



## Leslie J. Ungerott

October 24, 1977 - February 13, 2023

It's easy and natural to be saddened by the loss of such an active spirit and loving mother, wife, friend, and sister. Leslie accomplished great things and impacted many people, so it's impossible not to grieve this person that loved life so much. Anybody who knew Leslie would know she would want this process to be short because it would take away the time we all have to recall the numerous great memories and get in the way of making new ones together.

Leslie Jean Ungerott, 45, passed away on February 13th, 2023. She had her "boys" as she called them at her side. Her sons Carder (18), Chase (14), Ty (12), and her husband Nate spent many hours with her reminiscing and planning more great family times for the future as she would want. She is the daughter of Debra and late father Steven Rohrbach, the sister of Dustin and Trevor Rohrbach, the sister-in-law of Danielle (D'Amore) Rohrbach, Morgan Ungerott, Bryce Ungerott, and Stefanie Ungerott. She is the loving aunt to Charley Hester-Ungerott, Austin Rohrbach, Dylan Rohrbach, Aiden Rohrbach, Drew Rohrbach, and Cohen Rohrbach. She is the adored daughter-in-law of Craig and Chris Willing. Leslie is survived by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and countless friends.

Leslie was born and raised in St. Mary's, Ohio where she loved being a Roughrider and is a proud graduate of St. Mary's High School where she

made numerous lifelong friends. Leslie and a couple of her best friends transitioned to life at The Ohio State University where she studied molecular genetics, but more importantly, she added to her already large friend group. The memories from those years could fill up a book from many seasons of co-ed intramural sports, epic spring break trips, and football Saturday game days. Ohio State is also where Leslie and Nate met after their great friend insisted, or maybe demanded, they would be a perfect match. 25 years later she proved to be correct.

Leslie and Nate married on November 29th, 2003 in St. Mary's Ohio, and started their life officially together in Columbus. Eleven months later they welcomed Carder into the world. From that moment on, Leslie loved and cherished her role as a mother and role model. She loved everything about being a mom and poured her time and heart into her boys and supporting the community, sports, and teams they enjoyed which included stints as running the community swim team, school PTO president, and Dublin youth lacrosse director to name a few. If you ever wanted to locate Leslie, you would need to know what field, court, or rink her boys were in at the time. Watching them play was one of her absolute favorite things to do.

Leslie set the tone for a family in many ways. She couldn't sit still. She loved adventure and challenging herself. She loved the outdoors. She was very passionate about her holidays and the decorating and traditions that went with them. She also loved to become educated on and discuss everything from politics to religion, to history, to sports, and everything in between. She also usually "won" these discussions with her depth and intelligence.

Leslie's values of discipline, resilience, work ethic, and community while having fun were on full display through her love of running. Her boys witnessed her train for and complete 10 marathons, 50+ half marathons, a 70.3 Ironman, and spending countless hours biking country roads in Ohio.

She loved the running community and the lifelong friends that came with it. You can see a similar work ethic, attitude, and approach in her boys every day.

Leslie didn't talk about doing things, she just did them. This is in the community, with her family and friends, or in her love of the outdoors. She met so many great friends along the way and touched so many people. She provided these friends with so many great and meaningful memories.

Breast cancer cut Leslie's life short. Many of Leslie's friends will say she is the toughest person they know. Her grit, resilience, and determination were on full display. Her concerns were never for herself. They were for those closest to her and how they would be affected. She approached the battle with cancer just like the rest of her life. What Leslie wouldn't want is to create sadness for her family and friends. She would want the focus to be on the memories we all have with her and what new memories we will make in her honor.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a foundation close to Leslie's heart, Kateswell ([kateswell.org](http://kateswell.org)). This organization was founded by her dear friends and 100% of all donations go directly to support cancer patients in Ohio. The Ungerott family is passionate about Kateswell and carrying on their mother's giving legacy. Carder, Chase, and Ty will undoubtedly use their determination and drive from their mother to continue to raise money for this foundation in their mother's name to help others in Ohio impacted by cancer.

Leslie's family would like to thank the many friends that have graciously offered their support and encouragement during this time. It's a testament to the deep and lasting friendships Leslie created over the years.

A visitation will be held Thursday, February 16th 4:00 – 8:00 pm at Rutherford

Funeral Home in Powell, Ohio on 450 West Olentangy Street.

A mass to celebrate her life will be Friday, February 17th 12:00 pm at Saints Simon and Jude Catholic Church in West Jefferson, Ohio, with burial to follow at Union Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Union Cemetery

3349 Olentangy River Road  
Columbus, OH 43202  
(614) 267-5471

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **16**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell  
450 West Olentangy Street  
Powell, OH 43065  
(614) 792-1471  
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Service

FEB **17**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Saints Simon & Jude Catholic Church  
9350 High Free Pike  
West Jefferson, OH 43162

## Burial

FEB 17 (ET)

Union Cemetery  
3349 Olentangy River Road  
Columbus, OH 43202  
(614) 267-5471

# Tribute Wall

PB

“ Nate I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. You and your boys will be in my prayers

Paula Bonar - February 18, 2023 at 04:28 PM

AH

“ Nate we are so sorry to hear about Leslie. We're keeping your family in our prayers. Doug and Amy Hachat

Amy Hachat - February 18, 2023 at 11:36 AM

NW

“ Nate - I am so sorry to hear about your loss. This is a beautiful tribute and I can tell what a great mom and wife Leslie was. Keeping you and the boys in our thoughts.

Noah Wasserman - February 18, 2023 at 09:24 AM

JE

“ Nate - I am very sorry for this tremendous loss for you and the boys. It is a terrible disease and I am thinking of you all every moment. ❤️

Jessica - February 17, 2023 at 02:57 PM

LT

“ Leslie was a staple of my family for as long as I can remember. Always such a great friend to my oldest sister and always loved by us all. There were always (and still are) photos of her in our home where she was alongside my sister and their other close group of friends during their school days. Being the little sister, she was one of my sister’s friends who I always really liked and thought was so pretty, fun, and kind. Sending all my love and prayers to her family and friends who loved her most. You are so loved and so missed, Leslie. We are all glad you are no longer suffering but hate that you had to leave so soon.

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**Lori Triplett** - February 17, 2023 at 02:31 PM



“ Nate, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your boys have been on my mind as I've been thinking about Leslie. I'm praying for you during this time of unimaginable loss.

*As I read all these great tributes, I keep thinking about Leslie's smile and laugh. She was always incredibly kind to me as a kid and as we became adults. It's just so heartbreaking to see someone so full of life have her time on earth cut short. Leslie's spirit will live on in my memories.*

*God bless your soul Leslie.*

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**Nick Kellermeyer** - February 17, 2023 at 01:18 PM

WW

“ My condolences to Nate and the boys. I got to know Leslie when watching my grandson Jake and Chase play football, basketball and lacrosse together. She was a delight to be around. I know how much she will be missed by her family and all who loved her.

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**Wendy Whitlinger** - February 17, 2023 at 11:15 AM

AO

“ My most cherished memories of Leslie were games at Ohio State, her adventure and laughter on the Heart Health Tour in 2001, all of the family visits to Summit County for ski vacations, being in each other’s weddings and a hut trip where she was in the middle of nature surrounded by snowy peaks. My favorite memory of Leslie is when she tried to ski Pali and got pissed and walked down the run. Her famous grrrrr, her love of Metallica and Tool, love of Colorado and her love for Nate and her boys will all be things I will continue to honor and celebrate in her memory.

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**Anita Overmyer** - February 17, 2023 at 08:38 AM

MC

“ Nate, I am so sorry for your loss. My heart aches for you and your family and we wish you nothing but love and support. I know it’s been a long time, but the SLV crew remains strong and we are here for you whenever you need us. I enjoyed our brief re-connection and hope to see you and meet your wonderful family soon. Lots of love - Megan Chura (Grant)

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**Megan Chura** - February 16, 2023 at 08:55 PM

NJ

“ Enjoyed many miles with Leslie running and coaching with MIT. She truly loved her boys and enjoyed sharing with me what they were involved in and how proud she was of them. Praying for all of you!

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**Norma Johnson** - February 16, 2023 at 06:08 PM

AF

“ I will never forget doing the Indian Run in Hocking Hills with Leslie and numerous other MIT runners nearly a decade ago. After the race, we all sat around a fire pit and shared stories about our lives. Leslie was a fantastic story teller! And, a really good person. Many prayers for her family.

*Anita Fouch*

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**Anita Fouch** - February 16, 2023 at 05:44 PM

JL

“ Nate, I am so very sorry to you and your boys and family for the loss of Leslie. Although I never had the privilege of meeting her, I can certainly see just what an incredible loss this is thru all the kind words shown on this tribute wall. My heart goes out to you and all of us here and sending love your way.

*Jill Love*

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**Jill Love** - February 16, 2023 at 04:10 PM

MB

“ Leslie was a force to be reckoned with. I'm honored to have known her and I know her spark and her smile will live on in her boys. I'm sure she is head-banging to an awesome concert in heaven right about now. She will be missed but never forgotten.

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**Mandy Boyles** - February 16, 2023 at 03:34 PM

KB

“ When I walked into a room, a gym, a pool, a restaurant, a store, a bathroom (YES, a bathroom) and saw Leslie, there was always a BIG hug, conversation, and LOTS of laughs!!! She and I swam in many Irish Parent Relays together, sweat it out at the Muirfins swim meets, and I will always remember her signature perfume smell back then that I asked her about when we were both sweaty and gross while timing. A week later, a trial size of every PHLUR scent was delivered to my door!! Leslie was the epitome of a person who adored her family and friends, was fearless, and lived life to the fullest. She left her mark everywhere she went. Hugs to the Ungerott family and all who loved her.

Kelly Basham - February 16, 2023 at 03:18 PM

CB

“ Chris And Dana Burk lit a candle in memory of Leslie J. Ungerott



Chris and Dana Burk - February 16, 2023 at 02:12 PM



“ I met Leslie thru my daughter. First at my daughter's wedding, her and Nate, and then again as her neighbor in Columbus Ohio. My daughter and her husband, Paul, had just moved from Arizona to Ohio when they were able to buy the house next to Nate and Leslie, whom Paul had know for years. I vividly remember Leslie walking over to my daughter's deck with Carder in her arms, just wanting to say HI. What I remember most about her was her smile - it was infectious! This big, bright, huge smile that just lit up her face, her whole being, and you could not help smiling along with her - Such a vivacious Soul who you knew loved life and lived it her way...

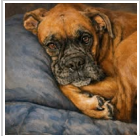
Sylvia Tabor - February 16, 2023 at 12:23 PM

AP

“*Id like to share a story: A few years ago my husband (Steve) and I went to the wedding of a mutual friend of Leslie and I. Steve had never met Leslie or a few other friends that were also attending the wedding. It seemed like he was looking forward to putting a few faces to the multitude of stories I had told him. Steve was meeting a lot of new people and although he is a lovely person, he is known for making lightning fast judgements about people. This “skill” has sometimes been handy and sometimes been very awkward! Anyway, when Leslie and I saw each other at the wedding we excitedly greeted each other and quickly caught each other up to date. As soon as she walked away Steve said “Who was THAT??”. My heart skipped a beat, then he said “She is AWESOME!!!”. I think everyone would agree his judgement was spot on. In all the years I’ve known him, Steve has never had such an enthusiastically positive reaction after meeting someone. Sending so much love to Leslie’s family. We are all better for having had the privilege of knowing her.*

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**Aimee Phillips** - February 16, 2023 at 12:03 PM



“*Leslie was one of the first people I met when we moved to Dublin in 2020. I knew immediately that we would be friends- we had similar parenting styles, our kids enjoyed the same sport and she was so genuine. It was shocking hearing that she was sick because she was so strong and never showed any signs. I will miss her so much but be sure to help and keep an eye on her boys- especially Ty!*

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**Kim Kelly** - February 16, 2023 at 10:56 AM

LK

“ *The Barhorst family would like to send condolences to Leslie's family. We spent a lot of time with her, Dustin and Trevor as children. Our parents were very good friends with Steve and Deb. This is truly a loss at such a young age! Her tribute is very touching and proves that she lived life to the fullest as her parents did! Rest in peace Leslie!*

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**Laurie (Barhorst) King** - February 16, 2023 at 10:05 AM

MT

“ *Michael & Brynne Talas lit a candle in memory of Leslie J. Ungerott*



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**Michael & Brynne Talas** - February 16, 2023 at 09:24 AM

RH

“ *I am truly saddened to hear about the loss of such a beautiful soul whose grit, passion, and energy I admired from the moment I met her. I was blessed to have been given grace by Leslie randomly at a lacrosse tournament (where I saw her the most!) when I knew nothing, she gave a smile & support. Her love for her family was one to aspire for & showed in her many successes on her own & for her children. Sending deepest prayers to her family & sons.*

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**Rebecca Hinze** - February 16, 2023 at 08:08 AM

CW

“ Chris W. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Leslie J. Ungerott.



Chris W. - February 16, 2023 at 07:53 AM

CW

“ Chris & Kristen Woycke lit a candle in memory of Leslie J. Ungerott



Chris & Kristen Woycke - February 16, 2023 at 07:41 AM

AG

“ Such a beautifully written tribute.  
Sending love, sympathy and happy memories to Nate and the boys.  
I didn't meet Leslie but had the opportunity to work with Nate for many years. It was obvious in every way how grounded he is in his family how much they mean to each other. "All that we love deeply becomes a part of us"  
Love Ann Garber

Ann Garber - February 16, 2023 at 07:33 AM

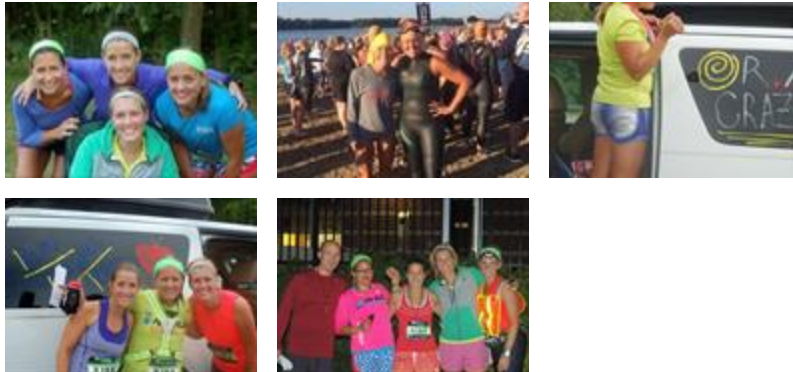
CS

“ Leslie was a wonderful person and a dear friend of mine that people would gravitate to no matter where you'd be at. Her friendly smile, big heart, sense of humor and determination always put a smile on your face! Her involvement in her children's lives, their schools, sports and leadership roles throughout the community did not go unnoticed! Carder, Chase and Ty are a true testament of how wonderful and loving Leslie was! Prayers for the family as you find peace with her passing.

Carolyn Smith - February 15, 2023 at 10:13 PM

EA

“ The loss of this healthy, energetic, young wife, mother, athlete and friend continues to break my heart. By God's grace alone we do what she would want - Adventure, move our bodies, and build relationships💔💔 You will be dearly missed, Leslie



Erin Arnett - February 15, 2023 at 09:30 PM

CQ

“ This news hurts my heart. It has been 20 years but I feel like it was yesterday touring the country for 3 months together as 20 smthng year old babies. Leslie was the freakin best. Smart funny totally whacked with a laugh that was contagious. She introduced me to KISS...we climbed the grand Tetons together and when I was terrified she told me to stop it and just kick the mountains ass....she laughed hysterically when I got a speeding ticket going over 107mph in a mini van in AZ...we shared bed bug ridden cots at random truck stops and motels across the country! Crazy life memories made together. This is unimaginable. Leslie will be missed deeply. Love to her family, her boys, Nate and friends who were lucky enough to call her that. Love and thoughts from NY.  
Corrie ❤️



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**Corrie Quaranto** - February 15, 2023 at 09:21 PM

SR

“ Leslie was a force of nature! Quite literally if you have ever been to a concert with her or a crowded tailgate. Crowd diving to reach the stage was her specialty. Her technique was brilliant as she made new friends along the way. Leslie, the crew and I spent lots of time together on the Heart Health Tour back in 2001 crossing off states and new adventures along the way. So many stories! We soon became roommates in New York City where her incredible work ethic and dedication to marketing was apparent. Her determination was epic. Who remembers her chasing down the priest through four counties after the wedding in the white bus to get her marriage license signed? Life was always more fun with Leslie around. I can't listen to a KISS song or Fishin' in the Dark without thinking of her. My hope is that Nate and "the boys" will embrace and carry on all the love and adventures as she would have wanted. She will be dearly missed. RIP friend.



Stephanie Rosenbaum - February 15, 2023 at 09:09 PM

RO

“ Leslie was the most amazing mom, runner, friend and individual. I refuse to believe that she is not with us. Her larger than life spirit will be with all who knew and loved her forever.

I will always remember her beautiful smile, sassy personality and humble attitude.

I hope to one day meet her again so I can give her the hug I didn't get to while she was with us.

RIP my friend 🕊️💕💕



Roshi - February 15, 2023 at 08:20 PM



“ While I have never met Leslie, the stories Nate has shared about her and the boys reflect the resilience and inspiration Leslie had that will be carried on by the boys. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Julie Talbot-Hubbard - February 15, 2023 at 07:38 PM

JK

“ John & Pat Kelley lit a candle in memory of Leslie J. Ungerott

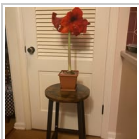


John & Pat Kelley - February 15, 2023 at 07:21 PM

BD

“ I put in many miles with Leslie over a couple training sessions. Such a wonderful person to share miles and stories with. Loved her smile and always encouraging everyone in the group. My sympathy to her family

beth dudley - February 15, 2023 at 06:59 PM



“ I am with you all in thoughts and prayers. Love and hugs to you Nate and the boys, love you! Great

Marian Willing - February 15, 2023 at 06:37 PM

RW

“ How beautifully written and absolutely correct! I am not sure how you can actually 'know' Lesile for meeting her for only couple of times through friends, but she did it all. I had the pleasure of spending some time with her in late September. I will reflect and cherish that time - RW

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**Rob Wall** - February 15, 2023 at 06:14 PM

LZ

“ Leslie simply was the best. Warm, funny, friendly, hardworking. I enjoyed getting to know her as our kids were in school and on swim team together. She was so encouraging when our son tried lacrosse for the first time...Just telling him to have fun with it. I'm so lucky to have gotten to know her over the years. Prayers for her family during this tender time. Hoping you always hold the happy memories of her close to your hearts.

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**Laura Zuber** - February 15, 2023 at 06:14 PM

ES

“ Leslie always was a champion for everyone she knew. Her kind heart and can do attitude didn't leave any room for regrets or "maybe in the future I'll get to it." She once told Ryder that he didn't get to quit Murifins and had to do it one more year to be a safe swimmer--you don't quit. She lived more in her short time then many people do in a lifetime. We all loved Leslie and her family and hope they feel that every day.

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**Erin S** - February 15, 2023 at 03:52 PM

CS

“ I would like to share a funny memory. I had heard about Leslie over and over again from many mutual friends, and finally met her in person for the first time when one of our mutual friends invited me to go on a walk with them. This was early morning, and about half way there, I realized I forgot to put a bra on. Thinking it would be a short morning walk and not wanting to make us late...I didn't say anything. Leslie marched us 8.5 miles through Glacier Ridge Metro Park, and at a decent pace. I have since never forgotten to wear my sports bra... :).  
God bless you all, and may Leslie's memory live passionately in each of her boys.

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**Cheryl Sargel** - February 15, 2023 at 03:14 PM

KR

“ So very sorry for your loss. Your family will be close to our hearts and in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Kristian Rosser** - February 15, 2023 at 02:42 PM

 Wendy Hamby

“ I have many fond memories of Mrs. Ungerott volunteering to work with our students in my Kindergarten classroom, planning parties, chaperoning field trips, and leading the PTO. I think of how wonderful the Ungerott family is every time I use the Tervis tumbler she special ordered for me with a photo of my class! Leslie made her mark in so many ways, as I'm certain Carder, Chase, and Ty will continue to do as well.

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**Wendy Hamby** - February 15, 2023 at 11:53 AM

EB

“ Leslie was a fellow hockey mom and we had the pleasure of playing with Ty the past 2 seasons. He is one of the sweetest kindest players we know - his mom's spirit lives on in him and we know she will be watching over him. Our thoughts are with Ty and all of his family during this time of tremendous loss. The Bertino family

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**Erin Bertino** - February 14, 2023 at 10:10 PM

KH

“ Leslie was simply one of most contagious personalities I have ever met and was blessed to share training for my first marathon with her. May the men in her life know how much she meant to everyone she met and may you continue to carry on her legacy. Continued prayers of comfort for her family and friends.

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**Kristen Huener** - February 14, 2023 at 05:23 PM