



Mrs. Sonja Ann Cappelleri

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Mrs. Sonja Ann Cappelleri, age 56, passed away at home on Friday, April 26, 2013. She was born January 23, 1957 in Muskegon to Hans and Alma (Jensen) Olsen. Sonja graduated from Mona Shores High School in 1975 and Hope College in 1979. After receiving her Master's in Education from North Central College, Sonja went on to teach for 30 years in both Naperville and Chicago, IL and also in Texas. She was always an advocate for teachers and became a Union Leader in the Teacher's Union. Sonja also had a passion for helping student teachers. She was a member of the Viking Linné Lodge and attended St. Mary's Catholic Church. On June 26, 1987, she married Phil Cappelleri and together celebrated 26 years of marriage.

SURVIVORS include her husband, Phil; mother, Alma Olsen; and many cousins in Norway and in the Grand Rapids and Muskegon area. Sonja was preceded in death by her father, Hans and sister, Signe VanMeter. A MEMORIAL SERVICE will be 11:00 AM Saturday, May 4, 2013 at The Lee Chapel, 6291 S. Harvey St., 231-798-1100.

VISITATION with the family will be from 10-11:00 AM Saturday. Memorial Contributions to the Vikings Scholarship Fund will be appreciated.



Events

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Visitation

 **Saturday**, May 4, 2013

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

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DP

Deb Pattenger lit a candle in honor of Sonja.

Alma and family, I am so sorry for your loss, Sonja was so much fun when we were growing up. I haven't spent time with her as an adult but my childhood memories of her at Mona Lake are very vivid. We girls did everything together from bike parades to walking to school at Mona Beach and attending Mona Lake Bible church on Sunday afternoons. So many memories, my heartfelt sympathy to your family, praying for your peace and strength, Debbie Stafford Pattenger



May 4 at 4:41 AM

VN

Virn Nehra posted:

Phil, Having never met Sonja, I want to thank you for sharring a lot of your thoughts at golf league the other night. It was a wonderful tribute you gave Sonja to Bob I and RB, by letting us get to know her and the loving memories and the gift she gave she gave you.

May 4 at 3:40 AM

KK

Krystal Kauffman posted:

Phil, I couldn't have been more blessed to have met and worked alongside you and Sonja. I remember working long days, and Sonja always reminded me to stop for a break, or bringing me food. Sonja was a constant source of inspiration throughout the whole journey we took together. Those are times I will always remember. Sending love to you, friends, and family.

May 3 at 12:23 PM



Anonymous sent a Sweet Tenderness to the Cappelleri family.



May 2 at 9:57 AM

HH

Harbor Hospice posted:

We send our sincere sympathy to your family. We are here to support you in your time of loss – today and for as long as you need us. – The Staff of Harbor Hospice.

May 1 at 10:40 AM



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SP

Steve Puck posted:

Phil and family-Sonja's passing had a special light about her that brightened every room she was in. I felt so lucky to know her for the brief time I did so many years ago. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. -Steve Puck and family

May 1 at 4:30 AM

DR

Dianne Mullins Rn May 6 at 2:08 PM

Dear family of Sonja, My condolences on the loss of your loved one. At very sad times like this, those left behind, need comfort. and the Bible is the best place to find it. -Romans 15:4. says that ""through our comfort from the scriptures, we might have hope" The true God, Jehovah, shows us in the Bible, that soon his son, Jesus, will perform the greatest miracle, that of the resurrection of the dead. -John 5:28,29. .Wonderful is the hope ahead that soon, on the paradise earth, there will be no more death as you can read from your Bible at Revelation 21:4. There is much Bible-based comfort to be found at the website www.jw.org Sincerely Dianne Mullins

LI

Lisa posted:

Dear Cappelleri Family and Friends, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear loved one. Please accept my sincere condolences. I too have lost several loved ones in death, and the pain is fresh, even with the passage of much time. Thankfully, I have found relief in knowing that "The Most High God" is the "Hearer of Prayer", and a source of tremendous comfort in times of grief and distress. (Psalms 83:18, Psalms 65:2) Please be assured, death will soon be "swallowed up forever" and we will have the opportunity to see our dead loved ones again. (Isaiah 25:8) My family and I wish you and yours peace. (Phillipians 4:7)

May 1 at 3:29 AM

PP

Pam P posted:

Phil, such an honor to know Sonja. Thoughts and prayers are with you. Pam P, Homcare, Inc.

April 30 at 3:16 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Sonja by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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