



## Laurie Marie Wood

May 7, 1985 - June 4, 2023

Laurie Marie Wood of Philadelphia, PA died of breast cancer in her home on June 4, 2023 at the age of 38. She was beloved as mother, wife, daughter, sister, and friend, renowned as a professional historian, and accomplished as an amateur chef, gardener, and globetrotter. Born May 7, 1985 to Larry and Marianne Wood in Abilene, TX, Laurie followed family tradition in earning a BA from Texas Tech University, then pursued advanced study in history at the University of Texas-Austin, earning a PhD in 2013 under the supervision of Prof. Julie Hardwick. While a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Wisconsin Law School, she met Cale Weatherly, then a graduate student in chemistry, and quickly realized that she had “found her person.” They married in June 2015.

Laurie obtained a tenure-track assistant professorship in history at Florida State University in 2014 and developed innovative courses on Atlantic piracy, world history, and the Indian Ocean. In 2020, she published the award-winning monograph *Archipelago of Justice: Law in France’s Early Modern Empire* and earned promotion to associate professor with tenure. She held fellowships at Princeton University, the University of Delaware, and the Library Company of Philadelphia. To balance her own career ambitions with her husband’s job in Philadelphia, she flew each week from Philadelphia to Tallahassee, taught two three-hour lectures in an afternoon, then returned the next day. As a member of Resurrection Philadelphia, she developed short

courses on seeking a vocation and on the history of race-related protest in Philadelphia. She enjoyed teaching them to wide swaths of the congregation.

Laurie's greatest joy was in relationships, and her greatest pride was in her children, Margot (age 5) and Aaron (age 2). She delighted in seeing Margot become a proficient reader and artist, and in following Aaron's early interest in cars, music, and sports. From her youth, she was an adventurous and versatile cook, a canny decorator, and an enthusiastic gardener. She enjoyed watching sports, sitcoms, and cooking shows, attending 76ers games, indie rock shows, and Philadelphia Orchestra concerts, and eating her way through Philadelphia's ever-shifting list of Top 50 restaurants. She combined work and pleasure with regular research trips to France and the Caribbean.

In April 2021, Laurie was diagnosed with stage III triple-negative breast cancer, an aggressive but treatable form of the disease. She undertook a full course of chemotherapy, surgery, and radiation, attending each appointment with hope and good cheer. By August 2022, she had completed maintenance chemotherapy treatments and believe that her cancer was eradicated. A month later, she learned that the cancer had spread to her spine and undertook another series of treatments to preserve her mobility and extend her life. In May 2023, she was diagnosed with leptomeningeal disease, a complication of metastatic cancer, and soon entered hospice care. She had final visits with all her closest friends and family and died in her husband's presence. She was sustained by her Christian faith and the hope of the resurrection.

Laurie is survived by her parents Larry and Marianne Wood, her brother Peter (Xi Xia), her parents-in-law Jon and Tammie Weatherly, sister-in-law Allison Weatherly, husband Cale Weatherly, and children Margot and Aaron Weatherly.

She will be buried at Laurel Hill Cemetery East, a short walk from her house. Her memorial service will be held at Resurrection Philadelphia, with visitation at 1 pm, service at 2:30 pm, with reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, please watch for forthcoming information about donating to funds for history education at Florida State University and breast cancer research.

# Previous Events

## The family will receive guests

JUN 10. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Resurrection Philadelphia  
123 S 17th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 988-9540  
<https://www.resurrectionphl.org/>

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

YJ

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Prayers for strength and comfort.



Yodit Jones - June 19, 2023 at 03:51 PM

CN

“ My colleagues and I at the Library Company of Philadelphia are so sorry to learn of Laurie Marie Wood's death. She was a fellow in our Program in Early American Economy & Society a few years ago and is remembered with great respect and affection by so many scholars in the field. Her contributions will be remembered and she will be greatly missed.  
Christine Nelson (on behalf of the Library Company of Philadelphia)

Christine Nelson - June 13, 2023 at 01:21 PM



“ A grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Laurie Marie Wood.

June 10, 2023 at 02:37 PM

BS

“ Bryan and Elba Stockton purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Laurie Marie Wood.



Bryan and Elba Stockton - June 10, 2023 at 11:32 AM

KW

“ Laurie was wonderful and beautiful in so many ways. So very smart and deeply thoughtful, always ready to listen; she was ready to come alongside others in their celebration or in their struggle; she was kind and sincere, playful and humorous. I am so grateful for the time she spent loving others, creating and enjoying goodness in the world, and fighting against things that were wrong. We miss her and are grieved she is gone much too soon.

Kirsten Wynne - June 10, 2023 at 09:17 AM

KF

“ Kay and Charles Mortimer and Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Laurie Marie Wood.



Kay and Charles Mortimer and Family - June 09, 2023 at 07:13 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Laurie Marie Wood.



June 09, 2023 at 11:29 AM

BF

“ *Barry and Robin Davis and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Laurie Marie Wood.*



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**Barry and Robin Davis and Family** - June 09, 2023 at 08:48 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Laurie Marie Wood.*



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June 08, 2023 at 07:46 PM

CC

“ *I am so very sorry to hear of Dr. Wood's passing. She was a wonderful professor who cared for all of her students. I will always remember her kindness! Her family is in my prayers.*

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**Celia Clarijs** - June 08, 2023 at 03:51 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Laurie Marie Wood.*



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June 08, 2023 at 03:38 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Laurie Marie Wood.*



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June 08, 2023 at 12:32 PM



“ *Mélanie Lamotte & Nathan Marvin purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Laurie Marie Wood.*



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**Mélanie Lamotte & Nathan Marvin** - June 08, 2023 at 11:24 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Laurie Marie Wood.*



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June 08, 2023 at 11:24 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Laurie Marie Wood.*



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June 07, 2023 at 07:45 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Laurie Marie Wood.*



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June 07, 2023 at 05:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Laurie Marie Wood.

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June 07, 2023 at 05:33 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Laurie Marie Wood.*



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June 07, 2023 at 03:50 PM



“ *I am so very sad to hear this. I had the great fortune to spend time with Laurie at the Davis Center at Princeton in 2017-18, thinking about Risk and Fortune. I will remember her keen thinking, her good humor, and her kindness.*

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**Will Deringer** - June 07, 2023 at 03:33 PM



“ *Laurie was always supportive of the staff and had an individual relationship with everyone. Her bright energy will be missed.*

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**K. Bailey** - June 07, 2023 at 03:26 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Laurie Marie Wood.*



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June 07, 2023 at 03:22 PM



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June 07, 2023 at 03:22 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Laurie Marie Wood.*



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June 07, 2023 at 02:44 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Laurie Marie Wood.*



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June 07, 2023 at 02:35 PM