



Lauren Elise Wilson-Barger

June 24, 1962 - March 4, 2026

Lauren Wilson-Barger age 63 of Norman passed away on March 4, 2026. Lauren Elise Wilson was born on June 24, 1962 in Dallas, TX to Billy Douglas Wilson and Linda Ann Wilson (Miller). She spent her early years in Texas before moving to Purcell where her father became the pastor at the 9th and Pierce Church of Christ. She attended Purcell schools and graduated with the Dragon class of 1980. Lauren fell in love with a young man she knew from church named Clifford Barger. She then attended Oklahoma Christian College where she earned her Bachelors in Special Education. Lauren and Cliff married on August 4, 1990 and began their life together. She taught in the Oklahoma City Public School System for several years before continuing her education at UCO where she earned her Masters in Special Education. After attaining her second degree, she continued her teaching career at Moore Public Schools, where she remained until leaving the classroom to care for her girls and their education. She was an active member of over 35 years at the Westside Church of Christ in Norman. For twenty of those years, she taught the kindergarten class there, and aided in church leadership training. Lauren had a passion for education and loved seeing her students grow and learn. She always looked forward to her annual family trips to Branson in the fall, and she loved to capture memories and moments on video and in pictures. Lauren was a beloved wife, mother, sister, daughter, and teacher, who will be dearly missed.

She is preceded in death by her father Bill Wilson.

She is survived by her husband Clifford Barger of Norman, and her mother Linda Wilson of Edmond. Her children Cassandra Barger-French and husband Brennon of Oklahoma City, Lillian Barger-Riddle and husband Logan of Oklahoma City. Her sister Julie O'Shelski and husband Doug of Marysville, Ohio, and her nieces Kayla O'Shelski and Krista O'Shelski.

Funeral Services are scheduled for 11:00 am Monday March 9, 2026 at the West Side Church of Christ in Norman, OK with burial to follow at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

West Side Church of Christ
726 McGee Dr.
Norman, OK 73069

Tribute Wall

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“ *Cliff: I apologize if I seemed abrupt today at church. I don't handle funerals well. Always wonder why someone so young is taken away and I'm still here. Amy and Katherine are carolina bballing and Heather is at work but our thoughts are with you.*
Bill Logan

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