



## Lauren Kosovec

January 16, 2003

Lauren Kosovec

IRON MOUNTAIN - Lauren Ann Kosovec, 22, of Minneapolis, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2003, of a pulmonary embolism.

She was born March 26, 1980, at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison, Wis. She attended Kennedy Elementary School, Schenk (Whitehorse) Middle School and graduated with honors from Edgewood High School in 1998.

Lauren was a member of the Monona diving team and Kehl's School of Dance. She was an avid tennis player on her high school team and was thrilled to be able to go to Wimbledon and the U.S. Open tournaments.

She was a member of the Madison Curling Club and curled in the mixed league with her father; played in the handbell choir with her mother at St. Dennis Church; and also enjoyed skiing, playing card games and watching movies.

Lauren was a senior studying mechanical engineering at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities campus in Minneapolis. Her junior year, she studied in Winterthur, Switzerland at the Zurich University of Applied Sciences Switzerland, Global Seminar 2001.

She loved cars, especially Corvettes, but she became a fan of the Audi TT when she got to tour the Audi plant in Germany on her seminar. She dreamed of returning to Germany to work as an automotive engineer.

Lauren was recently diagnosed with polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS), a common, yet often undiagnosed condition that affects nearly five million

American women. She wrote in her last paper for composition class that she was happy to be diagnosed. Lauren joined a PCOS Listserv and she said it was "very uplifting" to meet so many women who could relate to her symptoms and problems caused by the condition. She felt very strongly that people need to be informed of this disease and find a way to cure it.

She is survived by her parents, Michael and Linda of Madison; her sister, Michelle of St. Paul, Minn.; her beloved kitty, Daisy; her maternal grandparents, Laurence and Patricia Varda of Kingsford; paternal grandparents, John and Lenore Kosovec of Kingsford, and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends she adored.

Lauren was preceded in death by her aunt and godmother, Denise Kosovec Ghere.

Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at the Gunderson East Funeral Home, 5203 Monona Drive, Madison. The rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Gunderson East Funeral Home.

Visitation will also be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain. Prayer services will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 20, at St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Kingsford. Fr. Michael Woempner will officiate. Burial will be in Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain.

Pallbearers will be Robert Varda, Matthew Ghere, Brian Ghere, Daniel Ghere, James Ghere Jr., and Anthony Hart.

Honorary pallbearer is Eric Kosovec.

Lauren's family asks that donations be made in her name to the Polycystic Ovarian Association, Inc.

Her beautiful smile and her sense of humor will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Lauren felt very strongly about helping others and is an organ donor.

The Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain is in charge of local arrangements.

Condolences may be expressed to the Kosovec family online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Mike, Linda and Michelle,

*I'm not sure if you still check this... Tomorrow is Lauren's birthday and, as always, I am thinking about her. I live in Boston now and find myself looking back to when I first moved to Minneapolis and met Lauren. I don't know if she ever told you this, but we did not like each other at first. Then one day, working late at the GAP, I said "Do you want to grab a drink at Billy's?" We were best friends. I have managed to meet a lot of good friends since 2001 when I met Lauren... I find myself talking about her all of the time and wish that the people in my life knew her.*

*Anyways, I hope this note finds you and finds you well.*

*Love Always,*

*Tana Faye Mielke*

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**Tana Mielke** - March 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Linda, Michael, and Michelle,

*I was Lauren's composition teacher in the fall of 2002. Lauren touched me deeply. I have been thinking about Lauren a lot lately and have been developing communication research about PCOS. I would love to connect with you and share my work that was inspired by your daughter/sister. I hope you are all well. Please take care.--  
Kittie Grace*

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**Kittie Grace** - November 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ I am so sorry for your loss. As a mother It is so horrible to hear of a 22 year old girl pass away so young. I am 33 i have a 4 year old son whome i love so much. I went to the doctor because i am having difficulty having another child. My doctor thinks i have PCOS. I am waiting for my tests to come back. I am terrified. I just typed in PCOS, and i saw this page. My prayers are with you always. Please pray for me and my son. I could really use it. Thank you.

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**Joann Eberlein** - February 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I wish that I had come across this earlier, but I was only very recently diagnosed with PCOS also. I am alarmed at the number of deaths caused by Pulmonary Embolism...how does this relate to PCOS? My prayers & thoughts go out to you & your family.

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**Jessica** - July 22, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Dear Mike and Linda,  
I was saddened to to read in the news about your daughter. My heart is with you.I still live in Washington,however I read the Iron Mountain News on the internet.Like you I also have daughters and can not start to imagine the pain you must be feeling.May God look over you and your family at this time.I know someday she will be there to greet you both in Heaven.My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Terry Goettler

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**Terry Goettler** - March 17, 2003 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I manage the support lists for the Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome Association and also have PCOS. I am so very saddened to hear of Lauren's death! Please accept my heartfelt condolences. Your family will be in my prayers.*

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**Tarra Hartl** - March 17, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Mike and Linda-  
I was so saddened to hear of the loss of your daughter, Lauren. My heart goes out to you, and my thoughts and prayers are with you and your other daughter. May God grant you the strength to endure this hard time and may you feel His presence with you. Stay close to each other.*

*Your friend,  
Marilyn Mann Reed*

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**Marilyn Mann Reed** - March 17, 2003 at 12:00 AM