

LARESSA GRIBBONS
Memorial Lecture

Friday March 21

**“An Update on the Treatment and Research
of Treatment-Resistant Depression
and Bipolar Disorder”**



Drawing by Laressa Gibbons



Laressa Chesnut Gribbons

April 19, 1968 – January 1, 2006

Laressa was born in Columbus, Indiana on April 19, 1968. She was an outstanding student, artist, and writer, which served her well as she attended and graduated from Indiana University. Following her graduation she married and began her efforts to fulfill her dreams.

Laressa enjoyed music, photography, and art, always finding the beauty in the things around her.

She had a huge capacity for love and a kind spirit.

Throughout most of her life, however, Laressa suffered with depression. Although many antidepressant drugs and multiple therapies were tried, she was unable to dispel the chronic symptoms of her disease.

In January 2006, the overwhelming sadness, hopelessness and frustration were more than she could bear, so she took her life. She is sorely missed by her family and all who loved her.

This memorial fund was started with the hope that through education a greater understanding of the disease and of those that suffer from depression might be attained.

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