



## Lauralea Haby Bott

April 20, 1930 - December 31, 2023

Lauralea Haby Bott of Thatcher passed away December 31, 2023, at the Beehive Assisted Living where she received excellent care at the age of 93. She was born at the Haby Ranch House in Klondyke, Arizona on April 20, 1930, to Merrel Jacob Haby and Margarete Audrey (Duffy) Haby along with her twin sister Noralea. The twins were taught by their mother Margarete in the early grades at the 2-room Klondyke School, and later would accompany their mother and attend classes where she taught at several schools in Globe, Safford, and Duncan School Districts. They traveled back to the ranch in Klondyke regularly and during the summers. After graduation from High School at Duncan Lauralea and her sister started at Arizona State University where Lauralea would eventually change her major to Elementary Education to begin her life work with children. In 1949 she married Carl Bott who was working on the nearby Eureka Ranch. Lauralea started her teaching career at the Klondyke School teaching grades 1 thru 4 under a Conditional Teach Certificate. After receiving her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education in 1957. She started teaching first grade at Thatcher Elementary School in 1960 and would eventually retire from the Thatcher School District in 1987. She is survived by her sons David and Kelly along with nine grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. Preceding her in death was her husband Carl in 1980, her sister Noralea in 2014 and her sons Paul and Lea. A memorial service will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, March 30, 2024, at Westlawn Chapel with interment of her cremains in Sunset

Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Cemetery

N. Sunset Strip Road  
Willcox, AZ 85643

# Previous Events

## Memorial

MAR 30. 10:00 AM (MT)

Westlawn Chapel & Mortuary Inc.  
105 S Arizona Avenue  
Willcox, AZ 85643  
(520) 384-2413  
westwx@vtc.net  
<https://www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com>

# Tribute Wall

GL

“ *Laura had a love for life and influenced many people. Her enthusiasm was explosive in the way she touched the lives of many people. I will always be grateful for her kindness and teachings of my family. I will always remember her smile and her giant laugh. Our love to the family. Georgia and Linc Luster Family*

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**Georgia Luster** - March 29, 2024 at 09:49 PM

GL

“ *Georgia L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lauralea Haby Bott.*

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**Georgia L.** - March 29, 2024 at 01:17 PM

BF

“ *Bill and Lori Sollers Famiky planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lauralea Haby Bott.*

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**Bill and Lori Sollers Famiky** - March 27, 2024 at 09:31 PM

BF

“ *Bill and Lori Sollers Famiky purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Lauralea Haby Bott.*



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**Bill and Lori Sollers Famiky** - March 27, 2024 at 09:31 PM

LJ

“ Love Al & Kim Jeremy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lauralea Haby Bott.

Love Al & Kim Jeremy - March 09, 2024 at 11:50 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lauralea Haby Bott.



March 09, 2024 at 11:50 AM

DM

“ Dear Bott family,

*I am sad to learn of Lauralea's passing. What a wonderful lady! I met her when I started teaching in Safford as she was a volunteer and helped us all with handwriting! Her techniques were the ones that made the most sense, and I used them for years. I served in Delta Kappa Gamma with her as well, and she was a delight. She was a true educator and influenced many, many more people than just the students she personally taught. She influenced and mentored everyone she came in contact with. I wasn't sure where she was, but I know Klondyke never left her heart! My condolences on your loss.*

*Donna McEuen McGaughey, Graham County School Superintendent*

Donna McEuen McGaughey - February 28, 2024 at 12:18 PM

CB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Crissy Bott - January 10, 2024 at 10:06 PM

JP

“ Kelly and family, I am sorry for your loss.  
What a beautiful lady. Always a friendly smile  
and greeting.



Jesse Pease - January 07, 2024 at 07:59 AM

KB

“ 15 files added to the tribute wall



Kelly Bott - January 06, 2024 at 11:07 PM

KB

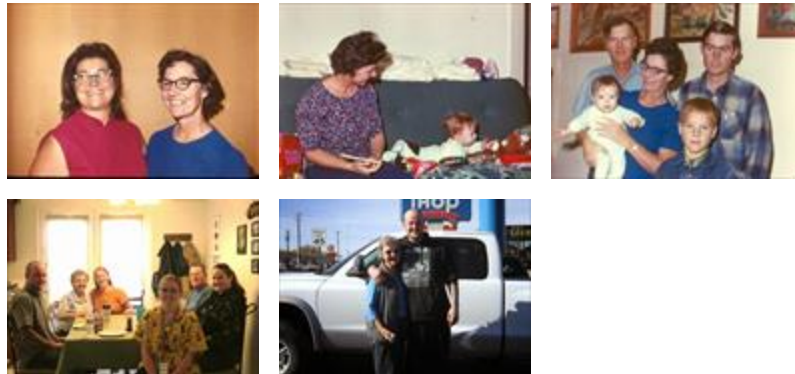
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Kelly Bott - January 06, 2024 at 11:04 PM

KB

“ 427 files added to the album Pictures of Laura



Kelly Bott - January 06, 2024 at 10:49 PM



“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Melissa Cox - January 03, 2024 at 10:00 PM

EV

“ *Erlinda Valenzuela lit a candle in memory of Lauralea Bott*



Erlinda Valenzuela - January 03, 2024 at 09:01 PM

DB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



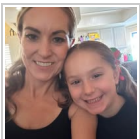
Daniel bott - January 03, 2024 at 08:02 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Pictures of Laura*



Kristen Laura - January 03, 2024 at 06:58 PM



“ *Kristen Laura lit a candle in memory of Lauralea Bott*



Kristen Laura - January 03, 2024 at 06:55 PM

HL

“ *Henretta Lackner lit a candle in memory of Lauralea Bott*



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**Henretta Lackner** - January 01, 2024 at 07:20 PM

HL

“ *My deepest condolences to the family. Laura was my first teacher in Klondyke. An amazing lady and close friend to my parents.*

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**Henretta Lackner** - January 01, 2024 at 07:18 PM

SC

“ *My deepest sympathy to Carl (not sure he's still living) and rest of family. Laura was my teacher in Klondyke, AZ and have wonderful memories of her joyful and kind spirit. Especially of times she took us arrowhead-and rock hunting. I have thought of her often but didn't know where she was living.  
My love and prayers are with you her family..  
Sister Esther Calderon.*

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**Sr.Esther Calderon** - January 01, 2024 at 12:33 PM