



Lauren Lawton Perfors

June 30, 1984 - January 16, 2026

Lauren Lawton Perfors, 41, passed away peacefully at home on January 16th, 2026 in Fort Collins, Colorado. Her passing leaves a deep void for all those who knew and loved her.

Born on June 30th, 1984 in Prince George's County, Maryland, Lauren was the only daughter of Robert "Dodd" Lawton and Ann Nyquist Lawton. She spent her childhood in Maryland, moving to Park City, Utah just before starting her freshman year of high school. While living in Utah, Lauren developed her deep love for the mountains and outdoors, especially during the winter months, when she could be found skipping school to ski the fresh powder that Park City is famous for.

Lauren graduated from Park City High School in 2002. She went on to earn her Bachelor's in International Business from the University of Denver in 2006, followed by a Master's from the University of Denver in Marketing and PR in 2015. Known for her intelligence and ambition, lightheartedness and compassion, Lauren developed many friendships at DU that would continue through the rest of her life.

In 2015, Lauren achieved her dream of starting a successful technology company, which has grown to become Jollity Studios. Perpetually embodying its titular spirit - jollity - she helmed the company with her signature joy. When

you worked with Lauren, whether as a partner, employee, or client, you were treated with respect, kindness, and love. Lauren left her mark in the business world the same way she lived her life - with a big smile.

On July 31st, 2010 Lauren married the love of her life, Steven Perfors, in the mountains near Alma, Colorado. Their union was defined by a deep respect and undying love for one another. Together they built a life fully lived, overflowing with travel and outdoor adventures, and eventually their family grew to include two beautiful little girls: Adelyn (7) and Olivia Jade (3).

Lauren found a whole new purpose in life when her daughters were born, and she lived each day in a way that guaranteed her family would never once doubt her love for them. Lauren was the glue that allowed her husband and daughters to pursue their dreams and wild fancies. She provided a safe haven for each of them to spread their wings and soar.

Aptly nicknamed "Widesmiler," Lauren greeted each morning with a smile on her face. To know Lauren was to know a woman who was quick-witted, eager to make new friends, and never afraid to smile and laugh with her whole being – while also bringing her unmistakable intelligence (and many a tech solution!) to every situation.

Lauren's legacy is that of a fighter, and a lover of life. She was an incredibly courageous person who found joy in every moment. She never let the negative define her. To know her was to know that you were enveloped by love at all times. Lauren will be deeply missed by all whose lives she touched, and we will remember her always.

A Celebration of Life will held in her honor on February 21st, 2026 at 1:00 PM. It will be held at Foothills Unitarian Church, located at 1815 Yorktown Ave, Ft. Collins CO 80526.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Rise for Lauren GoFundMe to help her family offset medical bills and continue the college fund for her daughters.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 21. 1:00 PM (MT)

Foothills Unitarian Church
1815 Yorktown Ave.
Fort Collins, CO 80526

Tribute Wall

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“ We are distant cousins from Maryland who have always been amazed at Lauren's wit, smile, spirit and positive outlook on life. And we so greatly respect her determination. To her loving family and many friends, we wish you comfort and peace. God rest your beautiful soul, Lauren. Bart and Colleen Rowe

Bart and Colleen Rowe - February 20 at 08:55 PM

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“ I got to know Lauren because she frequented our AXIS School Board meetings. But she was never there to complain. She attended our meetings just to learn more about how her children's school ran and to offer us support. Lauren struck me as smart, curious, and always looking to make a positive impact however she could. She will be missed. Rest in peace, Lauren.

Tom Siegel - February 10 at 04:54 PM

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“ Lauren was the best of the best. A fierce defender, a voice of reason, and a kind and ever-optimistic soul. I have so many memories of her, from talking me down and calming me during heated flag football moments to a wonderful afternoon spent at the Fun Farm with Steve, Adelyn, my sister, and nephew.

My heart is absolutely broken for Steve and the girls. You fought so hard and we love you, Lauren. I hope now that you get to rest easy, maybe out hitting your stride again on another one of your long runs.

Alex Hart - February 04 at 03:06 PM

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“ *Lauren embodied the spirit of what many call the "happy warrior." She brought grit, determination, and a will to succeed to all that she did, and was a wonderful mother and loving partner to Steve. Her courage and bravery are an inspiration. Rest in peace and happiness, dear Lauren.*

Dave Coldiron - February 03 at 10:28 PM