THE SAINTS IN HEAVEN & THOSE ON EARTH BUT ONE COMMUNION MAKE! CAN YOU IMAGINE LAURA & OWEN LOOKING DOWN ON ALL OF US WHO HAVE GATHERED HERE TODAY? WITH YOUR MIND'S EYE, CAN YOU SEE THEIR GREAT & GLISTENING SMILES? AND I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT IF WE COULD HEAR THEM SPEAKING, THEY WOULD BE REPEATING WHAT THE APOSTLE PAUL SAID LONG AGO: THE SUFFERINGS OF THIS PRESENT TIME DO NOT EVEN HOLD A CANDLE TO THE GLORY THAT WILL BE REVEALED TO US! KEEP THE VISION! HOLD ON TO YOUR FAITH! LIFE WITH ALL OF ITS TROUBLES & TRIBULATIONS IS LESS THAN A SPLIT SECOND COMPARED TO ALL OF THE WONDERS & MARVELS & JOYS THAT AWAIT YOU IN ETERNITY..... I ALWAYS WONDERED ABOUT HOW LAURA WAS ABLE TO KEEP HER HAPPY FACE & UPBEAT DISPOSITION IN SPITE OF HER GREAT SUFFERINGS & HARDSHIPS AS A RESULT OF HER STROKE..... A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO I VISITED HER IN DOCTORS HOSPITAL. SHE CELEBRATED THE LORD'S SUPPER. I NEVER HAD TO ENCOURAGE EITHER LAURA OR OWEN TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION. THERE WERE ALWAYS HUNGRY FOR THE BLESSED SACRAMENT -- & THEY SAW IT AS A FORETASTE OF THE FEAST TO COME.... THAT DAY, AS I WAS GETTING READY TO LEAVE, SHE ASKED, HAVE YOU SEEN OWEN? I WAS TAKEN ABACK & SAID, LAURA, DON'T YOU REMEMBER? OWEN DIED SEVERAL YEARS AGO. HE IS WITH CHRIST IN PEACE. LATER, I GOT TO THINKING, MAYBE LAURA HAD A SPECIAL REVELATION & VISION -- MAYBE OWEN APPEARED TO HER TO WELCOME HER HOME..... LAST MONDAY, MARY ANN & I VISITED LAURA AT BAY VILLAGE. I NOTICED AGAIN HOW FILLED HER ROOM WAS WITH THE MANY SYMBOLS OF GOD & CHRIST & SCRIPTURE & WORSHIP. LAURA WAS IN A COMA. I TOOK HER HAND & PRAYED THE OLD PARTING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: LORD J.C., YOU ALONE ARE THE DOOR TO EVERLASTING LIFE! GOD THE FATHER WHO CREATED YOU! GOD THE SON WHO WITH HIS HOLY & PRECIOUS BLOOD REDEEMED YOU! GOD THE H.S. WHO THROUGH BAPTISM HAS SANCTIFIED YOUR BODY TO BE HIS TEMPLE --- BRING YOU HOME SAFE TO PARADISE! ANGELS CARRY YOU HOME & GRANT YOU WITH LAZARUS ETERNAL REST IN THE BOSOM OF ABRAHAM! --- LAURA HAS GONE FROM DEATH TO LIFE!