March 31 at 11:11 PM

JW

“ *Joyce Williams lit a candle in memory of Laura DeLong*



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**Joyce Williams** - March 31 at 10:16 PM

CW

“ *Christy Wells lit a candle in memory of Laura DeLong*



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**Christy Wells** - March 31 at 09:45 PM

GO

“ *Glenda Orman lit a candle in memory of Laura DeLong*



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**Glenda Orman** - March 31 at 08:43 PM

CM

“ *Cheeva McClearen lit a candle in memory of Laura DeLong*



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**Cheeva McClearen** - March 31 at 08:27 PM

VF

“ Vicki and Mike Frazier



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**Vicki Frazier** - March 31 at 08:22 PM

BM

“ Brenda Mash lit a candle in memory of Laura DeLong



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**Brenda Mash** - March 31 at 07:41 PM

CL

“ Carole Loveless lit a candle in memory of Laura DeLong



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**Carole Loveless** - March 31 at 05:52 PM

CB

“ Connie Bowen lit a candle in memory of Laura DeLong



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**Connie Bowen** - March 31 at 05:21 PM

PM

*Laura was a dear encouraging friend! Will definitely miss her and our talks! I wish Heaven had pokes. Prayers for her family and friends. Love you!*

**Pam Morgan** - March 31 at 11:41 PM

DC

“ *Please accept my heartfelt condolences for your loss. Im glad I met and knew Laura.*



**Donnell T Cathey** - March 31 at 04:28 PM

JG

“ *Jane W Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Laura DeLong*



**Jane W Gilbert** - March 31 at 03:06 PM

RT

“ *Rhonda Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Laura DeLong*



**Rhonda Taylor** - March 31 at 01:05 PM

SG

“ Stanley & Judy Gordon lit a candle in memory of Laura DeLong



Stanley & Judy Gordon - March 31 at 12:31 PM

PG

“ Phil and Susan Griggs lit a candle in memory of Laura DeLong



Phil and Susan Griggs - March 31 at 12:04 PM

SH

“ Sarah Hinson lit a candle in memory of Laura DeLong



Sarah Hinson - March 31 at 11:32 AM

MF

“ Mark and Melissa Filson lit a candle in memory of Laura DeLong



Mark and Melissa Filson - March 31 at 11:29 AM

RM

“ Roy & Sharon McCoy lit a candle in memory of Laura DeLong



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**Roy & Sharon McCoy** - March 31 at 10:47 AM

RG

“ Ronald Gammons lit a candle in memory of Laura DeLong



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**Ronald Gammons** - March 31 at 10:18 AM

MB

“ Michael Bates sent a virtual gift in memory of Laura DeLong



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**Michael Bates** - March 30 at 11:48 PM

DS

“ Laura was like my big sister!  
Always there for our family.  
Loved her so very much ,  
She will always be in my heart,  
Diane Stubblefield

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**Diane Stubblefield** - March 30 at 11:31 PM

RS

“ WE ARE SO SORRY OF THE LOSS YOUR FRIENDS, REGINA & MARTHA SHELTON



Regina Martha Shelton - March 30 at 09:44 PM

RW

“ Rickey Westbrooks lit a candle in memory of Laura DeLong



Rickey Westbrooks - March 30 at 09:41 PM



“ Sandi Westover lit a candle in memory of Laura DeLong



Sandi Westover - March 30 at 08:29 PM

ES

“ Ed and Melinda Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Laura DeLong



Ed and Melinda Sullivan - March 30 at 06:30 PM