

The Twenty-Third Psalm

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters;
He restoreth my soul.
He leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for His name's sake...
Yea, though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in
the presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over...
surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life and I will dwell
in the House of the Lord forever.....*

In Loving Memory of

Laura Lee Gabbard

August 24, 1946
Amarillo, Texas

March 14, 2026
Vega, Texas

FUNERAL SERVICE

Boys Ranch Chapel

10:00 AM

Thursday, March 19, 2026

OFFICIANT

Chaplain Mike Wilhelm

INTERMENT

Boys Ranch Cemetery
Boys Ranch, Texas

Laura was born in Amarillo on August 24, 1946, to her parents, Loren and Bessie Hammer Jordan.

Around 1983, she joined a friend to visit her boyfriend at the Wildorado Feedlot, where she met Robert “Bob” Gabbard. The two didn’t waste any time—they went on three dates and were married on April 14, 1983, in Las Vegas, Nevada. That whirlwind romance began an adventure that would last the next forty-two years.

Laura and Bob loved to dance and spent many nights on the dance floor together. When Laura’s health began to fail, they enjoyed strolling through the flea market in Amarillo and dining at some of her favorite places—Calico County, The Homeplate Diner, or the Golden Light on Sixth—before heading back home to Vega.

Laura worked at Vega High School for over eight years as a custodian before transferring to Bushland Elementary, where she worked for the next two years until her health declined. After retiring, she took great pride in caring for the couple’s beloved four-legged kids.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Laura is survived by her devoted husband, Bob; her son, Robert Lawler and his wife Valorie of Channing; her sister, Rosie Mercer and her husband Ted of Anadarko, Oklahoma; and her faithful four-legged companions, Stormie, Millie, and Sissy.

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