



Laura J. McCumber

February 16, 1937 - April 2, 2021

Laura J. (Taylor) McCumber, 84, passed away Friday, April 2, 2021 at Blodgett Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Laura was born on February 16, 1937 in Ruby Creek (Branch), Michigan to the late Claude and Ruth (Fuller) Taylor. Laura was raised in the Carr Settlement area and the family moved to Scottville while she was in high school. She graduated from Custer Public School in 1955. She then attended and graduated from the Muskegon School of Business.

Laura married the late James E. McCumber on September 7, 1957 and the newlyweds lived in East Lansing while Jim was finishing college at Michigan State University. They moved to Oregon for a couple of years before returning to Michigan. They lived in several Michigan locations; Baldwin, White Cloud, Wellston and Cadillac. Laura worked at Rexaire, Brooks and Perkins in Cadillac and retired from the State of Michigan having had alternated seasonal work with the Unemployment Office and the Mitchell State Park in Cadillac.

She led an active life raising four children and retired with her husband to his family farm in Carr Settlement. As a widow she served as a Trustee for the Logan Township Board. She enjoyed maintaining the farm, flower gardening, hunting, and socializing with friends and family while hiking, horseback riding, biking, kayaking, and eating out at steak night at the Custer VFW Hall. She was active with the senior groups from Hart, Ludington, and Scottville and greatly enjoyed the 100 mile hikes each summer, group trips to different events, and the kayaking adventures. She had recently taken up jig-saw puzzles.

Some of her favorite memories were of the elk hunting trips that she took with Jim in Colorado, where her hunting success exceeded that of her husband.

Laura is survived by her children Kathy Meinhard, Eric (Keri) McCumber, Brent (Lisa) McCumber, Sheila (Steve Jefferson) McCumber. She was grandmother to Allen, Jayne (Zach), Ryan, Bryce, Sam, Charlie, Max and Alex.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Jim, infant sister Shirley, brother Leonard, sister Betty, son-in-law Andy Meinhard, and her husband's parents.

Per Laura's request, there will be a graveside service in lieu of a funeral service. The graveside service will be held on May 15, 2021 at 2:30 PM and will be held at the McCumber Cemetery on Anthony Road in Branch, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, people can make donations to either the Ruby Creek Conservation and Recreation Club (8152 East Washington Rd, Branch MI, 49402) or the Carr Community Volunteer Fire Department (4930 S. Masten Road, Branch, MI, 49402) in Laura's name.

Cemetery Details

McCumber Cemetery

8500 East Anthony Road
Branch, MI 49402

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 15. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MS

“ *An active, well lived life. A Carr Settlement original. She was the wife of my friend and mentor Jim, and she was always happy to see me a a visitor over the years.*

Matt Sands

Matt Sands - April 19, 2021 at 05:58 PM

LI

“ *Sorry to hear of this. I have memories of spending time at the McCumber home in Cadillac with my dear friend Sheila. My prayers for healing go to you and your family.*

Lisa Smith

Lisa - April 17, 2021 at 01:27 PM

DB

“ *Sympathy to the four McCumber children and seven grand children..R.I.P., Laura.*

DANIEL BROOKS - April 17, 2021 at 11:23 AM

AB

“ *I met Laura at the many Mason Lake Conservation District meetings, that we both attended. She and I would sit together. She was a pleasant helpful independent individual. I was sorry to read of her passing. My sympathy to her family. Per Laura's wishes, I will send a contribution to the Ruby Creek Conservation Club. I had Safety Rifle Classes at the club. Good bye Laura. Alexis Lapenas Gestes-Bradow*

Alexis bradow - April 16, 2021 at 10:04 AM

MH

“ *I just want to say that as a friend and neighbor of Laura, that she was one tough bird. Seeing her out kayaking or pounding fence posts, she was unstoppable. Thoroughly enjoyed yacking with her up at the Ruby Creek Conservation Club for different events.*

Quite a lady and she will be missed around the Carr Settlement and Ruby Creek area.

We send our very best to the family and prayers. Know Laura is settled and quite happy in Heaven probably gathering ramps, or Morell Mushrooms, or pounding fence posts for the Almighty. Hugs and all our best.....Mark Horsley and Barbara Loomis

Mark S Horsley - April 15, 2021 at 11:33 AM

DN

“ Kathy, Eric, Brent and Sheila, our sincere sympathy to you and your families. Jr and Shirley shared a lot of good times with Jim and Laura while growing up and I remember hearing lots of fun stories! Laura will definitely be missed in the settlement and by all who knew her. The Rhine's

Donna Rhine Neuman - April 12, 2021 at 09:31 PM

RR

“ Laura has been a dear friend from the first day we met her, as she joined our kayak group. She was quiet and kept to herself. But we quickly learned that she was a very independent lady! She knew how to handle her kayak in any situation, and I think we all learned a thing or two from her. She was always ready and willing to tackle just about anything. That included going on trips with our group. Ron and I knew she was a little uncomfortable in crowds and strange places, but we always kept her safe, and she was good as long as she had someone guide her. We have missed her dearly the last year or two, and now we will miss her forever. But we will never forget our sweet Laura.

Ron and Robin Rash - April 08, 2021 at 09:22 PM

DN

From the Rhine's: Our deepest sympathy to Laura's children, may your fondest memories give you peace, she will definitely be missed!

Donna Rhine Neuman - April 10, 2021 at 11:44 AM

SM

Kathy, Eric, Sheila & Brent, We have been Double cousins thru the Fuller's and Taylor's all our lifes. Then I married into the McCumber's and became three way cousins. Been a pleasure knowing your mom. She has always been so helpful when reunion times come. She spoke about you all so many times. My sympathy to your families. Sharon (Stickney) McCumber

Sharon K McCumber - April 12, 2021 at 08:56 PM

JV

“ Eric, and your whole family, I'm so very sorry to hear about your Mom. I truly enjoyed talking to her about McCumber genealogy the few times we saw each other. Such a font of information. She will be missed 🙏

Joyce Bogner Vandervere - April 06, 2021 at 12:19 AM