



Emily Lauren Soward

August 13, 1987 - September 14, 2021

Emily Lauren Soward, 34, of Salisbury, North Carolina passed away peacefully surrounded by family and friends on September 14th, 2021, at 9:11 PM as a result of injuries sustained in a car accident on Stokes Ferry Road. Emily was born in Hyannis, Massachusetts on August 13th, 1987. She has lived in Connecticut, South Carolina, and North Carolina, where Salisbury became her home.

Emily spent her entire life as a creative in many forms, whether it was singing, song writing, plant artistry, painting, drawing, taking film photographs, crocheting, crafting (of all sorts), and mastering every musical instrument that she touched. She was incredibly proud of her ability to restore old fireplaces. Most recently, she worked as a talented landscape designer and was the front woman of the old time Neofolk band, Mama Tried. In addition, she nurtured many through a variety of service work.

Emily had a way of making everyone feel at ease, important, and free from judgement (and she could always make you laugh). She was fierce, intelligent and a loving daughter, sister, girlfriend, friend, and mom to her beloved dog Dan. Her family and friends will miss her more than words can tell.

Emily leaves behind her Mama Amy Foutz, Fathers John Sassano and Ken Averill, best friend and boyfriend Ryan Lasker, grandparents Terri Page, John

Soward, Marilyn Soward, Judy Sassano, Gloria Averill, beloved sisters Lily, Micaela, Erin, and Megan, numerous step sisters and brothers, uncles, aunts, and cousins all over the country, band members Kent and Duke, and special friends Elysia Demers and Caleb Hill. Emily was predeceased by her Grandpa Austin, Pop, Uncle David, and Grandpa Ken. She has touched the lives of so many and has more friends than can be personally named, but know that she loved you all deeply.

There will be a celebration of Emily's life on Sunday, September 19th from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Grievous Gallery (111 W Bank St, Salisbury, NC 28144).

"May the four winds blow you safely home.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Soward family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **19.** 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Grievous Gallery
111 W Bank Street
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

LC

“ Emily, you will always have a special (safe) place in my heart, the light, laughter, LOVE, and memories you've left behind will always stay close to me. My heart aches for your mom, sisters, family and loved ones...as your passing is just too soon, and unfair.

Fly high, Angel, until we meet again....

Love,

Leah



Leah C. - September 24, 2021 at 11:35 AM

KR

“ Love everything about who you were as a person Em. Thanks for all the great memories and moments we shared. Thank you for always letting me take photos of you playing, the crazy craft project & even helping us with the bus build. I was always so happy to see you & will forever be great for the small amount of time we got to have and know each other. You will always be apart of me & greatly missed.



Kelly McVey- Russo - September 21, 2021 at 02:11 AM

MC

“ Amy, John, girls.. Aunties.. Grandma Terry, ALL EMILY'S FAMILY AND FRIENDS;
Well.. what a sad time is this??? I will ALWAYS hold this INCREDIBLY unique, genius, talented, SWEET BEYOND WORDS,(in my mind she will ALWAYS be Little Emily 💖) in my heart & soul with the highest regards.. and the grateful blessings of having been a part of her life. Emily was the sweetest, most gentle little girl.... I was entrusted with her care when Amy decided to go to school, along with my nephew Joey, (also deceased.. on October 30, 2017) ...it's INCREDIBLY HEARTBREAKING the natural order of things being reversed, WE AREN'T SUPPOSED TO BURY OUR CHILDREN DEAR LORD!!! I'm just stricken dumb at the LOSS of potential.... the things she will not do...or see....or go....or be..... (DEEP BREATH)... Luckily.. Emily was a Fierce Lover of Life.. and knew the value of life and family and friends.... I'm INCREDIBLY PROUD of her achievements, and the obstacles she'd overcome thus far, and the beautiful footprint she left on this earth and in the lives she touched... Yes sweetest Emily, " May the Four Winds Blow you Safely Home" and "Fare Thee Well Little Emily.... I Love You More That Words Can Tell!!!!" Auntie Missy aka: C'apn Vegetable!!!! (lol) must count her blessings for having been a part of your life honey child!! Amy.... you can always rest on your laurels my be sweet old dear & beautiful friend... You were an OUTSTANDING MOTHER TO HER & still remain as such to her sisters,.... Don't you cry my sister.. for the Light you ignited in that girl (YOU!!) Will Shine Always & Forever., remember (she was (& ALWAYS WILL BE) a "Grand Old Flag, a High "FLAGGING FLAG") I cherish the memories my friend... My Heart Is Full.... I love you all.... I will ALWAYS be here if you ever want or need me.,... Stand Proud my friend... You did right by your child... *Grateful Dead Foxboro Massachusetts, 1987..... I'm humbled to have been your safety escort to the ladies room, amidst the fireworks . . . With Deepest Sympathies... Melissa Connors

Melissa Connors - September 19, 2021 at 04:01 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Emily Lauren Soward.*



September 18, 2021 at 03:09 PM



“ *Thinking of all the love laughter and memories you have brought into my life "little Emily" my heart is broken over your passing and for your Mom and sisters and everyone who loved you. Our effortless friendship and euphoric childhood will always hold such a special space in my heart. I've loved reading about all the ways you've impacted so many people's lives in your adult life. You always had a whimsical mythical energy about you that I always felt comfort in but god you were tough as anything too. Your voice so sweet your heart so kind and loving and your laughter had healing powers. I'm thankful for the time I had with you here. I hope you are painting the heavens gardening in the clouds and playing music for all the Angels until we can laugh together again. Rest in love my friend*



Jessie - September 18, 2021 at 11:12 AM



Oh Jessie, what beautiful words you write for your sweet friend...as I smile through my tears I'm heartbroken for your loss...I love you... Mom

Melissa Connors - September 19, 2021 at 04:03 PM

AL

“ Amy Larose purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Emily Lauren Soward.



Amy Larose - September 18, 2021 at 10:59 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Emily Lauren Soward.



September 18, 2021 at 10:34 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Emily Lauren Soward.



September 18, 2021 at 10:32 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Emily Lauren Soward.



September 18, 2021 at 09:22 AM

TP

“ *In another times forgotten space
Your eyes looked from your mother's face
Wildflower seed on the sand and stone
May the four winds blow you safely home
Roll away the dew*

I will miss you, Emily!

Theresa Pitner - September 18, 2021 at 08:30 AM

CH

“ *She was and always will remain a special child of mine*

Cynthia Hill - September 17, 2021 at 10:18 PM

SA

“ *Sincerely, Karen and John Armero purchased the
Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Emily
Lauren Soward.*



Sincerely, Karen and John Armero - September 17, 2021 at 10:18 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the
family of Emily Lauren Soward.*



September 17, 2021 at 07:35 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Emily Lauren Soward.*



September 17, 2021 at 06:31 PM



“ *I remember Emily as a sweetheart of a kid who was so full of love and laughter. I remember Emily, Jessica, Leah , and Joey always having so much fun together at Oxford Street. She will be missed by all. Sending love and prayers to all her family and friends.*



Stacey Oberg - September 17, 2021 at 05:58 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Emily Lauren Soward.*



September 17, 2021 at 04:24 PM

TS

“ A few years ago we had a family reunion at my farm in Ky. We put up some tables in a pole barn, had some food, reminisced about old times, caught up with each other, read some poetry and sang songs. Emily comes from a creative and musical family so there was no loss for people wanting to read their poetry or sing originals and covers. Emily waited patiently then joined a large circle of family playing and singing. Smiling , she sat down, tuned her guitar and played *Angel From Montgomery* by John Prine. My jaw dropped and a huge smile came over me, it was truly angelic! I thought to myself, ask her to do it again so I can record it with my Zoom, but regrettably I didn't. After that day, I kept thinking I need to go to NC so I can sit down with her and play some music. My uncle John, her grandpa is a prolific song writer. I visit him in FL and we work on his music. My last visit, we called Emily and sent her some of his music. We made plans for her to come to FL to play some of his songs then Covid struck and everything got postponed. I will miss not getting to spend a minute with her, singing and playing music. I guess the good Lord had more important things for her to do, now she is an Angel from Salisbury.



Tim Soward - September 17, 2021 at 03:19 PM

AH

Here is her doing “*Angel From Montgomery*”.
<https://fb.watch/84MRpnUC-A/>

Ashley Honbarrier - September 17, 2021 at 05:34 PM

AM

“ I remember all the times Katie and Emily together laughing and having fun being together. She was always such a joy to have over and so patient, loving and kind. I hope the family can find peace in there loving memories of such a beautiful soul .

Love

Auntie Amy

Amy - September 17, 2021 at 01:51 PM



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September 17, 2021 at 01:22 PM