



1st Lieutenant Lauren Taylor Hovey

November 17, 1995 - July 17, 2022

1st Lieutenant Lauren Taylor Hovey, 26, of Newnan, stationed in Fort Bragg, NC, passed away Sunday, July 17, 2022, in the city of St. Paul's, outside of Fayetteville, NC. She was born November 17, 1995, in Atlanta, GA to Anne and David Hovey.

Lauren grew up in Newnan, GA and was a 2014 High Honors graduate of Newnan High School where she enjoyed serving as president of the Art Club, Lady's Varsity Soccer Team Co-Captain, and enthusiastic member of numerous clubs. Her passion for art was recognized with multiple awards by various organizations and Newnan High School. She was a two-time nominee for the Governor's Honors Program in Art.

She was a proud member of the Honors Program and an Honors graduate at Georgia College and State University where she received her Bachelor of Science in Psychology and minored in Painting. While attending GCSU, Lauren was granted both the Outstanding Junior Award and Outstanding Senior Award by the Department of Psychological Science. The annual Psy Con event also gave her the Outstanding Senior Award. She served as President of the Psychology Club and was honored with the Golden Key Leadership Award by the Executive Board of Eta Sigma Alpha. She earned the President's List each year in college. In addition, she was a member of the International Honors Society in Psychology, Eta Sigma Alpha, Alpha Lambda Delta, Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, Psychology Club and Psi Chi, an honors psychology organization.

While in undergraduate school, she served at the Georgia War Veterans Home in Milledgeville as an intern.

Lauren was dual enrolled at the Georgia Military College in Milledgeville where she was the distinguished ROTC Battalion Commander. She received the Order of the Centurion Medal for the highest honor given for outstanding excellence in academics, military discipline, and completion of the twelve-mile Ruck March. Other honors and awards were also given. As the number one student in academics at GMC, Lauren was selected to represent Georgia Military College and Georgia College and State University at the George C. Marshall leadership and awards conference. Those attending are the top ROTC cadets in the country. She graduated as a Distinguished Military Graduate where cadets are ranked in the top 20% of the nation among 5000 ROTC cadets assessed by the U.S. Army Cadet Command.

While still in college, she earned her wings and became a paratrooper for the U.S. Army in Fort Benning, GA. She then interned and participated in the cadet troop leader training C.T.L.T with the combat engineering team at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Following her internship, an Education Delay was granted by the Army to earn her master's at Augusta University in Clinical Psychology and was a Graduate Assistant at Augusta University. She worked at Transitions in Augusta, a psychology practice. She was a summer scholar for I.P.P.H, the Institute of Public & Preventative Health, served at the VA Center, interned in forensic psychology with the East Central Regional Hospital by working with mental health patients and writing assessments, She was the lead and co-lead researcher on multiple group projects and research papers. She attended many conferences in her psychology field. She was also the Vice President of Psi Chi at Augusta University.

After obtaining her Masters, she was assigned her first duty station at Fort Bragg, N.C. in 2021. In her one year, she had three deployments! She was deployed to Kuwait, Poland, and Germany. Lauren served as the executive officer for Delta Troop, 3rd Squadron, 73rd United States Cavalry Regiment,

1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division. Her awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and the Overseas Service Ribbon.

Lauren died in a tragic car accident outside Fort Bragg, NC. In her short life, she accomplished more in one year than what others do in a lifetime! It was her service to her country, family and friends that was the most important to her. She had a passion for art and was an advocate for equality, justice, and mental health awareness. She was adventurous, passionate, goofy, quirky, generous, hardworking, dedicated, organized, respectful, caring, grateful and so much more! She will be remembered by her selfless acts of kindness and her warm-hearted spirit. She was Army Strong and a gracious lady! She has left her mark in the hearts of so many.

Lauren is survived by her parents, David, and Anne Hovey; sister, Elizabeth Hovey; grandparents, Frank and Linda Geiger; grandparents Bob and Ann McMahan, aunt and uncle, Matt and Donna Horton; cousins, Ryan Horton; Rachel and Tony Cafarella and Teddie Rae, aunt and uncle Chuck & Kimberly Bankston, cousins Katie and Chad Bankston, Abby and Bennett Gibbs.

Visitation will be held Friday July 29, 2022, from 6pm-8pm at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street Newnan GA 30263. Funeral will be held Saturday at 3pm at McKoon Funeral Home. Graveside Services immediately following funeral at Forest Park Memorial Park 656 Roscoe Road Newnan, Ga 30263.

In Lieu of Flowers, the family asks that in memory of Lauren to make donations to the following organizations: Comfort Farms, 347 Horace Veal Road Northwest, Milledgeville, GA 31061; any chapter of the Wounded Warrior Project; and any mental health organization of your choice.

Online condolences may be expressed online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

JUL **30**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of 1st Lieutenant Lauren Taylor Hovey*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - July 27, 2022 at 10:29 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of 1st Lieutenant Lauren Taylor Hovey.*



November 18, 2025 at 09:38 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. She lived her life to help others and that is rare. I ask God to place his arms around this family and comfort them. Prayers.*



Michael Aldredge - August 06, 2022 at 10:49 PM



Thank you so much, Michael. Your words of comfort lift us up in our time of sorrow. God bless you.

Anne Hovey - May 26, 2023 at 06:02 PM

JW

“ AATW Young Paratrooper

John Williams - August 03, 2022 at 05:09 PM

AH

Thank you so much, John! Airborne All the Way, indeed! She had her airborne wings and now her angel wings. She has been "deployed" to heaven and duty now calls to work beside our heavenly father, Airborne All the Way from earth to heaven! Thank you for those sentiments.

Anne Hovey - May 26, 2023 at 06:09 PM

MH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



McKoon Funeral Home - July 30, 2022 at 05:41 PM

TM

I did not know this young lady but wish I had been given the honor. It's not often I consider someone so young a great American. This young lady was a great American. I have no doubt she would've been a four star general. I'm so sorry for your loss and the nation's loss. RIP

Tim Massengale - August 03, 2022 at 06:47 PM

AH

Hi Tim,

Thank you so much for your kind words! It brings comfort in our time of immense sorrow.

She had every intention to retire from the Army. She was in it for the long haul. Her life's goals was to serve her country and help her fellow soldiers. Her work is done here on earth, but her chapters continue as she soldiers on with the Lord.

God bless you.

*Anne Hovey
(mother)*

Anne Hovey - August 04, 2022 at 10:22 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of 1st Lieutenant Lauren Taylor Hovey.*



July 29, 2022 at 02:13 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of 1st Lieutenant Lauren Taylor Hovey.*



July 29, 2022 at 01:13 PM

EW

“ I taught Lauren at Northside and she was such a sweet, smart, creative and all around wonderful student. What a tremendous loss of such a gifted and lovely young woman. Please accept my heartfelt condolences. The world has lost such an exceptional person. Love and prayers.

Ellen Wood

Ellen Wood - July 29, 2022 at 12:18 PM

AH

Hi Ellen,

Thank you so much for your kind sentiments. I remember you! She had wonderful memories at Northside. I appreciate you teaching and guiding her to become successful later. She lived a short life, but she lived it fully. Your words of comfort help us through our sorrow. God bless you.

*Anne Hovey
(mother)*

Anne Hovey - May 26, 2023 at 06:14 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of 1st Lieutenant Lauren Taylor Hovey.*



July 29, 2022 at 11:11 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of 1st Lieutenant Lauren Taylor Hovey.*



July 27, 2022 at 08:53 PM



“ *What an outstanding young woman who accomplished so much in her brief life! May she Rest In Peace while we wonder why. Bless her family that the memories of her being comfort.*



Geraldine Welch - July 27, 2022 at 03:47 PM



Hi Geraldine,

Thank you for your condolences. Your words of comfort bring us a little light in our moment of darkness. We really appreciate it. God bless you.

*Anne & David Hovey
(parents)*

Anne Hovey - May 26, 2023 at 06:35 PM

TF

“ We are heart broken for the Hovey family. Such a tragic and devastating loss of such an accomplished, loving, beautiful soul. I only met Lauren as a young girl but I can remember her so clearly. She had such a sweet smile and kind, loving eyes. Lauren Taylor Hovey will be greatly missed and has left an amazing legacy of love, compassion and remarkable accomplishments in her young life. God bless her, keep her and bless her loving family through such a difficult time.

The Burr Family - July 27, 2022 at 01:51 PM

AH

Hi Julianne & Tim,

Dave and I really appreciate your kind sentiments. It's what is lifting us up! We are struggling, but we have the utmost gratitude for the love and support that you guys have provided. It means so much to us! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

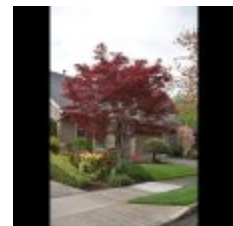
We love you guys!

Anne & David Hovey

Anne Hovey - May 26, 2023 at 06:39 PM



“ Red Leaf Japanese Maple was purchased for the family of 1st Lieutenant Lauren Taylor Hovey.



July 27, 2022 at 12:26 PM

MK

“ Dear Anne, Dave and Elizabeth: We are profoundly heartbroken about Lauren. A bright light gone far too soon. We know her love for and dedication to her family and country will endure. You all continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Margaret, Albert and Buck

Margaret Kirtland - July 27, 2022 at 12:19 PM

AH

Hi Margaret,

I was overcome with emotion not only for the death of Lauren but to see you there at the viewing and funeral. Seeing you and Albert after all these years and coming from a great distance was just so heartwarming. You have no idea how much that meant to us. Thank you so much for your support. In the depths of our sorrow, we find love from others that lift our spirits and give us comfort. Thank you!

Love you guys!

Anne, David & Elizabeth Hovey

Anne Hovey - May 26, 2023 at 06:30 PM

DH

“ May Lauren's spirit continue to shine and inspire us all.
Peace and Love to the Hovey/Geiger family.
Love, Bob, Dawn, Holly, and Chelsea Hummer

dawn hummer - July 27, 2022 at 10:49 AM

AH

Hi Dawn, Bob, Holly & Chelsea,

Love you guys! Thank you so much for your love and support.

In the bond always, Dawn.

Anne & David Hovey

Anne Hovey - May 26, 2023 at 06:23 PM

JH

“ Thank you Lauren for you service. Your family and friends are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.



Jamie Hixson - July 27, 2022 at 09:51 AM

AH

Hi Jamie,

Thank you for your condolences. We appreciate the words of comfort and support during our time of immense grief. God bless you.

Anne & David Hovey
(parents of Lauren)

Anne Hovey - May 26, 2023 at 06:20 PM

SW

“ Thank you Lauren for your service. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Ronnie and Susan Whatley

Susan Whatley - July 27, 2022 at 09:06 AM

AH

Hi Ronnie & Susan,

Thank you for your condolences and appreciation for her service. It provides us comfort during this time of sorrow. God bless you.

Anne & David Hovey
(parents of Lauren)

Anne Hovey - May 26, 2023 at 06:18 PM