



## Laura Jane Sellers

August 5, 2019

Laura Jane Sellers, 79, died on Monday, August 5, 2019. She was born on July 26, 1940 in Little Rock, Arkansas to Lynn and Louise Johnson Shelton. Laura almost always had a puzzle going and coffee ready for visitors. A collector of sorts, Laura loved her frog figurines and Boyds Bears. She was an avid reader who loved a good game of Scrabble.

She retired as an LPN, having served patients at Baptist Health, Little Rock Internal Medicine Clinic, and Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville. Laura was one of those rare, selfless individuals who always put others' needs above her own. She welcomed the opportunity to host family and friends and prepare her signature spaghetti for dinner and melt-in-your-mouth fudge for dessert, unless, of course, it was raining outside and then it was "spoon fudge".

Even in her later years, as her eyes couldn't see as far down the road and her knees couldn't carry her quite as far, her love of her grandchildren never failed. She made many LRCA football games, Bryant Legacy performances, Baptist Prep soccer games, and Special Olympics competitions as possible.

The youngest of eleven children, she was known as Aunt Polly to many nieces and nephews and as Gram or Gramma to nine grandchildren: Alessandro Sereni, Stephanie (Ben) Young, Samantha (Tyler) Shearer, Jessica Wood, Samuel Sellers II, William Sellers, Hannah (Kody) Harrison, Sarah Sellers, Benjamin Sellers, and two great-grandchildren, Everly Shearer, Theodore Harrison and another on the way. She is survived by her four children, Tamarah Sereni of Houston, Peni (Michael) Wood of Heber Springs, Sam (Holly) Sellers of Little Rock, and John (Jennifer) Sellers of Bryant, and brother, Robert (Hilde) Shelton of Little Rock and sister, Katie DeBoard of Plano.

She was preceded in death by her son, Lynn Sellers, brothers, Larry Shelton, Billy Shelton, Charlie Shelton, and Claude Shelton, and sisters, Lynnda Lynch, Mary Gotelli, Barbara Stewart, and Katherine Kelly.

Services will be Wednesday, August 7 at 6:30 p.m. at New Life Church in Maumelle.

Arrangements by Little Rock Funeral Home, 8801 Knoedl Ct., (501)224-2200. Laura's online guestbook may be signed at [www.littlerockfuneralhome.com](http://www.littlerockfuneralhome.com).



# Comments

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“ God bless you in your loss. She sounds to have been a fun, and loving lady!

Samme Wallace - August 07 at 11:11 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Laura Jane Sellers.



August 07 at 08:55 PM

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“ When I think of Aunt Polly - I always think happy! She was resilient under the most trying circumstances. She loved strongly, cared deeply, and was faithful to God in all ways. She was energetic, sparkled in a child-like wonder, and was a role model to me on motherhood. The care and detail she put into raising five amazing children - sometimes under very stressful conditions - still dumfounds me. Lynn could recite Bible verses, the Pledge of Allegiance, and probably the Constitution by the time he was four. She would hem the dresses that Grandma Shelton sewed for Tammy and Penny after all the kids were in bed asleep. She rocked them, read to them, tenderly fixed their boo-boos, made surprise fruit popsicles in ice trays, all actions that would make them feel loved and excited about new days and the wonder of it all. She never grew tired of her children or grandchildren. I can't ever remember her raising her voice at the kids for something they did. She also had her own language - Pollyisms, I called them. There were greeblies and other words that aptly described things that Webster never knew about. The last time I got to spend time with her, she flew to Disney and Epcot in Florida with my mother and me, Mom's favorite place to be. Aunt Polly just beamed at the beauty of it all, starting with the castle, and was most at home hugging the "characters" there like Chip and Dale, Goofy, and especially Mickey Mouse. We took turns pushing Mom in the wheelchair and the two sisters laughed and bantered like they were on the playground in childhood. I loved her caring, giving nature and she leaves a large empty gap here for those who knew and loved her dearly, too. She will be missed and remembered with great tenderness!

Sharon DeBoard Cowin - August 07 at 04:42 PM

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“ Thoughts and prayers for Laura’s family. I had the pleasure and privilege of working with Laura at Washington Regional. I always admired her faith and distinctly remember the talk she gave me about not praying for patience but to pray for strength and have shared those words with many. For Christmas, she and two coworkers gifted me with a Bible I still carry and use. Laura was a true gem.

**Renee Skinner** - August 07 at 03:54 PM

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“ close and blended families, as natalie wrote - so true! i remember staying at aunt polly's many times as a kid. she always had glue, glitter, construction paper, and other craft supplies on hand. she had the best laugh (we shared many) and took care of so many of us in times of need, sweet as dan said, kind as kasha said, and the way she called us "precious" always felt genuine. she was our "treasure" and will be missed forever.

**kathryn wilkins** - August 07 at 08:23 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Laura Jane Sellers.



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“ I miss my onliest Aunt Polly so bad...when we were kids our families were so close just blended...Aunt Polly would "get a switch" to me and Lynny just as quick as mom would-I'm sure mom and other sisters and brothers met her at gates of heaven...I wish I had one more hug

**Natalie Willis** - August 07 at 12:05 AM

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“ She led her life from the heart. I never heard an unkind word and she could heal "boo-boos" better than most. She always seemed to know where she was needed most. I know she is reunited with many she loved, but there is a void felt by all. Let her example lead us to be a little bit kinder, and follow our hearts.

**Kasha Halvorsen** - August 06 at 11:43 PM



“ Out of the eleven, each of whom I knew/know and loved/love, Aunt Polly might get the prize for sweetest. I am so glad to have had her in my life. I will miss her.

**Dan Shelton** - August 06 at 10:39 PM