



Elena Lynn Lawrence

December 16, 2011 - December 16, 2011

Elena Lynn Lawrence, 43, passed away peacefully at her home in Fort Collins, Colorado on December 15, 2011 after a long battle with cancer. Elena was born February 10, 1968 in Lubbock, Texas to Stephen and Lynda Sims Lawrence, the first of three children. She graduated from Duke University in 1990 and received a law degree from the University of Virginia in 1995 where she was honored as an Editor of the Virginia Law Review. She moved to Denver and worked first in private practice and then for the Securities and Exchange Commission for many years. Deciding to combine her love of singing with a devotion to serving others, Elena moved to Fort Collins to pursue a degree in Music Therapy from Colorado State University. When those plans became impractical after a stroke in 2006 and an ensuing diagnosis of breast cancer, Elena turned her efforts toward not only battling her own cancer but toward supporting and inspiring others engaged in the same struggle. She was very active in a multitude of cancer support groups and became a peer mentor to many women in their struggles. Elena was also active in the Junior League and labored tirelessly to uplift other women in their misfortunes. She never abandoned her love of singing and was active in her choir at First United Methodist Church. She was a woman of deep faith and humility and lived as a gentle Christian witness to all whose lives she touched. Elena is survived by her mother, Lynda; her brother, Robert; sister-in-law Kelley, and nephews, Alec and Zac; her brother, Michael; Uncle Fred and Aunt Nellie Lawrence; her Uncle Kenneth and Aunt Harriet Sims; her cousins and

many friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Stephen; and her beloved aunt, Lana. Visiting hours will be held at Bohlender Funeral Chapel on Sunday, December 18, 2011 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. The Funeral Service will be celebrated at First United Methodist Church, 1005 Stover St. on Monday, December 19, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. Elena will be buried next to her father at Lost Prairie Cemetery in Groesbeck, Texas on Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers please consider memorial contributions to Hope Lives!, 2629 Redwing Rd. Suite 260, Fort Collins, Colorado 80525.

Tribute Wall



Beth Hedger

“ I knew Elena in 5th grade when her family lived in Shreveport, LA. She was a kind, smart, and sweet friend. We were pen pals for a few years after the Lawrence family moved to North Dakota. I think we lost touch midway through high school.

I always wondered where she was, what she did and had hoped to connect with her. I guess that has to wait until I go Home myself. She grew into just the person I would image her to be. A blessing!

Beth Hedger - August 14, 2019 at 03:50 PM



RG

“ Elena and I sang together in "The Supreme Chords" during our time in law school. Our times together taking a break from the realities of law school life are some of my dearest memories of that time. God bless you- she was a great gal.

Robin Longmire Gresham - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



MJ

“ We will see you again in heavens choir.

Michael Johnson - December 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



JE

“ I met Elena in 2008 through the Newcomer's Singles Group. She was an inspiration with her positive attitude and bravery in dealing with her diagnosis of breast cancer and effects of the stroke. I am very sorry for your loss and will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers. Janet Egan

Janet Egan - December 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ To Elena's family: We met Elena several years ago when she became a mentor to our daughter who also had a stroke at a young age. Hannah enjoyed getting together with Elena and sharing stroke stories. Elena inspired me to realize that my young daughter could drive with adaptations to the car. And then one day we had fun with Elena talking about bikes and gave her a special bike that was no longer a good fit for Hannah. At that point we learned Elena was heading into yet another medical journey. We hope that you will be comforted in knowing Elena had such a positive impact on so many lives. Now I know why I had been thinking of her so much recently.
Kirsten Hartman, Ed Meek and Hannah Meek

Kirsten Hartman - December 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I will remember her glowing beauty. I will remember her breathtaking intellect. I will remember her talents: her voice, her playing, her dancing. I will remember her amazing list of honors. Most of all, I will remember her heart. It showed in every conversation and every action. She shared herself everywhere she went. She was and is a brilliant light. I know she is holding hands with Stephen and is wrapped in the arms of God. Lynda, Robert, Michael: you are wrapped in our virtual arms, as well. We love you.

Lynn and Paul Smollar - December 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Dear Lynda, Michael, Robert and Family Elena was beautiful, strong, loving person. She had a strong faith and a real fighter about her health till the end. She is an example to all. She is no longer in pain and is in the loving arms of God and with her loving Dad. We are praying for you and your family. Love Susan and Cary Adams

Suan Adams - December 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *Elena...you are brilliant, though I'm sure you have no scope of the impact you have had on this world. Especially me. You have moved us all...simply by being you. I love you. Kerry*

kerry wicks - December 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *Dear Lynda, Michael & Robert -- Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We are deeply saddened, and pray that some comfort is yours in knowing that Elena is now at peace, and with God in Heaven. Love, Margo, Steve, Chris & Ryan Lockard*

Margo & Steve Lockard - December 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *To Elena's family, I knew Elena from church choir, but I didn't know much about her health problems until we ended up at a brunch for breast cancer survivors at Kathleen's. When I learned all that she had gone through, and was still dealing with treatments and all, I was amazed at her strength & determination to keep doing all the things she wanted to do. Music was so important to her - she kept coming to choir as long as she had any strength to get there. She gave so many people hope - and she will continue to be an inspiration to so many "sisters." Please accept my sincere condolences. My prayers are with you - and I know Elena's singing in heaven's choir now.*

Debbie Dixon - December 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM