



*Laura Doty Eagan*

**Dec. 11, 1974 - Aug. 16, 2025**

Laura Doty Bryant Eagan, 50, of Morganton, NC, passed away Saturday, August 16, 2025.

Born in San Antonio, TX on December 11, 1974, she was the daughter of Ronald Bryant and Rebecca Brownfield Bryant of Raleigh, NC.

Laura's family moved to Pennsylvania in 1989, and she graduated from Cumberland Valley High School. She was full of fun and loved being with her friends. She loved making people laugh, roller coasters, and Disney World. A talented musician, Laura played piano, flute, and piccolo. She met her future husband, Christopher Eagan, in Chemistry Lab at Cumberland Valley.

Laura graduated Magna Cum Laude from West Virginia University with a major in education. She wanted to be a teacher since she was in kindergarten.

She began teaching at Mull Elementary in Morganton. Laura had a lifelong desire to make an impact on children's lives. When she and Christopher married in 2000, they chose to make Morganton their permanent home.

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In addition to her parents, Laura is survived by her husband, Christopher Eagan; daughter, Caitlyn Eagan of Morganton; brother, Christopher Bryant of Woodbridge, VA; father-in-law, James Eagan of Mechanicsburg, PA; brother-in-law, Pat Eagan of Mechanicsburg; sister-in-law, Christy Eagan of Mechanicsburg; and many aunts,

uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, close friends, co-workers, and hundreds of former students. Laura will always be a presence in their lives.

“Fly high sweet angel.”

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m., Friday, August 22, 2025 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, August 23, 2025 in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with Pastor Kevin Fredrick officiating. Burial will follow in Burke Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society ([donate.cancer.org](https://donate.cancer.org)).

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



—Magan wilkienson

Laura was such a great mentor, co-worker and most of all a loving friend. She always had such a beautiful smile and such a joyous personality! Laura loved her co workers and especially all of her kiddos that she taught all those years. She inspired so many lives and always brought the good out in everyone. I had the privilege to work with her for 23 years, she taught all of my children at some point. We always enjoyed talking about our daughters Hannah and Caitlyn who grew up together. She was a rock at our school and will forever be a part of us. Her spirit will live on in all of the lives she has touched. I love you my sweet friend Laura, I am so proud of you for the fight that you fought. May you rest in peace until I see you again someday.

—Madge Goines



My favorite teacher, rest in peace. Prayers to the family

—Destiny

Mrs. Eagan was one of my favorite teachers. She always wanted to make happy and loved. She truly was an amazing person.



I was lucky enough to have Mrs. Eagan when I was at Mull many years ago, and after that both my brothers had her. We all loved her so much. She has so much compassion for others and was always there to help you when you didn't understand something. She will be so missed.

—alyssa whisnant



I am truly sorry for your loss Mrs. Eagan taught my children about 10 years ago at a Mull, she was an exceptional teacher as well as a positive role model. her students knew they could always turn to her for help, Mrs .Eagan was an a caring , compassionate, honest, trustworthy, and loving teacher who was always there to help any student who go may come to her needing advice, guidance, or just someone to listen to.o Mrs.Eagan you will truly be missed,.

—Tonya Harriman



Laura was a wonderful teacher and it was a privilege to work with her in the school system. She had a beautiful smile and a terrific rapport with her students and fellow educators. Sincere condolences to her family; her legacy will live on through the lives she's touching.

—Susan Crump Pollpeter

It seems only yesterday you were the cool older sister of Chris telling us to not get into trouble when we would hang out after school at your house. You are loved and you will be missed.

—Strve Koty



To Mrs. Eagan's family: I am so very sorry for your loss. I am saddened to hear this. She was such a great teacher. I didn't know her extremely well, but she started in Burke County Schools the same year I did. Then, later on, I subbed a bunch at Mull. She was helpful to me and she didn't really know me. I remember about 4 years ago, the kids told me she was sick after attending a concert or something. She lived a lot in her 50 years. I cannot imagine how her absence will be in your lives. Please know that people you don't know, but were touched by her, will be thinking of you in the coming days. God Bless You.

—Carol Hazel



Mrs. Eagan was a great teacher to my son Chris and daughter Ciara. She taught them so much and this transferred over into their higher education and careers. She would always stop to say a word of encouragement to them every time she saw them somewhere. We are praying for Chris and Caitlyn and the family through this difficult time, she will be greatly missed. I won't say goodbye, just so long my friend until we meet again.

—Darrell and Melinda Smith