



## Laura Beth Skeen

September 24, 1953 - May 16, 2026

Laura Beth (Brownfield) Skeen was born on September 24, 1953 in Lubbock Texas, the second daughter of Kenneth and Ernees Brownfield. She was welcomed into this world by her parents and her big sister, Becki. It was Becki who led Laura to make a profession of faith in Jesus when Laura was 7 years old. She was baptized at Arnett Benson Baptist Church in Lubbock and has been a faithful follower of Christ for 65 years. Laura prayed for a baby brother and when she was 6 ½ years old, brother Larry joined the family. Laura and Larry became partners in mischief, much of it directed at their big sister.

While a junior at Lubbock High School, Laura was introduced to Mike Skeen, by her good friend Debbie Skeen (Perkey) who happened to be Mike's sister. Laura was a 16-year-old junior and Mike was a 15 year old sophomore, and the claim was made that Mike liked to hang out with Laura because she was old enough to drive. Nevertheless, they have been hanging out together for 56 years now. They dated for 7 years, all through high school and all through college before finally getting married in the summer of 1977. This July would have been 49 years of marriage. They have always been best friends, partners in ministry and partners in life.

Education was always important to Laura and her family. Her grandfather, grandmother, and mother were all educators, so it was natural for Laura to follow that tradition. At age 14 she believed that God had called her to work with the deaf and she never waivered from that call. After graduating from Texas Tech with a bachelor's degree in Deaf Education, Laura began her

teaching career in 1976 by starting the Deaf Education Program for Kerrville I.S.D. There she taught deaf and hard of hearing children for 15 years, then went back to school at night at Sul Ross University and received her master's degree in education leadership and special education law. She then spent another 12 years as a Special Education administrator in Kerrville I.S.D. In 2003 Laura and Mike moved back to Lubbock where Laura worked for 6 years as Coordinator of the Regional Deaf Program in Lubbock I.S.D., then spent another 7 years at Region 17 Education Service Center as coordinator for the Deaf Education Certification Program and coordinator of the Student Support Service Team. She retired in 2016 after 40 years in education, fulfilling her call as a 14-year-old.

Laura and Mike raised their family in Kerrville Texas, where they were active members in Trinity Baptist Church for 26 years. Aimee Elizabeth, the firstborn, came home from the hospital on her parents' fourth wedding anniversary and her brother Bryan was born 3 years later. Being their mother and seeing them both come to know the Lord were two of Laura's greatest joys in life and being Lolly to their kids was not far behind in the joy department.

After moving back to Lubbock in 2003 Mike and Laura joined Calvary Baptist Church and quickly became involved with the Newly Married - Engaged - and Dating Seriously (NEDS) Sunday School group in which they have served and taught since 2005. Their passion for marriage and belief that God called them to serve in ministry together led them to many opportunities to serve in marriage ministry. In addition to their once a month lessons on biblical marriage, they have served as certified marriage mentors for "Prepare to Last" and " Save Your Marriage Before it Starts" (SYMBIS) pre-marital training programs. They have also been blessed to visit with other couples about really enjoying marriage.

Laura was not only active in her church, but in the community as well. She was a regular volunteer at Sparrow's Nest in Jayton as well as a regular volunteer at Ragtown Gospel Theater in Post. She recently learned to crochet and became part of a crochet - Bible study - prayer group. She also

participated in a community Bible Study in our neighborhood. Laura did not meet any strangers, making an impact on everyone she met. Friends, family, doctors, nurses and neighbors all became part of her prayer circle as she made an impact on everyone. She will be greatly missed but the difference she made in the lives of others will live on. Mike describes Laura with this simple verse of scripture: Proverbs 31:29 "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."

Laura is survived by:

Husband - Michael of Lubbock, Tx

Daughter - Aimee Dowgar (Adam) of Wolfforth, Tx.

Son - Bryan Skeen (Kendi) of Plano Tx.

Grandchildren - Colton James and Charlee Beth Dowgar, Gemma Rose Skeen

Sister - Rebecca Bryant (Ron) of Raleigh, N.C.

Brother - Larry Brownfield (Carla) of Leander, Tx.

Nephews - Christopher Bryant, Mark Youngblood, Matthew Brownfield, Anthony Ryan Skeen

Nieces - Erin Brownfield, Emily Skeen

Sister-in-Law - Debbie Perkey (Don) of Wolfforth, Tx.

Aunt - Martha Lucas

Uncle - John Deering (Dana)

Numerous cousins

Calvary Baptist Church family and countless friends

If Laura has hugged you, you've been adopted as "family." Just know that we don't pay for college or weddings.

Preceded in death by:

Parents: Kenneth and Ernees Brownfield

Parents -in-law: Donald and Johnnie Skeen

Brother-in-law: Tony Skeen

Nieces: Andrea Beth (Youngblood) Powers

Laura Doty (Bryant) Eagan

# Cemetery Details

## City of Lubbock Cemetery

2011 E 31st Street  
Lubbock, TX 79404

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 22.** 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sanders Funeral Home  
1420 Main Street  
Lubbock, TX 79401  
(806) 763-6433  
director@sandersfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.sandersfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

**MAY 23.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church  
5301 82nd Street  
Lubbock, TX 79424

# Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Laura Beth Skeen



Sanders Funeral Home - May 20 at 06:10 PM

KO

What a beautiful tribute to a beautiful and joyful women!

Kimberly Oldfield - May 20 at 11:21 PM

BJ

Our hearts are broken but our souls are very good.

Bob & Patty Joyce - May 21 at 10:51 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Laura Beth Skeen.

May 22 at 03:27 PM

WM

“ With Love Gloria, Russell, Kef, Melissia purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Laura Beth Skeen.



With Love Gloria, Russell, Kef, Melissia - May 22 at 11:22 AM

WM

“ With Love Gloria, Russell, Kef, Melissa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laura Beth Skeen.

With Love Gloria, Russell, Kef, Melissa - May 22 at 11:22 AM

CJ

“ Candace Joyce purchased the Simply Elegant Sp  
athiphyllum for the family of Laura Beth Skeen.



Candace Joyce - May 22 at 09:39 AM

SB

“ Scott and Phyllis Blair purchased the Sweetest S  
unrise Bouquet for the family of Laura Beth  
Skeen.



Scott and Phyllis Blair - May 21 at 12:54 PM

TC

“ Texas Multi Chem purchased the Basket Full of  
Wishes for the family of Laura Beth Skeen.



Texas Multi Chem - May 21 at 12:20 AM



“ 90 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Sanders Funeral Home** - May 20 at 05:32 PM

JG

“ Kirk and I are so sorry to hear about the passing of Laura. We can appreciate the depth of heartbreak for you, Mike.

*Laura's witness for Christ has meant so much to me, truly. Her faith and the family that the two of you raised for Him has to be inspiring for many others, as well. When Jesus welcomed her with his open arms I'm certain He said, "Well done thou good and faithful servant!"*

*May the Holy Spirit give you and yours comfort and peace during this heavy grief.*

*With Love, Kirk and Jeannette (Brownfield) Grey*

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**Jeannette Grey** - May 20 at 01:45 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Laura Beth Skeen.*



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May 19 at 10:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Laura Beth Skeen.

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May 19 at 10:12 PM



“ *Laura was a beautiful influence on my daughter's life as a child. As a person that I looked on as a friend and Trasey's deaf ed teacher, we shared many happy times with her. She not only taught curriculum but also taught the goodness of life. She was more like a member of our family than just a teacher. Laura is remembered with love and will be forever in our hearts. My condolences go out to Mike and the family. You all lost a wonderful woman, but not forever. You'll see her again in Heaven. :Lois Underwood Trasey Underwood Vest*

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**Lois Underwood** - May 19 at 09:07 PM



“ *Erin & Nathan Burgess purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Laura Beth Skeen.*



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**Erin & Nathan Burgess** - May 19 at 05:41 PM

EB

“ Erin & Nathan Burgess planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laura Beth Skeen.

Erin & Nathan Burgess - May 19 at 05:41 PM

ML

“ I worked with Laura in the classroom in Kerrville Deaf-Ed Program, she was a very dedicated and caring teacher. I treasured her friendship very much.

Maria R. Lichnovsky - May 19 at 02:04 PM

OT

“ Old students from Kerrville, Tx. purchased the In Heaven's Arms Bouquet for the family of Laura Beth Skeen.



Old students from Kerrville, Tx. - May 19 at 12:10 PM

TH

“ The Harleys purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Laura Beth Skeen.



The Harleys - May 19 at 12:10 PM

CT

“ Caelan & Amy Thuett purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Laura Beth Skeen.



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**Caelan & Amy Thuett** - May 19 at 11:27 AM

AT

“ Sweet Laura, she was always a bright light and comforting presence. She will always be one of the most faithful women I have ever known and I am grateful for the time, hugs, and conversations we shared. I will also never forget the impact she and Mike have had on my husband and I during our engagement and marriage. We will miss you, but also see you again!

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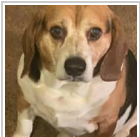
**Amy Thuett** - May 19 at 11:24 AM

AT

“ Sweet Laura, she was always a bright light and comforting presence. She will always be one of the most faithful women I have ever known and I am grateful for the time, hugs, and conversations we shared. I will also never forget the impact she and Mike have had on my husband and I during our engagement and marriage. We will miss you, but also see you again!

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**Amy Thuett** - May 19 at 11:23 AM



“ I remember sitting in her class while she was very pregnant and her stomach just started bouncing all over the place

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**Chasity Munsey** - May 19 at 09:45 AM

MF

“ Monroe & Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Laura Beth Skeen.



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Monroe & Family - May 19 at 09:07 AM

TC

“ I had just graduated from NMSU with my Masters in Deaf Education and was scheduled for an interview in Kerrville, Texas. My husband and I drove from El Paso and jumped in her van as she drove us to Ingram, Center Point, Bandera, and Pipe Creek and introduced us to principals, Deaf Ed teachers and some students. We spent the day getting to know Laura which was not a difficult task and headed back to the office. I then asked her boss when I would be interviewing for the job? He asked if we had spent the day together and I said “yes”

He said that was our interview. The job was mine. Laura was a beautiful person inside and out. She was a joy to work for and learn from. I worked with her for a short time, but it has been a life long friendship. You will be missed, but I know I will see you again in your high tops, healthy and bigger than life. I love you my friend! 🙌



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Tricia Cook - May 19 at 02:25 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Laura Beth Skeen.



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May 19 at 12:32 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Laura Beth Skeen.

May 19 at 12:32 AM



“ Steve & Deanna and Caraway families purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Laura Beth Skeen.



Steve & Deanna and Caraway families - May 19 at 12:26 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Laura Beth Skeen.



May 18 at 11:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Laura Beth Skeen.

May 18 at 11:40 PM

JE

“ I met Laura when she worked for Deaf Ed in Lubbock. She always welcomed me with a sweet hug, a huge smile, and a “Hello, friend”. She had faith in me as an interpreter and would encourage me to step out of my comfort zone even when I didn’t think I could. Even after she retired from LISD and started working at the Educational Service Center, our paths would meet again; still with same smile, big hug, and “Hello, friend”. Once again having faith in me to do something that I didn’t think I could do. I am so glad I listened to her. I am so thankful we had the opportunity to work together and to become friends. I knew she cared about me and about others. She was a woman of faith and love. I will always cherish our friendship. Thank you for believing in me. 🙌



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**Jamie Ellis** - May 18 at 09:35 PM

TC

“ The Greenlee Cousins purchased the Rainbow of Remembrance Spray for the family of Laura Beth Skeen.



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**The Greenlee Cousins** - May 18 at 05:56 PM

TC

“ The Greenlee Cousins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laura Beth Skeen.

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**The Greenlee Cousins** - May 18 at 05:56 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Laura Beth Skeen.



May 18 at 05:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Laura Beth Skeen.

May 18 at 05:44 PM



“ Donna L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laura Beth Skeen.

Donna L. - May 18 at 04:28 PM



“ Felecia and Charlie Dobbs purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Laura Beth Skeen.



Felecia and Charlie Dobbs - May 18 at 03:17 PM



“ Felecia and Charlie Dobbs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laura Beth Skeen.

Felecia and Charlie Dobbs - May 18 at 03:17 PM