Laura Beth Finch

March 1, 1956 - April 12, 2020

Laura Beth Finch age 64, of Springdale, Arkansas went home to sing with the angels, hug her daddy, and explore the universe on April 12, 2020.

She leaves behind her loving mother, Marjorie Lawson Hart, sister Deborah Hendrix, her best friend and husband of 40 years, Jay Finch, three sons, Lucas, David, and Nathan, a daughter, Charlotte, four grandchildren, Dajah, Donovan, Aiden and Liam, one great-grandchild, Cameron, and countless friends, now reunited with her daddy, little brother, CB, Papa, and many other family members and friends who preceded her.

Beth was born March 1, 1956 in Lake Wales, Florida to Hassell and Marjorie Lawson. She graduated from Springdale High School in 1974 and then attended nursing school at Burge School of Nursing in Springfield, Missouri. After starting her nursing career in St. Louis, Missouri, she headed west to New Mexico, where she became one of the first female law enforcement officers in the department.

She met Jay while they were investigating a homicide on the Navajo Reservation. They eventually decided to hang up their spurs and start a family. Beth returned to nursing where she built a career in diabetes education. When she wasn’t working at the hospital she was wrangling cattle on her family farm, raising three boys, and organizing mission trips that took

her around the world.

We lost a real gem. It’s a rare person who knows her worth and embraces life without a care for what others thought or whether the world was ready for her.

She wasn’t one who suffered fools gladly, often joking that she was going to start a slapping line. She struck a hard bargain—used car salesmen were always relieved to see her go. She was always playful, charismatic, loving, kind, laughed often, loved others deeply, and certainly never met a stranger (regularly embarrassing her boys with her random, deep conversations with strangers). She was most comfortable in blue jeans and boots, riding high atop her John Deere or exploring Bull Canyon with Judge Two Birds.

She gave everything she had to others who needed it, even when it was a sacrifice. She recognized the many gifts she had been given and never lost sight of them when things got tough. She taught us that many people had heard about Jesus but few had experienced Christ-like people in their life, so we should try to be that example in the world.

Today she’s at peace. There’s no more pain in her rodeo knee, no more wheel chairs, and she’s no longer having to deal with Nurse Ratched. She is free to explore the universe and sing with the angels—maybe beat them at Skip-Bo, too.

Funeral services will be held graveside at White Oak Cemetery in Fayetteville, Arkansas at 2 p.m. on April 14th. A larger gathering of family and friends will be held at a later date to celebrate Beth’s life.

Until then, indulge in one of her joys: read a good book, plant a tree, go for a hike, share your faith with a stranger, give more than you think you can to someone in need, visit someone in a nursing home, and hug everyone like

you mean it.

Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com

Cemetery Details

White Oak Cemetery

14510 White Oak Road
Fayetteville, AR 72704

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR **14**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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14510 White Oak Road
Fayetteville, AR 72704

Tribute Wall

Laura Beth Finch

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM

PT

My deepest sympathy to Beth's family. Beth was one of my best friends in elementary school and her family was always warm and welcoming to me, especially when I lost my mother in 6th grade. When she moved to Arkansas, we lost track of each other, although I did run into her once while she was at Burge School of Nursing. She just popped into my mind today, MANY years later, so I searched for her online, only to learn of her passing---and so recently! How I wish I had found her earlier and that we could have renewed our friendship, even at a distance. She was always loving and caring, and a great friend to me in our younger years. I am sad, but glad she is at peace, and may God be with her family through this difficult time.
Phyllis Kerr Thompson
Manchester, MO

Phyllis Kerr Thompson - July 28, 2020 at 01:36 PM

SP

Seeing Beth's face again pulls me back in time. She looks the same! I can hear her voice and somewhat commanding tone. I went to Burge School of Nursing with Beth. It was a tough road but most of us made it! I don't think I knew she went on and became an officer too- how cool! We share a sons with the same name Lucas. Good taste Beth! I will be praying for your family who I know must miss you desperately. But I'm thankful they know you're with Jesus, and I'm glad that I will see you one day too!

Sharon Presti - April 24, 2020 at 10:33 PM

VB

Dear Jay and Family,
One of the joys of living in NWA was meeting and catching the enthusiasm for life that Beth always displayed. Thanks be to Jesus because Beth is continuing her life and praising Him!
May Jesus carry you through this difficult time,
Sincerely with prayers,
Vickey Boozman

Vickey Boozman - April 22, 2020 at 10:33 PM

DV

Sweet memories of this devoted and supportive mother when I had her boys in class! My condolences to all of you!
Donna Vinson

Donna Vinson - April 15, 2020 at 08:01 PM

LB

My heart aches for Jay and all the family in the loss of Beth; she was such a vital link in your family circle. Nearly all of my favorite memories of her are of the times she invited Russ and me into your home, sharing laughter, fun, and food! She, indeed, had the gift of hospitality! How wonderful to know that she is now "face to face" with Him. May God's Spirit be your Comforter in the days ahead as you adjust to no longer having her in this earthly life.

Louise Bonacker

Louise Bonacker - April 15, 2020 at 04:07 PM

AO

Deepest condolences to Jay and family. Beth was always a delight... I had the privilege of serving her through State Farm Insurance. I still have the candy cane she brought me for Christmas (it hangs on my tree every year) and she asked me if I knew Jesus. Heaven gained an Angel on Easter Sunday!

Amy Olic - April 15, 2020 at 01:04 PM

DH

I was honored to be this caregiver she was such a joy and so much fun to be with I will miss her terribly prayers to the family and I know she's singing in heaven

Donna Holland - April 15, 2020 at 03:40 PM

AG

Jay, so sorry for your loss!
Adella and Gary Gray

Adella Gray - April 18, 2020 at 08:53 PM

DN

Our condolences to Jay and the Finch Family. Beth was loved and respected by all who knew her. Remember meeting at the Finch residence during election season to work on campaign signs.

Duane/Mary Neal - April 14, 2020 at 09:41 PM

KM

Blessed to have been a part of this beautiful souls life and her families..... and proud to be nurse ratchet.... Beffers you were quite a lady and lived a lifetime in a few short years. I'm gracious your rejoicing with the Lord your now free my friend.

Kim Maffei - April 14, 2020 at 06:16 PM

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Laura Beth Finch.

April 14, 2020 at 05:16 PM

KC

Beth was a very nice lady. Always had a smile. I remember working with her at SMH and NMC when I worked there on 1 South and 1400.

Kelly Couch - April 14, 2020 at 04:14 PM

CS

WOW.....I did not know Laura as she graduated 11 yrs after I did at SHS. But she is a gal I would have loved to know. She sounds like an Angel.
May God be a comfort to the families she left behind.
Cindy(Poling)Strawser
SHS 1963

Cindy (Poling) Strawser - April 14, 2020 at 04:12 PM

SP

Prayers and comfort for the family and Cousin Marjorie. Clebrating Beths New Address as she sings in the Heavenly Choir. Love to you all and May The Lord give you all peace and comfort.

Sonja Parker - April 14, 2020 at 02:13 PM

NT

Beth was the epitome of a professional, caring, loving nurse. She always had the patient's best interest in her heart. I never had less than a very pleasant and often uplifting interaction with her. Her patients loved her dearly and so did her co-workers. Norman Tubb, MD

Norman Tubb - April 14, 2020 at 02:07 PM

CF

Our prayers are with Lucas and your family on the loss of your mother. She was a sweet person.

Chuck & Carol Fincher - April 14, 2020 at 12:20 PM

SB

Our deepest condolences to Sweet, Beth's family!!
Beth will always be remembered as a fun loving, happy, caring, woman of God!
You are in our thoughts and prayers!
Love and prayers,
Susan and Kelly Bright

Susan Bright - April 14, 2020 at 12:09 PM

Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Laura Beth Finch.

April 14, 2020 at 10:04 AM

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Laura Beth Finch.

April 14, 2020 at 09:49 AM

Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of Laura Beth Finch.

April 14, 2020 at 09:31 AM

BO

Beth was an excellent nurse, so caring , I enjoyed working with her many years

Barbara (Rollins) Owens - April 14, 2020 at 07:39 AM

LH

Beth was a wonderful cousin. Lots of childhood memories of when they would come to visit, especially when they lived in Springfield, Mo, before moving to Springdale. Lots of fun playing in the sand box, (that was filled with sawdust) at Papa and Mama's house. She was always happy, and always had that beautiful smile!! She was always helpful and concerned when a family health issue would arise, and was willing to help in any way she could. Your heavenly celebration, with no suffering or pain, must be pure joy!

Precious Memories!
Linda Wilmoth Hook

Linda Hook - April 14, 2020 at 01:40 AM

Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Laura Beth Finch.

April 14, 2020 at 01:28 AM

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Laura Beth Finch.

April 14, 2020 at 12:34 AM