

Laurel Lee Thaler (Born October 21, 1945, Chicago, IL)

Best selling author, Laurel Lee (Thaler) died on the evening of August 10th in her home on a Christmas tree farm near Canby, Oregon. Laurel Lee is survived by her husband, New York children's book author, Michael C. Thaler, her son Matthew J. Lee of Canby, Oregon, her daughter, Anna C. Cairney of Portland, Oregon, her daughter, Mary Elisabeth Lee of San Francisco, California and her parents James E. and Ruth (Pat) I. Moore of Fremont, California. Others who survived Laurel include her four grandchildren, Rebekah Faith Lee, Elizabeth Grace Lee, Matthew Jonathan Lee and Hannah Joy Lee, her daughter in law, Tina D. Lee, her son in law Peter D. Cairney, and her uncle and aunt, Jackson and Angela Moore of Battleground, Washington.

Laurel attended Pacific University and University of California, Berkeley. She was a Creative Writing professor at George Fox University for nine years and an adjunct professor at Hofstra University, St. Andrews School, Mara a Pula, and Kiev State Pedagogical Institute.

In the late seventies, Laurel was diagnosed with terminal Hodgkin's disease. She survived the disease, and traveled around the world telling her story of God's faithfulness. Laurel was the author of several books, including the best selling title, *Walking Through the Fire*, which became a CBS movie in 1979. Her books received many awards and recognitions including the Literary Guild and Book of the Month selection. Her latest book, *Tapestry: The Journey of Laurel Lee* was released just last month.

A *Celebration of Life* for Laurel's homecoming will be held on Tuesday, August 17th at 4pm at Tualatin Foursquare Church,

18080 SW Lower Boones Ferry Road in Tualatin, Oregon. A potluck will follow. Floral arrangements can be sent to the church. Church phone 503/603-0303 This is a celebration service—please wear colorful attire.

