

Laura Lindskog



Laura Lindskog lived a life worth celebrating, but she died on October 16, 2022. Wife, mother, partner, friend...Laura's contributions to the world around her will resonate with those who knew her for as long as we have memories. Her smile pierced your personal armor and let her enthusiasm and empathy flood through your heart. You welcomed her into your life because you could feel her inherent sincerity. Honest, kind, dependable but with an incisive mind and sharp wit. If you had the good fortune to orbit within her gravitational pull, your life has been enriched with loyalty, humor, and a never-ending sense of adventure.

A child of Marin County, shaped by the terrain she so dearly loved, Laura, in turn, shaped her youth using her perseverance and imagination. Early on, Laura was caught in the wind of the world, the cyclone of realization of the consequences for change that would shape so much of her life. Her formative adventures began in Austria and France, 1966-67, and were the precursor for a life lived all over the globe. Returning to the U.S., 1968, Laura started a remarkable fashion boutique (Chelsea Bird) in San Francisco. Laura's keen eye for fashion attracted a broad spectrum of well-known buyers from the Hollywood and the Rock music scene. Whether early shopping trips for Chelsea Bird or subsequent adventures, she was a traveler who endeared herself wherever she went. She worked, lived, managed households and jobs in the cultures of many countries, sharing herself and learning from others.

Laura met her husband Carl Duisberg at the School for Advanced International Studies, John Hopkins, in 1977. Laura worked in the U.S. Senate, while Carl began development work as a Foreign Service Officer at USAID. Kindred spirits driven by a desire to better the world around them, Laura and Carl built a life together. Posting to Ecuador, 1983, they learned as a couple to weave a rich life, incorporating children (Ehren, 1984, and Alexandra, 1986) along with meaningful work and adventures, including in Guatemala, Pakistan, Poland and Afghanistan before Carl's retirement.

Life eventually brought Laura back to Marin (2005). She took up the challenge of rescuing the real estate business started by her father. Laura's determination to support fairly-priced housing, her ethics and her unyielding integrity establish a legacy.

Please join us in remembering the warmth, humor, and indefatigable spirit of Laura Lindskog ... The Laura of the explosive smile, easy laughter, and unbounded spontaneity!