



Lisa Faith Boguslaw

March 27, 2018

Lisa Faith Boguslaw died peacefully on Tuesday March 27, 2018 in the company of family and friends. Lisa lived life with joy, grace, tenacity, laughter, music and dance.

Lisa was born in Fairfax, VA and moved with her family as a young girl to University City, Mo. Lisa learned to walk on her toes, dancing to music from the very start. Throughout high school she danced and she continued to dance at Washington University, where she also studied International Development. After a short post – graduation stint in Boston, MA she landed in North Carolina where she got her MFA in dance from UNC-Greensboro. She spent time teaching dance and theater at Murray State University in KY, spent summers teaching the Governors School for the Arts in Louisville, KY and then taught dance at Catawba College in Salisbury, NC and worked with the Rowan Arts Council. Lisa volunteered to support elections, helped support the Rowan Arts Council, was active in Temple Israel and most recently served as a tutor for the Literacy Council.

Lisa and Seth built a beautiful life together and shared a joy of music, travel, the beach, the mountains, and time with good friends. Most of all they shared a joy of raising their daughter Ava. Lisa loved nothing more in life than being a mother to Ava, who brought her joy, laughs, pride, fun, creativity and love.

Her family is grateful for the loving care and attention of her friends and the Hospice staff who cared for her and the family over the past days, weeks, years.

Lisa is, was and will forever be beloved by all: her daughter Ava Holtzman; husband Seth Holtzman; mother Wanda; sister Janet; brother and sister-in laws Adam and Maria; nephews and nieces Alex, Daniel, Hannah, and Natan; dear cousins Joni and Shelley; other family and good friends near and far from across a lifetime. We know she has joined her loving father, Robert, her sister Chelle, and mother and father-in law Sylvia and Abraham, to dance with endless joy for all eternity.

A graveside service will be held 3:00 PM – Thursday (March 29) at Pine Forest Memorial Gardens, 770 Stadium Drive, Wake Forest, NC. Please arrive between 2:30 and 3:00. This is a wooded site that can be muddy; please wear non-slippery shoes, and do not dress up if you plan to attend.

A memorial service and Shiva will be held and dates sent out to the community soon.

Donations in Lisa's memory may be made to the American Lung Cancer Association - <https://www.cancer.org/involved/donate/memorial-giving.html>

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Cemetery Details

Pine Forest Memorial Garden

770 Stadium Dr.
Wake Forest, NC

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 29. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JZ

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Seth and Ava and all of Lisa's family. Lisa was an extraordinarily beautiful lady, both inside and out. Always with a kind word and a smile. Her passing is a loss for all who knew her.

Judy and Bob Zirt

Judy Zirt - March 30, 2018 at 12:58 PM



BT

“ Loved seeing Lisa walk Ava in and out of Overton Elementary. Always smiling and happy. She was an advocate for children wanting Spanish and the best for them. Lovely lady, may you rest in peace.

Betty Tunks

Betty Tunks - March 29, 2018 at 02:10 PM



“ I remember the first time I saw a Lisa and Seth at Temple, and I remember thinking, “Who is that beautiful woman?”

I would soon find out. This young couple would instantly become a blessing and a monumental contribution to the temple, the community, and everyone they touched.

Our paths would cross in many of life’s domains. Celebrations, loss, art, politics, family...

I could count on Lisa to laugh at my jokes (even bad ones). But before you can laugh at anything, you have to listen. That’s who she was for me. She was pure generosity. Sometimes I took advantage of that and talked too much. She was person willing to overlook that and listen, offer a smile, a laugh, a comment — no matter what was going on with me.

I suspect that’s who she was for everyone — a person who gave of herself deeply and was committed to living life fully alive, making the moment count, leaving people whole, happy, and connected.

My heart is broken for the Seth and Ava, and especially for Lisa, who, as brave as she was, would have surely wanted more time to be the blessing she was.

Sam Post - March 29, 2018 at 11:43 AM



“ I had such a wonderful time working with Lisa as we helped construct/paint the set of Diary of Anne Frank last year. She and I laughed a LOT, and talked about how special Ava is! Sending you love!

Chris Eller

Chris Eller - March 29, 2018 at 09:19 AM

KP

“ David and I will always remember Lisa’s bright smile and the happiness at seeing you. She was such a pleasure to be with and to talk to. She will be missed but the wonderful memories of her will live. May these give you comfort and peace.
Kathy & David Pulliam

Kathy Pulliam - March 29, 2018 at 07:19 AM

AB

“ Dear Seth & Ava...our hearts are broken. Lisa was truly one of the most beautiful women I had ever met - her inner beauty just radiated right through - her outer beauty, just perfection. Lisa had the kindest, warmest spirit that just put everyone one at ease immediately. She made this world a much better, more beautiful place just by her being here. Her fight is over. She is at peace.
Fly high, beautiful one!

Ann Bourque - March 28, 2018 at 10:15 PM

MG

I met Lisa many years ago when she came in my practice to get a massage therapy session. She lit up the room when she walked in and I felt instantly connected to her. She was warm, kind, caring and loved her family very much. I never heard her complain about anything; she was always positive and always wearing that contagious smile! My thoughts and prayers go out to her family, God bless you!

Mary Gillespie - March 31, 2018 at 10:44 PM