



Dr. Laura Grace Erbe DVM

June 20, 1994 - March 7, 2024

Dr. Laura Grace Erbe, DVM, 29 of Altoona, KS passed away on Thursday, March 7, 2024. Laura was born on June 20, 1994, in Neodesha, KS, the daughter of Michael and Tracy Ann (Matthias) Erbe.

Laura was a graduate of Altoona-Midway High School class of 2012, she then attended Kansas State College of Ag, receiving her Bachelors in Veterinary Medicine in Agriculture in 2017, and graduated in 2019 from Kansas State University of Veterinary Medicine as a doctor. She then began practicing at Barta Animal Hospital in Independence, KS. In her down time, Laura liked to read, do leather work, and she loved her crocheting.

As shared by friends: Dr. Laura Erbe stepped on a rainbow way before her time. She epitomized hope. A kind, gentle, generous, humble, hardworking, encouraging, and beautiful person. Laura would mentor younger people whether it be in 4H, FFA, Kansas Muzzleloading Association, and gladly help anyone who asked for help. She always had a smile and a positive attitude; she was proof the future was bright. There are so many people across the state that she touched the hearts of. In the KMA circle, that round hat with her under it will be missed.

Survivors include:

Parents: Michael and Tracy Erbe of Altoona, KS.

Two great aunts: Retha Carter of Altoona, Janis Otte of Atchison,

Three uncles: Danny (Janiece) Erbe of Altoona, George (Shela) Matthias Jr of Atchison and John Matthias of Horton,

one first cousin JJ Matthias of Atchison, and many other cousins and friends.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 2:00 PM at Countryside Funeral Home in Fredonia. The family will be receiving friends 1 hour prior to service time. Memorials in her memory have been suggested to either the Kansas Shriners Hospital for Kids or A.W.O.L. of Independence, KS and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at www.countrysidefh.com Services are under the direction of Countryside Funeral Home 420 S. 20th St., P.O. Box 247, Fredonia, KS 66736

Cemetery Details

Harrison Cemetery

Thayer, KS

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Fredonia
420 S. 20th St.
P.O. Box 247
Fredonia, KS 66736
(620) 378-2882

Service

MAR 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *My wife and I only just learned of Laura's death on the one year anniversary of her funeral. We are heartbroken. She was our favorite vet and saved our Maisie's life at least two or three times. Our hearts are with her family as you continue to mourn her.*



Ethan Muse - March 24, 2025 at 01:23 PM

“ *Dear Mike and Tracy,
We are so sorry to hear this sad news. We no longer take the paper, so we were unaware until today. We can do nothing but express our sincere condolences. I was so glad to have her as a fellow veterinarian. Steve and Anne Smith*

John Smith - March 17, 2024 at 03:07 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Countryside Funeral Home - March 14, 2024 at 01:58 PM

JM

So sorry for your loss. I use to be Laura's bus driver when she was young. I remember I found a bug and asked her if she wanted it. Oh, yes I didn't have that one. She was so happy. She was a sweet little lady. Loved knowing her.

Jan Morrow - March 14, 2024 at 02:36 PM

PC

“ *Peter C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Laura Grace Erbe DVM.*

Peter C. - March 13, 2024 at 08:27 AM

PC

“ *Laura was a close friend and one of the most positive influences in my life in veterinary school. We were in a study group together which became a family in what seemed like an instant. I would not have made it through school without her. She was a compatriot in all things nerdy. She helped fill the long nights of studying with laughter. She will be missed more than my poor words can express.*



Peter Cannon - March 13, 2024 at 08:23 AM



Lisa Hinkle - March 13, 2024 at 01:22 PM

DI

“ Dr Erbe was the most amazing and wonderful vet we have ever known. She loved our babies just as much as we do. Her compassion for our reptiles was so heartwarming. She was a one of a kind, absolutely irreplaceable, giving, and just plain awesome person. The world lost a bright soul, but all those sweet animals crossing the rainbow bridge will have the comfort of meeting her. Thank you Dr Erbe for sharing your love, talent, and just yourself with all of us and our animal!

Dragon Country Reptile Rescue Inc - March 13, 2024 at 07:00 AM

KK

“ I have too many memories and photos of Laura to share in one post. She was so dear to me and so many others, she never compromised on herself and who she was - a kind, funny, vivacious lass who brought joy to our lives. My love to you who read this and think of her, for I will in all of time and space, for every moment there ever was and ever will be. She was my friend and I loved her.



Kristin Kelley - March 12, 2024 at 08:34 PM

KS

“ Kathy S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Laura Grace Erbe DVM.

Kathy S. - March 12, 2024 at 08:10 PM

RW

“ Richard W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Laura Grace Erbe DVM.

Richard W. - March 12, 2024 at 06:57 PM

CB

“ Dr Erbe was the most compassionate vet around. She was the only vet I could intrust my Irish Wolfhounds with. I met her when I first moved back here as she was a tech at Bartas. She left & went off to vet school and when she reappeared after she became a Dr. I was very surprised and happy. Dr. Barta was retiring and we decided to break her in right on the Irish Wolfhounds. I remember her first c-section on one vividly. Dr. Erbe was left handed so she operated from the opposite side as Barta did. I never called her Laura. I respected her and I could text her for advice anytime. She would let me video or take pictures on the OR floor just like Dr. Barta would allow. Because we always ran into something odd. Dr Erbe saved my Emmy from a water bloat and I documented it & made a video as I had never seen a water bloat & she pumped her belly empty & saved her life. My heart is broken and she will be missed forever by many. God must have needed another vet up there with Dr. Barta to take care of all the rainbow bridge animals. Rest in Paradise Dr. Erbe you were truly one in a million.



The Irish Wolfhounds Of Berry Hill & Wolfstone.



Ms. Cindy Nunneley Biehler
Wayside Kansas



Cindy Nunneley Biehler - March 12, 2024 at 04:03 PM

DD

“ Dale and Debbie purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dr. Laura Grace Erbe DVM.



Dale and Debbie - March 12, 2024 at 03:07 PM

DD

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Dale and Debbie - March 12, 2024 at 03:07 PM

DA

“ I am so sorry. Laura was such a genuinely good and sweet person. She took such good care of my furry guys. I honestly don't what to say. My heart is heavy and full of sadness that she was taken away. Heaven is lucky to have her.

Darren - March 12, 2024 at 08:30 AM

MF

“ Megan and Joe Coffman family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dr. Laura Grace Erbe DVM.



Megan and Joe Coffman family - March 11, 2024 at 08:35 PM

TE

“ Terry and Amy Erbe purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Laura Grace Erbe DVM.



Terry and Amy Erbe - March 11, 2024 at 06:55 PM

TE

“ Terry and Amy Erbe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Laura Grace Erbe DVM.

Terry and Amy Erbe - March 11, 2024 at 06:55 PM

MS

“ Marlene Shinkle lit a candle in memory of Dr. Laura Erbe



Marlene Shinkle - March 11, 2024 at 06:41 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Laura Grace Erbe DVM.



March 11, 2024 at 12:55 PM

KA

“Katie, Christina, and Amanda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Laura Grace Erbe DVM.

Katie, Christina, and Amanda - March 11, 2024 at 12:55 PM

TF

“The Barta Animal Hospital Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dr. Laura Grace Erbe DVM.



The Barta Animal Hospital Family - March 11, 2024 at 12:51 PM

TF

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The Barta Animal Hospital Family - March 11, 2024 at 12:51 PM

TF

“The Heartland Vet Partners Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dr. Laura Grace Erbe DVM.



The Heartland Vet Partners Family - March 11, 2024 at 10:25 AM

PT

“ Dr Erbe has been with Barta Animal Hospital almost as long as I have. I remember the first time I met her she was in high school and would come when she could and shadow Dr. Barta and I thought to myself this quiet, petite, shy little thing wants to be a Veterinarian? Through the years she came back and had accomplished just that! She was living her dream! She had a love for all animals, especially pocket pets and reptiles. Although I couldn't read a lick of her penmanship, I truly admired her compassion to heal her patients and her dedication to her clients. We each had our own relationship with Dr. Erbe, if we were having a conversation, she was the quiet one but we would find out later that she would have done it, experienced it or knew about it. She would give us her crooked smile and then walk off for us all to think about it! She had an impact on us all and will be missed.

Paula Tow - March 11, 2024 at 07:40 AM

LC

“ Leisa Callarman lit a candle in memory of Dr. Laura Erbe



Leisa Callarman - March 11, 2024 at 03:38 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Laura Grace Erbe DVM.



March 10, 2024 at 05:10 PM



“ Laura was such an important part of my life. We lived together for 4 years, got into so many silly shenanigans to get through all of our stressful days. We had traditions. We created a little vet school family complete with parties, weekly study group meetings, and constant little adventures. She got me through so many hard days, and I can only hope that I did that for her sometimes too. She was the one to help me go get my baby Cookie from the shelter (carried her home on her lap). She was so amazingly herself, and I loved that. She was my show/movie buddy and my crafting buddy. Laura will be so greatly missed.



Katie Kramer - March 10, 2024 at 03:33 PM

C2

“ Class of 2012 purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Laura Grace Erbe DVM.



Class of 2012 - March 09, 2024 at 11:53 PM

C2

“ Class of 2012 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Laura Grace Erbe DVM.

Class of 2012 - March 09, 2024 at 11:53 PM

CD

“ Caitlin Diggs purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Dr. Laura Grace Erbe DVM.



Caitlin Diggs - March 09, 2024 at 11:25 PM

NK

“ Dear Laura’ s parents- your daughter was such a good friend to my daughter Kristin- she went with us to Florida and was such fun and just last summer we met her in KC- she was a special person and I can’t imagine your great loss- deepest sympathy Nancy Kelley

nancy Kelley - March 09, 2024 at 08:56 PM

CF

MIKE ♥ TRACY, LAURIE WAS A LITTLE SWEET PEA, NEVER TO FORGET, HUGS & PRAYERS FOR PEACE IN YOUR HEART ♥
CALLARMAN FARMS

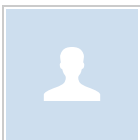
Callarman Farms - March 11, 2024 at 03:22 AM



“ *From your distant erbe cousins in Missouri.*



James Schad - March 09, 2024 at 08:26 PM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Dr. Laura Grace Erbe DVM.*



March 09, 2024 at 07:08 PM



“ *K-State College of Vet Med Class of 2019 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Laura Grace Erbe DVM.*

K-State College of Vet Med Class of 2019 - March 09, 2024 at 07:08 PM



“ *colleague lit a candle in memory of Dr. Laura Erbe*



colleague - March 09, 2024 at 04:51 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Laura Grace Erbe DVM.



March 09, 2024 at 01:44 PM



“ Laura was one of those special people who made you feel special. She gave a part of her heart to everyone ❤️. No matter the project she was willing to help make your idea succeed. We will miss her smile and friendship! 💔

Belinda Adams - March 09, 2024 at 11:50 AM



“ The most compassionate Dr. I've ever had and met. I remember the 1st emergency Csection she did for me and the 1st time i met her. 2am middle of a horrible storm she's waiting for me when we arrive. She brought her dad with her because he wanted her to be safe she said "you never know who you might be meeting at 2am 😊. I took this picture because I couldn't believe she got on the floor with my mama dog and loved on her until she was fully awake. She kissed each puppy and snuggled them. Her heart was so big and the her love for all creatures really showed that night. Truly loved by all and will be missed greatly 😭



Michaela Wille - March 09, 2024 at 04:06 AM

MV

“ Laura was a dear friend of mine from undergrad at KSU before we each got into vet school (I was in the class of 2018 and she was in 2019). She was kind, loving, and loyal in everything she did and with everyone she encountered. She and I shared a love of nerdy things. She made a leather bracelet with many of our shared nerdy fandoms on it and gifted it to me without hesitation when I complimented her on it. I will miss our nerdy conversations, her warm smiles, and her amazing hugs. I know I will see her again someday and give her a big hug. Rest well, friend. Love and miss you, now and forever. <3

With love,
Marilyn D. Velasquez



Marilyn Velasquez - March 08, 2024 at 11:32 PM

DW

“ Many thanks to the good Dr for life saving care of my precious dog who is still with us. And the tender care she gave for one we had to let go. Will never forget her.

My prayers are with her family and friends at this time.
Dee Webb

Dee Webb - March 08, 2024 at 09:38 PM

SC

“ Kelli and send our sincere condolences to the family at this difficult time. We are praying for peace and comfort from our Lord Savior.

Steve and Kelli Cushman - March 08, 2024 at 08:27 PM

TT

“ We drive down from Emporia to Barta Vet. Over 10 yrs with our bulldogs they have become more than just a vet to us. It's not going to the same without her. Our hearts go out to her family and friends.



Tricia Tabares - March 08, 2024 at 06:59 PM