



## Laurie Jane Niederhelmann

March 2, 1964 - February 20, 2020

Laurie Jane (Cherkas) Niederhelmann, age 55, of Greenville, departed from this world unexpectedly on February 20, 2020.

Born in Pittsburgh, PA, she was daughter of the late Harry Frazier Sr. and MaryAnn (Chapman) Cherkas. She was also predeceased by her brother, Derrick Cherkas, of Cleveland, SC and her in-laws Wilhelm and Frieda Niederhelmann of Hördinghausen, Germany.

Laurie was a professional dancer, having been a member of the Atlanta Jazz Company and Deutsche Meisterschaft. Laurie also taught and choreographed for competitive students and competed in dance in the World Cup for Germany.

Survivors include her son Harrison Frazier Niederhelmann of Lintorf, Germany; her brother Harry Frazier Cherkas Jr. of Cleveland, SC; her longtime companion Larry Shadoan of Greenville, SC; Wilfried Niederhelmann, son's father of Lintorf, Germany.

A Memorial Service will be held Friday, February 28, 2020 at 2:00pm at The Howze Mortuary Chapel.

We are left with memories of a beautiful woman who will always be

remembered for her kind and caring spirit, her infectious laughter and her love for storytelling. Laurie's energy and enthusiasm could light up a room. She was encouraging, optimistic and went out of her way to make people feel special.

She had a unique sense of style, always impeccably dressed and accessorized for every occasion. She loved sunshine and being outdoors and found joy in the simple things.

Laurie suffered a critical illness late in her life that significantly affected her mobility. While we mourn her loss, it warms our hearts to know that she is now free from pain and dancing in heaven.

#### A Prayer

O Lord, my God, thank you that you are my rock and my refuge. I can always find refuge in you. You have said that whoever follows you will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life. As I feel the darkness of grief and sorrow at this time, shine your light on my life. Remind me that my hope is found in you. May your love surround me, your Spirit guide me, your voice cheer me, your peace calm me, your shield protect me, your wisdom arm me, wherever you may lead me. Through Christ Jesus our Lord, Amen

## Cemetery Details

**Private Burial**

## Previous Events

### Service

FEB 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary Chapel  
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369  
Travelers Rest, SC

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ *RUSSELL HEAD lit a candle in memory of Laurie Jane Niederhelmann*



RUSSELL HEAD - July 04, 2020 at 10:14 PM

LS

Thank you Russell. We miss Laurie very much. 🙏💔🦋💔🙏

Larry Shadoan - September 13, 2020 at 07:03 PM

MT

“ *Marji Thompson lit a candle in memory of Laurie Jane Niederhelmann*



marji thompson - February 29, 2020 at 09:46 PM

LS

Thank you Marji. Laurie was the light and love of my life. 💔🦋💔🙏

Larry Shadoan - September 13, 2020 at 07:11 PM

SM

“ *My heart and prayers go out to Laurie's family. I only knew her for a short time and she always had a sweet smile or a kind word or funny story to share with me. She really had a way to make people feel special. She will be missed from this world but heaven is now blessed with an angel with a big heart. Prayers for you all*

stephanie mattas - February 29, 2020 at 03:11 PM

LS

*Thank you Stephanie. We miss Laurie everyday. We were together for 7 years. And yes heaven has a blessed angel. 💕🦋💕🙏*

Larry Shadoan - September 13, 2020 at 07:08 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Laurie Jane Niederhelmann.*



February 27, 2020 at 08:41 AM

JL

“ *Janice Langley sent a virtual gift in memory of Laurie Jane Niederhelmann*



Janice Langley - February 26, 2020 at 08:58 PM

LS

*Thank you Janice. Laurie is missed by all. 💕🦋💕🙏*

Larry Shadoan - September 13, 2020 at 07:15 PM

JL

“ *Janice Langley lit a candle in memory of Laurie Jane Niederhelmann*



Janice Langley - February 26, 2020 at 08:57 PM

JL

“ I'm so sorry for your lost 😞.  
I didn't know Mrs.Niederhelmann Prayers 🙏🙏 to her family and friends.😞

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**Janice Langley** - February 26, 2020 at 08:55 PM

LH

“ I don't know where to begin ... You were an Awesome human being . You were everything that your Mom ( and Dad ) needed in a Daughter You took the Best care of them. Your love for your Son Harrison was evident in everything you did for him - You were so proud of him . Your Brothers Derrick and Harry Loved you so much and we're so proud of you and as my cousin you were more like a Sister . I remember when we were young and you guys lived in Connecticut and then NC how excited me and my sis used to be at the thought of you guys coming to town ( we drive our Parents crazy wanting to know if you were in town yet ...) we Danced like no one was watching , got ALL the frogs from the creek , jumped on the bed and talked thru all hours of the night . I am so sad that the world has lost a truly wonderful person whose smile and laugh would brighten the darkest room . I Love You so much but will see you when I get there .

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**Laura Hicks** - February 25, 2020 at 08:21 PM

LS

Thank you Laura, for your wonderful words. Laurie was my light and love of my life. Heaven has a bright new star in the sky. Love and miss you Laurie. 💕🦋💕🙏

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**Larry Shadoan** - September 13, 2020 at 07:20 PM

JC

“ Laurie we had so much fun working together and became instant friends! I am thinking of all our fun times and am praying for Harrison and Harry! I am sad that I hadn't seen you in awhile but happy to know you are in Heaven and are now pain free. Your illness was tough but you remained so positive throughout everything. I will remember you always Love, Janet. (Big Sis)



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**Janet Bailey Cabbage** - February 25, 2020 at 05:05 PM

LS

Thank you Janet for your kind words. Laurie will be missed, but Heaven has a new bright star. Love and miss you Laurie. 💕🦋💕🥰

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**Larry Shadoan** - September 13, 2020 at 07:23 PM

DS

“ Dear Harrison and Family,  
I am so sorry to hear of the tragic accident. I met your Mom in 2017 and what a very special person she was, She was someone that you were so thankful to meet because she was such a happy, sweet and fun person to be around. She would brighten any room up with her personality! She never met a stranger and anyone that met her, loved her! I felt like I had known her all of my life and it was just a short time. She was very proud of Harrison, she spoke of you often, I could hear the Mother's Love in her voice when she spoke of you! Cherish her memories and never let them go! Again, I am so sorry and saddened of this, but I was so blessed that she crossed my path and I will always cherish those memories!



*Donna Staton*

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**Donna Staton** - February 25, 2020 at 10:13 AM

LS

*Thank you Donna for your words to Harrison. He is doing well in Germany with his daddy and school. Laurie will be missed but Heaven has a new bright star. Love and miss you Laurie. 💕🦋💕🙏*

Larry Shadoan - September 13, 2020 at 07:27 PM

JL

“ *Laurie, you 're soaring with the angels now. Your presence here on earth is surely going to be missed. My condolences to your family and friends. Jan*



Jan. Lee - February 25, 2020 at 07:48 AM

LS

*Thank you Jan for your words. We will miss Laurie, but know that we will see her again. 💕🦋💕🙏*

Larry Shadoan - September 13, 2020 at 07:29 PM

HN

“ *Mom I love you there is not one second that goes by where I'm not thinking of you I will always remember you and you're words of encouragement and the fun we had together. We will see each other again! Love you Mom!!!💕💕💕*

Harrison Niederhelmann - February 25, 2020 at 03:53 AM

JC

*Harrison your Mom was the best! Beautiful and fun loving and she loved you so much. I hope to see you on Friday. Janet*

Janet Bailey Cabbage - February 25, 2020 at 05:08 PM

LS

*Harrison, keep your mom's words close to your heart and in your soul. You know how much we loved you. Stay strong and know that you are not alone.  
Love you son.*

Larry Shadoan - September 13, 2020 at 07:32 PM

HW

“ *Hattie Williams lit a candle in memory of Laurie Jane Niederhelmann*



Hattie Williams - February 24, 2020 at 09:57 PM

LS

*Thank you Hattie. Laurie will be missed but Heaven has a bright new star.* ❤️🦋❤️🕯️

Larry Shadoan - September 13, 2020 at 07:34 PM

CC

“ *We're all going to miss seeing you!!, You we're always so fun to be around, I'll see you again because we don't sorrow as those without hope!!, I await the day when we'll all be together again in a place where we'll never part again, All my Love now and always!!*

*Christopher M. Chapman*

Christopher Chapman - February 22, 2020 at 05:31 PM

RH

“ HEY THERE HUNNY WE WILL ALL MISS YOU AND ALL OF THAT LOVE RUSSELL DAVID DUSTIN AND EVERYONE ELSE IN THE FAMILY



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**RUSSELL HEAD** - February 22, 2020 at 01:08 PM

MD

*Annette and I met Laurie when Larry and she visited us in Baltimore recently. Their 5 day stay flew by too quickly and we treasure the chance we had to meet the woman that Annette's brother fell in love with. We shared many stories and Laurie did have a distinct and infectious laugh. Such a good time. At this time of sadness, we will remember those good times. Laurie, you will be missed by all who knew and loved you. May you Rest in Peace and may your loved ones find comfort in their memories of you. Annette and Mike Dey*

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**Michael Dey** - February 26, 2020 at 12:10 AM