



Rebecca A. Laird

July 30, 1951 - February 15, 2024

Rebecca A. Laird (Becky) of Cleveland, Ohio, passed away on February 15, 2024, at the age of 72. She was born on July 30, 1951, in Painesville, OH to the late Edwin and Mary Ellen Laird (nee Ford).

Becky dedicated 33 plus years of her life to the Chemical and Biomedical Engineering Department at Cleveland State University (CSU). During her time at CSU, she assisted in the organization of the 2005 International Society of Biomechanics Conference which took place at CSU, and the 2003-2004 Fundamentals of Absorption Conference, which took place in Sedona, Arizona. She was also the American Institute of Chemical Engineers - Cleveland local office liaison with CSU from 1986 until 2019 and served on numerous university committees. She was the recipient of several awards during her tenure, including the 2002 and 2012 Distinguished Staff Service Award, the 2006 Kaizen Achievement Award and was honored with a 2019 Golden Apple Award sponsored by the Young Alumni Council for her impact on students. Becky was described by students, faculty, and staff as the soul of the department.

A true Cleveland sports fan, Becky could often be found cheering on her favorite teams. She enjoyed reading, listening to music, and writing. Known for her quick wit and sense of humor, she brought laughter and joy to those around her, leaving a lasting impression on all who knew her.

Becky is survived by her beloved life partner of 38 years, William Carl Boseman, II and his son, William Carl Boseman, III, along with a host of other

family members. She is also survived by her cherished sister, Barbara (Mark) Dybzinski, and her niece, Melanie Dybzinski.

A visitation in honor of Becky's life will be held at Monreal Srnick Funeral Home, 35400 Curtis Blvd. Eastlake, Ohio on Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 11a.m. until 12 p.m. followed by a funeral service at 12 p.m. also at the funeral home. The burial will take place at Mentor Cemetery, 6881 Hopkins Road in Mentor, Ohio, on the same day.

Becky will be dearly missed by all who were fortunate enough to know her. May she rest in eternal peace.

Cemetery Details

Mentor Cemetery

6881 Hopkins Road
Mentor, OH 44060

Tribute Wall

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“ *I'm sorry I did not get to know Becky better, but the times we did share are memorable. She was always kind. RIP Becky!!*



PK Germany - February 22, 2024 at 05:49 PM

RL

“ *Farewell my friend Becky. You will never leave my mind.*
Rolf

Rolf Lustig - February 22, 2024 at 07:21 AM

RA

“ *So sorry for your loss :(*

Becky was a very lovely soul with one of the kindest hearts.

Her beautiful smile was always brightening the place.

All my prayers to her <3

Please accept my respect and condolences from Kuwait.

Alumni Student: Reem Alhendal



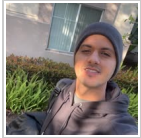
Reem Alhendal - February 21, 2024 at 05:20 PM



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Monreal Srnick Funerals & Cremations - February 21, 2024 at 05:07 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. She was very kind and sweet person. My condolences from Saudi Arabia.*

Abdul Ghamdi - February 21, 2024 at 03:53 PM



“ *Becky the steaming coffee woman of CSU has been one true friend through the most difficult six years of my life. I owe to her for keeping me in check and taking care of me as if I am her own. I would never forget the amount of help I've received from her and to this day I try my best to be like her and extend the same hand she did for me to people around me. RIP Becky. Forever 26.*

Vish Kasarabada - February 21, 2024 at 11:03 AM



“ *CSU: Dept. of Chemical and Biomedical purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Rebecca A. Laird.*



CSU: Dept. of Chemical and Biomedical - February 21, 2024 at 10:43 AM

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“ *Part time therapist, part time cheerleader, part time story teller, part time joker, and most of all an All-Time Department Secretary for a very lucky bunch of ChemE students - is there anything Becky couldn't do?*

Visits to her office were a joy, especially on Summer afternoons before leaving the lab for the day and catching what she had on the radio (often Aerosmith but always rock and roll). She was an incredible listener and always knew what to say, be it guidance on which form you needed to fill in or a needed word of encouragement.

There couldn't have been a better ambassador for the department or school than Becky - she was one of one. She positively impacted the education of so many, and I'm forever grateful to have been one of them.

Chuck Tillie - February 20, 2024 at 09:09 PM

MJ

There were a lot of things that happened in Becky's office, the impact of which most people would not understand nor realize. Suffice it to say that she stands among the people who helped make me the person I am today. She was very much a friend and a surrogate aunt. Not to mention how much some of us learned from her about how to behave in certain situations, how to communicate with certain people, how to be personable but not overbearing, how to talk and communicate with authority figures, how to break tension without derailing conversations and, how to be professional when needed. She had a massive impact on every student and for those of us who were lucky enough to spend more time with her, we had the great opportunity and privilege to receive an education that no class can offer.

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Michel Kahwaji Janho - February 21, 2024 at 08:10 PM

AE

“ Augyu, Michael, and baby Emma planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rebecca A. Laird.

Augyu, Michael, and baby Emma - February 20, 2024 at 09:00 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rebecca A. Laird.



February 20, 2024 at 09:00 PM

SO

“ I'm very sorry to hear that she passed. I have many fond memories of her smiling face in the Chemical Engineering department during my time at CSU. I will always remember her kindness and willingness to help all of us students.

Sean O'Dell - February 20, 2024 at 07:47 PM

SA

“ Shreya Adhikari planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rebecca A. Laird.

Shreya Adhikari - February 20, 2024 at 07:17 PM

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“ *Shreya Adhikari purchased the Sweet Tendernesses for the family of Rebecca A. Laird.*



Shreya Adhikari - February 20, 2024 at 07:17 PM