



Aura Tamson Fortney Russell

July 1, 1974 - August 31, 2023

Aura Tamson Fortney Russell, 49, of Milner, passed away August 31, 2023, at Brightmoor Hospice, surrounded by her loving family.

Aura was a devoted wife, mother, daughter and sister. She was a daughter of the late Linda Fortney. Aura was a graduate of Griffin High School and attended Gordon State University. She was very successful and conscientious state employee for twenty-five years.

Aura began her career with the Georgia Department of Corrections in 2004, as the Administrative Assistant for the Director of Probation Operations. She was promoted to Confidential Assistant for the Corrections Division in 2009. Aura served in this capacity until 2013, when she transferred to the State Board of Pardons and Parole as a Program Analyst for the MORE Program. In 2015, Aura accepted the position of Compliance Monitor with the Misdemeanor Probation Oversight Unit. She also currently served as the Liaison for the Board of the Department of Community Supervision. Aura had held the position of Secretary for several professional associations. She had been actively involved as the Secretary with Georgia Probation Association (GPA) for 3 years, Secretary with the Parole Association of Georgia (PAOG) for 1 year and Secretary with the Georgia Professional Association of Community Supervision (GPACS) for 4 years.

Aura is survived by her husband of eighteen years, Ashley Dwight Russell of Milner. She was the mother of Jacob Hugh Russell and the sister of Margaret Annette Ashley and Rebecca Fortney. Her father, William J. Fortney and

mother-in-law, Gloria Skinner survive as well as her father-in-law, Carter Russell; brother-in-law, Kenny Russell and wife Heidi; nieces, Naomi Ashley and Anniston Russell and fiancé, Dylan Brubaker; nephews, Nathan, Jude and Sam Ashley, Bradley Russell and Cameron Russell.

Funeral services for Aura Russell will be conducted Sunday, September 3, 2023, at 2:00 PM from the Chapel of Haisten McCullough Funeral Home with her brother-in-law, Reverend Eric Ashley officiating. Burial will follow at 6:30 PM at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Thomasville.

The family will receive friends Sunday from 12:30 PM until the service hour at the funeral home.

For online condolences please visit www.haistenmcculloughfuneralhome.com. Haisten McCullough Funeral Home, 1155 Everee Inn Road, Griffin is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Laurel Hill Cemetery

749 Remington Avenue
Thomasville, GA 31792

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 3. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Haisten McCullough Funeral Home
1155 Everee Inn Road
Griffin, GA 30224
(770) 229-4994
<https://www.haistenmcculloughfunerals.com>

Service

SEP 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside

SEP 3. 6:30 PM (ET)

Laurel Hill Cemetery
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Tribute Wall



“ *Aura Tamson Fortney Russell*

October 07, 2023 at 09:35 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Aura Tamson Fortney Russell.*



September 02, 2023 at 04:53 PM



“ *2 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Haisten McCullough Funeral Home - September 02, 2023 at 12:01 PM

MM

I am so saddened by the news of her passing. I went to school with Aura. She was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed. Prayers for her family and friends during this difficult time.

Misty Murph - September 04, 2023 at 08:23 AM

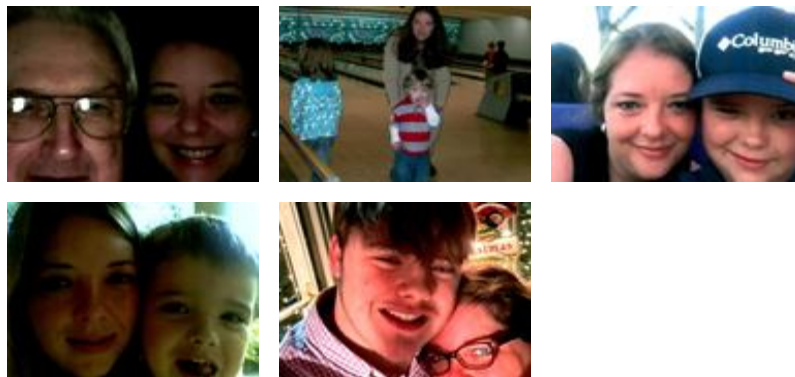
JH

“ Aura was more than just a colleague, she was, in her own words "My work family" and the love was authentic. I will truly miss Aura's wit and I am grateful to have shared space with her. Until we meet again, from this side, to the other.

Jemma Holloway - September 01, 2023 at 04:11 PM



“ 45 files added to the album Life Tributes



Haisten McCullough Funeral Home - September 01, 2023 at 03:51 PM

SC

“ Southeast Corrections purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Aura Tamson Fortney Russell.



Southeast Corrections - September 01, 2023 at 01:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Aura Tamson Fortney Russell.*



September 01, 2023 at 11:04 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Aura Tamson Fortney Russell.

September 01, 2023 at 11:04 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Aura Tamson Fortney Russell.*



September 01, 2023 at 10:13 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Aura Tamson Fortney Russell.*



September 01, 2023 at 09:11 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Aura Tamson Fortney Russell.*



August 31, 2023 at 11:18 PM



“ *Aura was such a wonderful person. She knew how to work hard and have fun. It was a joy to be around Aura. I am praying the Lord surround her family with His presence and comfort.*

Charolette Beard - August 31, 2023 at 11:18 PM



“ *My heartfelt prayers go out to you all. I have fond memories of times spent with her. Godspeed, Aura, and fly high. We will see you again.*

Kimberlee - August 31, 2023 at 10:56 PM



“ *Aura and I were best friends in school and she was always the sweetest and best at giving me good advice. I am so sorry to the family and I will be praying for you all. The world is a little dimmer today without her light!*

Jennifer Rooks Jones - August 31, 2023 at 10:53 PM

RH

“ To the family: I am truly sorry for your loss. In this dark hour, I pray that you are able to find peace and comfort in the Word. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed. The Comforter shall comfort you as you mourn. I know that Aura was strong in her faith. She knew that because He has risen, death is not the end and you shall see her again. You remain in my prayers.



Reginald Huley - August 31, 2023 at 10:20 PM

LA

“ Aura and I meet many years ago at our GPA conferences. We hit it off from the beginning. She was the same age as my younger sister. So I felt like she was my Sista. We've shared many ups and downs together but always stayed true besties!!!! It was that kind of friendship we could tell each other anything whether we wanted to hear it or not. I never missed a time on the phone to tell her "I love you" and likewise with her. My heart is hurting as my spunky witty friend is with our Jesus but I do know she isn't in anymore pain. I would call her during any day just to tell her something funny then I'd ask her "see didn't I make you laugh" especially on the days that I knew she was down. She would always respond "yes you made me laugh as you always do!" I could hear it in her voice as she said those words. Aura, I love you MORE❤️

Lisa Ashburn - August 31, 2023 at 08:26 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Aura Tamson Fortney Russell.



August 31, 2023 at 08:19 PM

BS

“ *Bunny Scoggins sent a virtual gift in memory of Aura Tamson Fortney Russell*



Bunny Scoggins - August 31, 2023 at 07:24 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Aura Tamson Fortney Russell.*



August 31, 2023 at 07:18 PM

NJ

“ *Aura and met when she started with Corrections - we became good friends and I know how much she loved her family and friends. Jacob was her world. After I retired we didn't see each other or talk as much but I know if I needed her she would be there. She will be missed so much by her family and friends.*

Nancy L Jackson - August 31, 2023 at 07:17 PM

JE

“ *Aura was my best friend growing up. Her consistent and calm nature could always be counted on. After college, across the miles I knew she was still that same person of strength and integrity. Her faith was firm and she loved her family passionately. What a beautiful legacy she leaves. I can only imagine her giant smile as she stands in the presence of our Lord. We grieve her loss, but know in our Hope she rests secure.*

Jenny - August 31, 2023 at 06:04 PM

FP

“ *Aura was such a sweet person, I cherish her memory.* ”

Freddy Pulliam - August 31, 2023 at 05:59 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Aura Tamson Fortney Russell.* ”



August 31, 2023 at 05:52 PM

MN

“ *Aura was a wonderful person. She put her faith and family first. I consider it a true blessing to have worked alongside her for the past twenty years. She will be missed dearly.* ”

Michael Nail - August 31, 2023 at 05:24 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Aura Tamson Fortney Russell.* ”



August 31, 2023 at 05:19 PM