



# Launa Gibbons

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**L** auna Gibbons of Salt Lake City, Utah, left us on 09/12/2024 at 81 years old. She danced into the world during World War 2 on December 13, 1942, born to Howard Gould (a veteran), who affectionately called her T-loon, and her mother Helen Gould. She was the first of 3 daughters.

Launa was a student at South High School. Her passion for dancing lasted her lifetime. She continued dance lessons late into adulthood with her then-very elderly dance instructor from high school. She lit up the stage tap dancing at 80 years old in a recital.

She dedicated much of her professional life to real estate, where she excelled as a top producer with Coldwell Banker in St. George and Salt Lake City. She had a great appreciation for real estate law and fiercely protected her clients. She used her experience in real estate volunteering on the HOA board for her community, where she worked hard to make things orderly and beautiful.

Beyond her professional achievements, Launa found joy in the rhythm and movement of life as a golfer and tap dancer. Her hobbies reflected her enjoyment of the company of friends and meeting new people.

As a friend and family member, she took a genuine interest in what others were accomplishing, was eager to lend an ear, and was a fun conversationalist. Always up for a good time, she was not one to turn down an invitation. She had a feisty constitution, stood up for what she believed was right, and was unafraid to let you know. She enjoyed walking the grounds of Old Farm and took each new little family member to feed the ducks and run from the Nipper the goose.

She had fun getting dressed up, had a feminine style, and a flair for the fancy. She recently expressed her style by having her ears double pierced; she said she wanted to wear as many of her favorite earrings as possible.



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Launa was true to herself and lived fully right up to the end. She was brave and handled herself with grace. She continued to advise the residents on the rules of the homeowner's association. She maintained her curious spirit; she shopped, planned an outfit down to the details for an event she was looking forward to attending, explored, walked her beloved grounds with friends, and spent time visiting with family.

Launa is survived by her only child and steadfast supporter, Steven Stubenvoll, daughter-in-law Stephanie, who Launa admired for being a great support to her son. Her three grandchildren, the Stubenvoll boys, Michael, who helped with home repairs and fixed her electronics when she had them mixed up; Mitchell, who she looked forward to talking with on his daily commute; Matthew who provided many a chuckle; and her cherished great-granddaughter, Aleia Stubenvoll, who she was endlessly proud of. Her sisters, Victoria Long (Michael Long) and Dece Morgan (Michael Morgan) will miss the force she has been since the beginning. And her two nieces, Kristin Schmidt, her confidant, and Ashley Morgan, who entertained Launa with tales of her exciting endeavors. Her great nieces and nephews will never forget "fancy" Aunt Launa. We will miss her. We are glad she enjoyed the summer; she will keep on tap dancing in our hearts.



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MR

**Michael Richards** posted:

I was saddened to hear of Launa's passing. I am one of her neighbors here in Old Farm and have known her for many years. She served on the Wayland Station board with my brother-in-law Marty Madill, and served our community with integrity and passion to make it a happy place to live. I will miss seeing her walking with her good friend Becky, and knowing she was residing among us. She will be missed, and I pray God will be with her, and with her family at this difficult time. Mike Richards, neighbor

September 20 at 6:50 PM



**Sherri Campos** posted:

It was terrible to hear about Launa's passing, she was my step mom and was married to my dad Joe for many years of my life. I will always remember her for being classy, smart, kind, successful and just a beautiful person. Sadly we had just learned of her illness and passing yesterday, but both my Dad and I really want to express our deepest sympathy, our hearts and prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow.

September 20 at 3:47 AM

LW

**Lesly Wastlund** posted:

I was privileged too be in the same real estate office with Nona many years ago in St. George. She was always admired and looked up to for both her expertise and the way she carried herself and everything she did. I had the opportunity to attend a real estate convention with her in San Diego Where we roomed together and it was so great to get to know her better. Thank you, Launa for Sharing your greatness with all of us!

September 19 at 1:40 PM



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**Phyllis Polster** posted:

What a beautiful tribute to your mom, sister, grandma, friend and neighbor. Launa and I started conversing more frequently after her diagnosis late last year. In July I called to ask her some questions about her front door because I thought she had had it painted. It turns out that she hadn't had her door painted and when she found out I was getting my door painted she wanted hers painted also! Who does that when they are in the midst of a dire diagnosis and pain? Well, Launa. She went about living her life with dignity, grace and self-respect. She was not about to allow her illness to defeat or diminish her joy. I have deep respect for Launa's lack of self-pity and I genuinely appreciate that I could spend some time with her before she passed. She taught me a lot about how to stand tall regardless of the circumstances. Rest in peace, Launa. Phyllis Polster  
Old Farm Neighbor

September 18 at 5:24 AM



**Merlyn De La Melena** posted:

Launa and I are close neighbors living at Wayland Station at Old Farm. I enjoyed watching Launa when she was in leadership positions at Wayland. She was knowledgeable about how to live in a condo community and bring us residents together to enjoy our lives here. We miss her but, in my mind, I see her in Paradise with her tap dancing shoes on happily dancing as she visits with her family and making more friends!! Merlyn de la Melena

September 17 at 5:22 AM



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**Shawn Seager** posted:

We love Launa and have enjoyed her company for the past 20 years at our house and Steve's. She brightened the room when she was in it, we enjoyed her company at family Christmas breakfasts and parties, she was a great conversationalist and was always dressed to the nines. She always gave us an update on the boys, their jobs and accomplishments and of course Aleia and her travels. Rest in peace, Love Seager Family

September 15 at 4:12 PM



**Rebecca Douglas** September 17 at 10:04 AM

You were my good friend and walking partner. I miss you but know you are out of pain now. You faced your cancer with dignity and acceptance. We will try and keep our community following the rules you defended so strongly. Save me a place when I get there and we can do all the walking we want in paradise. Becky Douglas



**Sally McQueen** September 16 at 1:27 PM

I had the privilege of knowing Launa as a HOA board member and a friend. Launa cared so much about the community she lived in. She spent hours making sure that the rules of the Association were and all homeowners followed the rules. I will miss seeing and talking to Launa when she would be out walking the grounds where we lived. We spent many evenings on the phone discussing issues related to the issues we faced both being on the Wayland Station Board. Rest in peace Launa and thanks for all your help and support on the board. Thanks for being a good listener and friend. Rest in peace, as I will miss you. Sally McQueen



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