



Lori Acton

August 14, 1957 - January 28, 2013

Lori Holzworth Acton of London, Kentucky passed on January 28, 2013. Lori, the eldest of 4 siblings, daughter of Carol Holzworth and the late Bernard Holzworth, grew up in Sterling, Colorado. She graduated in the class of 1975 from Sterling High School. She attended the University of Northern Colorado, completed her bachelor's degree at Eastern Kentucky University and earned a Master of Library Science from Vanderbilt University.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Lori's family. I knew her through my involvement with our library's Friends of the Library organization. I'm deeply saddened by her passing and know that she will be sorely missed in the community that she loved and served so well.*

Jeff Sams - February 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *Fully believe, as the Bible teaches, that God will restore paradisaic conditions to our earth and that he yearns to bring back to life on earth those who have died. (Job 14:14,15; John 5:28,29)*
My sincere sympathy.

Cheryl D. - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *There are simply no words to describe how I feel about the loss of Lori as my friend and co-library director. We worked, planned, discussed, laughed, cried, and played together for over 32 years... everyone of which will remain a true treasure. Rest in Peace dear friend and keep the angels laughing.*

Jan Banks - February 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Larry & Lori’s Family, My heart was deeply saddened when I read the news of your loss. Lori was a fantastic individual always full of spirit and love. Yes her laugh was contagious and a true memory. Having know Lori and her love of life, music, and work for all the years in Sterling, I know she will be remember fondly and deeply in each and every heart she ever touched. My deepest heartfelt sympathies to each of you. May God bless you with his spirit and the memories of a fabulous lady. Bob Heist

Bob Heist - February 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ We first met Lori many years ago while operating our print shop on 3rd street. Lori would walk jobs and printing projects over from the library on 4th street and the whole mood of the shop would change. A contagious, wonderfully loving laugh would fill the room. Our heartfelt prayers and best wishes to Lori’s family and coworkers. Deeply saddened to hear of her passing.

Damon, Cindy, Polly & Savannah Wilson - February 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I have been away from London for many years, and was so saddened to hear the news of Lori’s passing. I worked with Lori in the community and was a library patron. The thing I remebmer about Lori was her infectious laugh as well as her leadership skills. She was truly a people person and a wonderful community leader. London and Laurel County will miss her as well as her family. I am so sorry for your loss.
Debbie Murray

Deborah Murray - February 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ I knew Lori through the Kentucky Public Library Association and liked her very much. She was one of those people I always liked to talk with at conferences. She will be greatly missed by all. I had planned to attend the services today but the weather in Louisville prevented me from coming. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.

Debbe Oberhausen - February 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ To Larry and Family,
My sincere condolences. Lori was a wonderful person, always ready to help and assist when asked. Her laugh was so infectious and library meetings and conferences will not be the same with her. With her great knowledge and great sense of humor, she made them far more enjoyable.

My heart is hurting for you and your children, Lori's mom and sisters. May God give all of you the strength to carry on. You are in my prayers and the prayers of my church.

Beverly Greene

Bell Co. Public Library District

Beverly Greene - February 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ TO LARRY ACTON: 1-31-13
I EXTEND MY SINCEREST SYMPATHY.
I HAVE HAD THE JOY OF KNOWING LORI FOR 16 YEARS IN OUR ROTARY CLUB. SO, GIFTED, SO ENERGETIC, SO COMMITTED IN SERVING THIS COMMUNITY; AN IMMEASURABLE LOSS.
JOHN BURKHART

JOHN BURKHART - January 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time. I had worked with Lori since she came to the Library in 1985. She had done so much for the Library all these years. It will not be the same without her. will miss hearing her laugh the halls will be silent. May God be with you and comfort you during this very difficult time. If there is anything I can do please let me know.
Joyce Johnson

Joyce Johnson - January 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ My heartfelt prayers and thoughts go out to all of you during this time of deep sorrow. I have had the joy of knowing Lori since I became the Library Director at Shelby County Public Library in 1991. I am so sad that Lori passed so early in life as I know she would have had so much more to offer.
Pam Federspiel

Pamela Federspiel - January 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Larry,
Just a few minutes ago, I asked Jennifer to tell you Sherry and I are praying for you and your family. Then I found this way to communicate with you. Having known Lori for 45 years, she always held a special place in my heart, and I believe you are a smart, fortunate, and lucky man for having married her. Please accept my sincerest condolences on her passing. God bless you and your family. Sincerely, Martin B

Martin Hamilton - January 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ This is such a beautifully written obituary and captures Lori’s spirit, especially her infectious laugh. She will be greatly missed by the entire library community and especially by the Library Advocacy Committee which she helped found as the “Legislative Committee” many years ago.

Linda Kompanik - January 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Lori will be in our hearts and memories for all that she willingly gave to everyone she touched.
Prayers of comfort and support go to each member of her family and staff.

Sharon Shanks - January 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Sending thoughts and prayers to Lori’s family, friends, and library. She was a wonderful person and will be missed by many.

Dana - January 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ A partnering KY library director from Gallatin County, who knew Lori through conferences and online discussions. Though I didn’t know her personally, I know she touched many lives and will continue to live on in many ways. I love the “in lieu of flowers” and “please read a book to a child in memory of Lori”. Beautiful, and what a fitting tribute.

My thoughts and prayers are with her closest friends and family.
Blessings.

–Shirley Warnick

Shirley Warnick - January 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ My prayers and thoughts are with the family. Lori will always hold a special place in my heart. She was a dear friend and was always willing to help when I had problems or situations in our library..I will miss her guidance and advice. She always brightened up a room when she walked in...

Malta Flannery, Asst. Director
Jackson Co. Public Library
McKee, KY

Malta Flannery, Asst. Director - January 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Lori's family and friends. I am certain that she will be sadly missed my everyone.

Charlene Hopkins – Pikeville Public Library, Pike County, KY

Charlene Hopkins - January 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Lori will certainly be missed. The few times we were able to share in Rotary thru MidSouthPETS and other district functions, Lori was THE way to Make Rotary FUN. As I saw it, she lead by example and those in her path were far better for it. I pray for her family and friends that God will keep comforting you all by HIS touch and HER memory.

Cindy K. Legg, Rotary Asst Gov Area 10 - January 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ Lori was a warm and wonderful person. Her personality and her laugh said it all. Everyone who knew Lori, will miss her greatly. My prayers to all of her family.

Elizabeth Warren - January 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Larry, so sorry about Lori. I have known her for many years in the Library world. We will miss her very much. She was always jolly and nice to everyone. Her laughter will be a memory for all of us. My prayers are with you and her family.

Betty Bingham Director

Jackson County Public Library

Betty Bingham - January 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ The Letcher County Public Library sends its condolence and deep sorrow to Lori's family. I will always remember her for her passionate commitment to public libraries and patrons, and that infectious laugh. She will be terribly missed.

Lina Tidal - January 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Larry, and family,

I am so heartbroken to learn of Lori's sudden and unexpected passing. Lori was a customer but more importantly she was my dear faithful friend for 28 years as we visited at the library and KLA meetings at least two, sometimes more times each and every year. Lori's infectious smile and laugh would brighten any and every day. She and I would talk passionately for hours about politics, libraries, our families and our lives. We would go to lunch often at Rotary or with Kathryn and solve all of the world's problems so easily. She was so proud of her family and spoke so often and so fondly of each of you that I felt like I knew every one of you. But, I am afraid that the only one I ever actually met was Larry — including on that very first day that he came by to introduce himself to her and brought her roses. She was smitten at first sight.

She was so proud of her library and especially her staff who she had nurtured in many ways much like a mother hen might. I will miss her because I was better by having been around her each and every time that I saw her. She was so positive, insightful and funny! We went through many of our struggles together, including recently losing a parent around the same time. All of these made us each stronger. I will miss my 45-60 minute phone calls with her that with others might take less than five minutes to simply set up a time for our next visit.

There will forever be a void left by her absence, but I realize to that I am a much better person because of my 28 year friendship with her. I wish that I could be there this Saturday for the funeral but I am afraid I will be unable to make it to London from Tennessee in time. Godspeed and many heartfelt prayers for her and each of you going forward.

Jeff Clark

Jeff Clark - January 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM