



Laney Morriss

June 12, 2009

Laneta Carol (Laney) Morriss, 47 of Springdale died June 12, 2009 at Circle of Life Hospice in Springdale. She was born August 9, 1961, in Springdale to Janette C. and James L. Morriss, Jr. She graduated from Springdale High School in 1979 and played in the Bulldog Band for three years. She attended the University of Arkansas and Northwest Arkansas Community College. She was a member of Springdale Christian Church.

She joined the Springdale Police Department as a radio operator in May 1984 and was certified as a patrol officer on November 1, 1984. During her 25 year career at the police department she was a detective and served four years on the 4th Judicial Drug Task Force. She was promoted to sergeant in 1997 and in 2001 became the first woman promoted to lieutenant in the Springdale Police Department. She attended the FBI National Academy in 2002 and in 2004 became the first woman promoted to captain. She was assigned as division commander of the criminal investigation division in 2006.

She earned over 2200 training hours and received a senior law enforcement certificate. She was a certified law enforcement instructor, firearms instructor, team leader for the hostage negotiation team and served on the Northwest Arkansas Crisis Center critical incident debriefing team. She was recognized 23 times for her service to the department and the community.

Laney served on the Board of Directors for the Crisis Center from 2002-2007. During that time, she was the vice president in 2004-2005 and served as president in 2005-2006. She also acted as the liaison between the Springdale

Police Department and the Crisis Center.

She was a 2008 graduate of Arkansas Leader and previously completed Leadership Springdale.

Survivors include her mother, Jan. C. Morriss of Fayetteville; her father, Jim Morriss of Fayetteville; one brother, James L.(Trey) Morriss III of Maumelle, his wife Melody, and children Adam, Matthew and Hannah; one sister, Shana Clark of Springdale, her husband Anthony, and children, Dakota Downum and Peyton Downum; her grandmother, Mrs. "Jo" Condra of Springdale; Several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visitation will be Tuesday, June 16, 2009 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Sisco Funeral Chapel of Springdale.

Services will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, at the Springdale High School Performing Arts Center with Rev. Daniel Dickard officiating.

Private burial will be at Fairview Memorial Gardens in Fayetteville under the direction of Sisco Funeral Chapel of Springdale.

Pallbearers will be Mike Peters, Richard Farris, Robert Sanchez, Lester Coger, Mark Smith and Lee Andreadis.

Honor guards from the Springdale and Fayetteville Police Departments will participate in all ceremonies.

Friends are invited to a reception at the 1st Security Bank Annex Building following the services. The family will attend after the graveside service.

Memorials may be made to the Northwest Arkansas Crisis Center 614 E. Emma, Suite 213, Springdale, Arkansas 72764

Tribute Wall



“ *Laney Morriss*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Dear Jim and Jan, I add my condolences to the many here for the loss of your daughter Laney. It was a pleasure to know her. She was truly a fine person. My heart goes out to you both during this time of grief and loss. May your memories soon bring you happiness instead of tears.*

June 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Laney entered my life at a very early age as well as the rest of the Morriss family. We love all of you and have only great things to say about Laney and the family. Everytime I would run into Laney she was the same Laney we knew and loved , She will always be in our hearts and her kindness and love will be deeply missed. Our thoughts and prayers go to the Morriss family and we love you all , there will always be a special place in our hearts for all of you. May GOD Bless you all in this time of mourning.
Brent , Tonya and girls*

June 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ To Laney's family and friends - Laney and I attended school together. Although I had not talked to her since graduation I thought of her often always wondering what she was doing in life. I knew she would do great things with her life as she had the determination and drive to do great things. From what I have read she accomplished a lot, lived life to it's fullest and touched many, many lives during her 47 years. I lost my father last year to cancer and know how hard it is to lose someone you love. Find peace in knowing she is in the arms of our Father above and is at peace. I will continue to keep your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Lori Juhnke Moose - SHS Class of '79

June 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Jan, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your daughter, I know you were very proud of her. It is so hard to loose a loved one especially a child. My heart, prayers and toughts are with you and your family. Reading all the writings about her she was a remarkable person and a remarkable woman who had touched many lives. What a wonderful tribute to her and good memories for you.

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“ *To Jim Morris and Family*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.
It was an honor to have worked with Laney for 18 years. She fought
a hard battle.*

*Every time we saw her she was always smiling and
full fun.*

May God comfort you.

*Love,
Kathy and Hershel Hardin*

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“ *I really didn't know Laney post high school but my dear friend Missy
shared pictures with me that told stories of how wonderful Laney
was, she made a huge impact on so many lives and history in our
community. I salute Captain Morriss for "changing the world" and I
pray that God will give peach to her family and friends.*

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“ *Laney and I attended school together we even worked together for
a long time at Springdale P.D., both as dispatchers and as street
officers. I fondly recall our days of playing softball together. Laney
was always one I could count on when times were rough or good.
She was always a shining person with a smile that would light up a
room. To Jim, Jan, and Trey my thoughts and prayers are with you
all. The city of Springdale, it's citizens, and the police department
have lost a fine person, a great police officer, and a tremendous
leader. Laney, May God hold you and your family. You will be
missed. Larry Goheen*

June 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Laney was a fantastic person. One of the best bosses I have ever had! She will be missed! My thoughts and prayers are with you!*

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“ *To the Morriss Family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you. Laney was loved by many and as a former room mate of Laney's at one point in our lives she always made life a positive adventure. I will miss you Laney. The heavens are getting a special angel.*

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“ *I considered Laney one of those people you meet and don't forget in life. I admired her friendliness, and especially her "I can do this" attitude about everything challenging. She was a pleasure to work with and consult with in the public service realm. Rest in peace, girl. You have fought the good fight, "goodly!"*

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