



Libby Peck

November 1, 1947 - October 31, 2012

Elizabeth Ann Peck, age 64, died peacefully embraced by the love of family and friends on 31st day of October 2012 of Inflammable Breast Cancer. Her immediate family includes her husband and best friend, LeRoy of Carthage, Missouri, her Mother, Helen Yarbrough of Carthage, a brother, Jim Yarbrough of Monett, and her children, Jill Harless of Joplin, Mike Powelson and his wife Kelli, of Edmond, Oklahoma, Jeff Powelson and his wife, Melissa, of Rosendale, Missouri, and LeRoy's girls, whom she thought of as her own, Amy Rapp, Shelley Corcoran, and Heather Morris and husband Chris. She had 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild, and a special niece Jennie Yarbrough and nephew, Allen Yarbrough, whom she was very close to. An Uncle John Kiefer, and Special Cousins Jodie and Tom Adams Her Father, James Yarbrough, preceded her in death. Libby also had a host of loving friends, especially Marge Housh, Marcia Cooper, Susan Fielder, and Dr. Margie Rosales.

Libby was born and raised in Springfield, Missouri, moving to Carthage in 1978. In March of 2001, Libby married LeRoy and their life together was full of pleasure, laughter, and most importantly fun with friends and family. Libby loved her beautiful yard and flower garden with unusual rustic pieces and wild and wispy flowers.

Libby was an Executive Assistant at Leggett & Platt, Incorporated of Carthage, Missouri she loved her job and the many friends she had there. Libby was a loyal and loving friend, demonstrating easy acceptance, tolerance

and unconditional love for all people. In the year 2000 she was diagnosed with Stage IV Inflammable Breast Cancer and was given 6 months to live. She had a particular aversion to the term "battling" cancer, as that implied that there were winners and losers. For Libby, this was simply a journey, or a "bump in the road". Living is precisely what Libby did every single day, with strength, with hope and with courage and she surpassed her six months by years, for which she was very thankful. She was a tireless spokeswoman for breast cancer awareness and she helped many people in the area thru their own battle with cancer. She was an active participant in the Relay for Life and helped to organize and raise money for this event in Carthage every year. Libby always rang the bell for the Salvation Army, and participated for many years in the Easter Egg Hunt for the blind children in the area.

It was Libby's desire to create a fund that could provide simple moments of pleasures for cancer patients' families and women receiving chemotherapy, such as a dinner certificate, movie passes, massage coupons and other opportunities to simply relax and have some fun. In lieu of flowers and in memory of Libby, the family requests that donations be made to "Day Away", which offers day trips for current and former patients and caregivers to attractions in and around Houston, % M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Anderson Network, Unit 216, 1515 Holcombe Blvd. Houston, TX 77030-4009, telephone 800-345-6324. . Libby was a member of First Christian Church. A celebration of Libby's life will be held 10:00 a.m. Saturday November 3, 2012 at Fairview Christian Church. Visitation will be 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Friday at the Ulmer Funeral Home. Burial will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday at Greenlawn North Cemetery.

Those we hold most dear never truly leave us, they live on in the kindness they've shown and the love they brought into our hearts.

As Libby would say....Life Is A Journey.....enjoy the trip!

Tribute Wall

VM

“ *What a great lady Libby is. She made the entire world feel like home when she was around. God's speed my friend.*

Vickie Moon - November 09, 2012 at 04:48 PM

CM

“ *My heart just goes out to Libby's family. She was an awesome person and great friend many years ago. I worked with Libby at Leggett & Platt for 6 years and she was truly an inspiration to me. I had the utmost respect for her and just loved working with her. She was always so kind to me. I will truly miss her and my prayers go out to her family!*

Charlotte Moody - November 08, 2012 at 01:33 PM

CS

“ *Thinking of you during this difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Chris Snider - November 02, 2012 at 06:45 PM

TP

“ *Libby was an outstanding person. She was always very nice to me, always a happy person. She will be missed. Your family are in my prayers.*

Traci Palmer

Traci Palmer - November 02, 2012 at 12:32 PM

DM

“ Leroy & family, My thoughts and prayers are with you. Libby befriended me when I was diagnosed with Breast Cancer in 2008 and was such an inspiration and good friend. She just emailed me October 1st and asked to be added to my prayer list as she had hit another "bump in the road". She has left a wonderful legacy and I am so glad she lived her life to the fullest! Heaven now has one more "special angel". My thoughts and prayers are with you!
Libby's friend: Debbie Means

Debbie Means - November 02, 2012 at 11:09 AM

SD

“ LeRoy and family, I am sad to hear the news of Libby's passing. She helped me with kind words on my cancer journey. Sending prayers for your family. Libby was a very special lady.

sheryl davis - November 02, 2012 at 09:55 AM

DV

“ Libby, where do I begin? I'll always remember the first time we took the plane to see the kids when they lived in Ennis TX. You realized that was the first time I had ever flown and you let me sit by the window....lol This was just a small example of how kind and considerate you always were, and not to just me. It is a "bitter-sweet" of you leaving this old world. "Bitter", because I feel your journey here was cut must too short, and "sweet" because you are cancer free and no more pain. My thoughts are with the Peck/Powelson families....may He give you all strength....

Dixie Vacca - November 02, 2012 at 09:42 AM

JN

“ *Libby was a wonderful person. I met her through the Ya-Ya dinners. I only knew her for a short period of time but she touched my heart. She will be missed by all of us.*

Jerry Noel - November 02, 2012 at 05:25 AM

DL

“ *Thoughts and prayers go out to Libby's Family - their loss is great. But memories last forever as does the love in our hearts, so she may be gone but will not be forgotten. Libby was a very special lady who will be missed by all those who knew her.*

Denay & Paul Longman - November 01, 2012 at 09:39 PM

SM

“ *Libby was a very wonderful lady. Jeff, you and all your family are in our prayers.*
Patrick & Sue McCoy (Parents of the Spurgeon boys)

Sharolyn McCoy - November 01, 2012 at 04:32 PM

LW

“ *So sorry to hear of Libby's passing. She was a sweet lady whom I am sure will be greatly missed. RIP Libby.*

Linda Watts - November 01, 2012 at 04:17 PM

AM

“ *LeRoy and Family:*
I am so sad to hear of Libby's passing. She was one of the most beautiful people I've ever met. I feel so blessed to have known her. I will never forget her. My deepest sympathy to you all.
Annette Moran (former co-worker at Leggett)

Annette Moran - November 01, 2012 at 02:14 PM

TP

“ Libby is one of those people that touches lives and stays in the memories forever. As lost as many of us will be without having her around to bounce ideas off of and laugh with, it's a peaceful feeling to know where she is now. Many tears shed for the loss Leroy and the family will feel. Heaven now has another great person waiting there for us. God Bless You! Jeff, Tracey, Matthew and Dillon Presslor

Tracey Presslor - November 01, 2012 at 12:09 PM

RH

“ A thought, a prayer, and our deepest sympathy to the Peck and Powelson families.
Libby will continue her after life's journey and enjoy that as well . A wonderful lady who will be truly missed by all who knew her.

Ray & Cindy Harding - November 01, 2012 at 10:34 AM

AG

“ Libby will be missed tremendously but her spirit and amazing attitude will live on in others. Her smile and love of live were infectious and I am blessed to be one of many she touched at Leggett & Platt.
God's angels sing louder with Libby there. My thoughts and prayers are with each and everyone of you. May her memory comfort you and her smile show across your face.

Alice Girton - November 01, 2012 at 09:28 AM

NT

“ It is with great sorrow that I say good-bye to my friend and fellow co-worker and Relayer, Libby. You will always be in my heart and in my memories. I will miss you very much. My condolences to the Peck and Powelson families.

Nora Tebbets - November 01, 2012 at 09:10 AM

CJ

“ *LeRoy & Family*

I am praying for strength for each of you as you go forward. Libby would want it this way for all of us. Crystal Jones

Crystal (Ransom) Jones - November 01, 2012 at 08:20 AM

PA

“ *Libby was very special to my family. God definitely placed an angel here on Earth for us to have for a moment. Never before have I ever met someone with such grace and love. Libby was a beautiful soul, inside and out, and will truly be missed by so many... May God provide all those that loved her with peace and comfort.*

P.C. & KIM ALBRECHT - November 01, 2012 at 12:25 AM

RP

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Libby was very special and we will always remember her laugh. Just remember she's in a better place and god is taking care of her now.*

Randy & Holli Peck - October 31, 2012 at 11:25 PM

EJ

“ *Libby was one of the finest and most inspirational people I knew. She was always kind even in the midst of adversity. She was courageous, funny and delightful. She will be greatly missed. The Kingdom of God, surely, must be populated by people such as Libby.*

Ernest C. Jett - October 31, 2012 at 10:54 PM