


Laurie Balmer – Feb. 15, 2026

In loving memory
of
Elizabeth Lauralee Balmer



May 1, 1936 - February 15, 2026

Riverside National Cemetery
22495 Van Buren Boulevard, Riverside, CA, 92518
Friday, April 24th, 2026 at 11:00 AM

Reception to follow at Steve Balmer's house
20699 Hilldale Road, Riverside, CA, 92508

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE
Elizabeth Lauralee "Laurie" Balmer

Words of Welcome
Message of Hope - Pastor Michael Pastun
Lord's Prayers

Words of Remembrance:
John Bennett Balmer
Steven John Gilmore Balmer
Lucia Balmer

United States Army Burial Protocol for Spouse


GONE FROM SIGHT

I am standing upon the seafloor. A ship at my side, spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and waits for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength. I stand and watch her sail, at length, she hangs like a spirit of white cloud just above the sea and she comes to mingle with each other. Then, someone at my side says, "There, she is gone."
Gone where?

Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in truth, full and open to the sea when she lets me sail. And, she is just as able to bear her load of living. In sight is her eternal part. She disappeared into my eye - not in fact. And, just at the moment when someone says, "There, she is gone," there are other eyes watching her sailing, and other voices ready to take up the glad shout, "There she comes!"
And that is dying.

- Henry Van Dyke

Elizabeth Lauralee "Laurie" Balmer



Born May 1st, 1936 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada
Laurie was a natural born figure skater which led her to one of the passions of her life, the ice. She competed and performed skating on a local and national level. At 19, she joined the Ice Capades and toured North America and the world as an "Ice Capet". She later became the show's publicist. While with Ice Capades, she met her husband, Jack. They settled in La Cañada where Steve, Steven and John were raised. Laurie was active in many charities and local organizations. Always giving and kind. In 1989, she became a US Citizen and proudly waived both flags. She had her own business for many years and kept busy with Jack. The golden years were highlighted with her love for grandchildren: Jack and Kim (John and Liz) and Lucia (Steve and Susi).

