



# Heather Lauren Funderburk

January 8, 1984 - December 9, 2024

It is with great sadness that we must announce that Heather Lauren Funderburk, 40, of Travelers Rest, SC passed away on Monday December 9, 2024, and is survived by her loving family and friends.

Heather was born in Texas, but she also lived in different parts of New York, Georgia, and North Carolina before settling in Traveler's Rest, SC with her son Finnegan. In addition to all the places Heather called home, she had the opportunity to travel quite a bit as well. Heather lived with a family in Guatemala for several months while she was studying Spanish, spent a season working and enjoying Glacier National Park, and also worked a season in Denali, Alaska.

Heather earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology, with a minor in Spanish, from the University of North Carolina Asheville. She chose to study Sociology because she wanted to gain further understanding of human beings, social relationships, our institutions, and how human behavior can impact society. Like all things Heather did in life, her main goal was to try to help others in any way she could. She understood that in order to do that, she must first be able to understand Sociology. She most definitely succeeded in that, and yet, she still continued to further her understanding of human behaviors/interactions throughout her entire life.

Heather was an optimist and brought a shining ray of positivity into all the lives of everyone she met. In fact, almost everyone she encountered just immediately wanted to be her friend, as she was just that inspiring. She was also an excellent mother to her son Finnegan, an exceptional gardener, a bicycle enthusiast, a terrific cook, and just funny as hell!

All of us that knew Heather, are just beside ourselves with grief while dealing with her passing at such a young age, but all of us also know this: Heather would not want us to dwell in sadness but would rather want us to remember her fondly, in our hearts and continue to seek out the joy in our own lives. That will prove to be an almost insurmountable obstacle, but we can take solace in knowing that she lived a full and interesting life whilst constantly trying to help others. That should be the goal for all of us, and Heather certainly achieved that.

Rest in Peace

Heather Funderburk

"Lovingly submitted by her family."

# Cemetery Details

**Private (Family Only)**

# Tribute Wall

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Mary Bell - January 07, 2025 at 08:27 AM



Heather, you've touched many in such a positive light, as noted by the comments here. I believe you will continue to do so in all of our hearts. Your cousin,  
Britta Albrecht

Britta Albrecht - January 10, 2025 at 04:10 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working at swamp rabbit with Heather. She was always a bright shining light in my work day. Took an interest in everyone she met and always knew how to help keep your head above water. With her bright smile or a comforting word or even just willing to be silly with me. She also did so much for her community and was always looking for opportunities to volunteer or show a Cause some love. I'll never forget how she showed up to my volunteer fundraiser for an animal shelter and stayed until the very end even help clean up. The world lost a beautiful soul



Karsun Elaine - December 23, 2024 at 02:40 PM

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“ *Heather was/is an incredible kind and supportive young woman.*

*I met her as She served brilliantly at the John C Campbell Folk School as a Host.*

*During the time, that Heather lived in our community after her service with John C Campbell Folk School, was also at a time in my life when I was caring for my mother and needed occasional help but could find no one to help me. Heather generously stepped in.*

*She helped both Mother and myself tremendously with her gentle yet strong loving self.*

*Thank you Heather. I will hold you dear to my Heart forever.  
Sending much Love and Compassion to her family and many friends,*

*Lynday Huneycutt; Brasstown, NC*

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**Lynday Huneycutt** - December 17, 2024 at 09:20 AM