



Mrs. Theresa Zahrt

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Mrs. Theresa Zahrt, age 67, passed away Wednesday, January 21, 2015 in Muskegon after a courageous 14 year battle with cancer. She was born in Muskegon on December 21, 1947 to Jerome and Helen (Grams) Crawford and was a life-long resident of the area. Theresa had been employed as an Administrative Assistant at Mercy Health Partners before her retirement. She was a member of Claybanks United Methodist Church of Montague. Theresa's proudest accomplishment in life was her children and grandchildren and she cherished the time spent with her family. On June 22, 1968, Theresa married her best friend and soul mate, Stanley Zahrt, and he preceded her in death on August 20, 2006. Theresa's family is comforted knowing Theresa and Stanley are now together again. She is survived by her three children, Susan Zahrt, Michelle (Jeff) Ward and Michael (Kim) Zahrt; five grandchildren, Marina Langlois, Olivia and Braxton Ward, and Michael and Marcus Kletzka; one brother, Pat Crawford; three sisters, Martha (Dick) Pardini, Kathleen Hunt and Elizabeth (Randy) Lemoine; many nieces, nephews and loving in-laws. The MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL will be celebrated at 11:00 AM Monday, January 26, 2015 at Prince of Peace Catholic Church with Rev. Fr. Tony Pelak presiding. VISITATION will be from 1-4 PM Sunday at The Lee Chapel, 6291 S. Harvey St., 231-798-1100. Burial will be in Sunrise Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, please consider Harbor Hospice Poppen Residence.



Events

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Visitation

Sunday, January 25, 2015

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



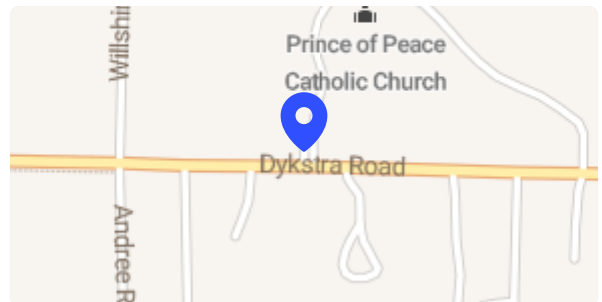
Mass of Christian Burial

Monday, January 26, 2015

11:00 AM ET

Prince Of Peace Catholic Church

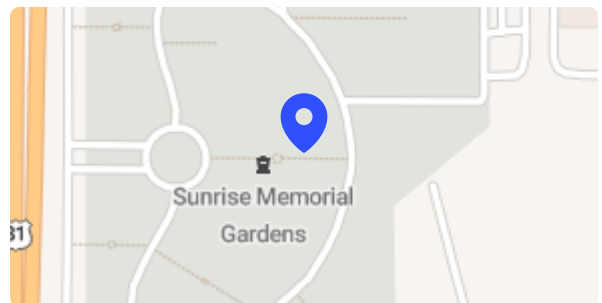
1110 Dykstra Road, North Muskegon MI 49445



Cemetery Details

Sunrise Memorial Gardens

2188 Remembrance Dr., Muskegon MI 49442





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RM

Ruth Moseler posted:

She will be missed,i'll think of her often.

January 24 at 4:28 PM

DT

Doug Thorstenson posted:

Karen and I send our condolences. She was a great woman and gave much.and taught much. It was time for her to join those those who went before her and give and share her warmth to those in that heavenly mansion. Her great memories will live on here and inspire a new generation.

January 23 at 4:49 PM

GK

Grandville Middle School Kitchen sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Zahrt family.



January 23 at 9:18 AM



Lauren Stroh posted:

What an awesome woman! Theresa showed me how to sew by making my own sewing patterns scaled up from paper napkins, it was crazy fun! A very creative person, I am so glad to have had the opportunity to know her and work with her on some church projects. I am so sorry for your loss! But they are rejoicing in Heaven, because now they get to have Theresa.

January 23 at 2:08 AM

MH

Marc Hendricks posted:

Braxton and Olivia-I'm sorry that your nana has passed away. You guys were always happy to see her and had fun when she was around. She was always kind to me when she saw me, so I know she was a special lady. I know you will miss her.Your friend,Dennis Hendricks

January 23 at 1:30 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Zahrt family.



January 22 at 4:38 PM



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SR

Sharon Rindfusz posted:

Shelly and family - I am so sad to hear of your wonderful Mom's passing. She was an amazingly beautiful woman, inside and out!! I have many fond memories of her and I am forever grateful to her for loving my baby too. I am sending many hugs and love. Praying that God provides you with comfort and strength as you endure this most difficult time and tremendous loss.

January 22 at 4:24 PM

GB

Georgia Brandenburg posted:

Theresa was one of the sweetest co-workers I had at MGH we worked together in surgery and shared many wonderful times together especially talking about both our sets of twins. I still remember our times together like it was yesterday. Susan, Shelly and Mike you had one special Mom and she was loved by everyone she touched so dearly. May God comfort you with His loving arms.

January 22 at 3:12 PM

GH

Gay Hudson posted:

I feel so blessed to have known Theresa. She was a special lady who touched the hearts of many. I know all of her family will miss her deeply. I hope you find comfort in knowing that she is no longer in pain and that she is reunited with Stan and her Heavenly Father. May your memories comfort you. I know Theresa will always be in your heart as she will be in mine. She always had such a positive attitude and was so cheerful and thoughtful! What an inspiration she was to all of us! My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Love, Gay Hudson

January 22 at 12:08 PM

LG

Lil Glover posted:

A special ANGEL now in heaven to help corral the three Zahrt brothers. Stan, Floyd and Paul. Theresa Thank - You for being my " Breast Friend " when I needed one !!XOXO - Lil Glover

January 22 at 8:01 AM

LL

Laurie Lubbers Rn posted:

Very sorry for your loss. I knew Theresa from General Hospital and she was a great gal! Always with a smile, laugh, and something nice to say to you. Again, I am so sorry for your loss.

January 22 at 7:54 AM



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KE

Kelli posted:

Aunt Theresa and Uncle Stan were the coolest married adults I knew growing up (my cousin Darrell's words but I have to echo them). They were FUN. I spent many good times with them. Theresa was the warm, gooey center of the house - boisterous, generous and making sure everyone had a good time. She filled us with fudge, chips and soda (stuff I never got at home)!!She always knew how to make me laugh and her hugs were legendary. When I was old enough (and whenever I was in town) we would have cocktails and tell wild stories, giggling like kids.While it's tough to say goodbye it's comforting to know that her and Uncle Stan are reunited.She will be missed.xoxoxoKelli Crawford (niece)

January 22 at 6:33 AM

MW

Michelle Ward posted:

Mom-Where do I begin?You are one of the most AMAZING, STRONG, BEAUTIFUL women I have ever known. Your love for life, and those in it, is one to be admired.Though you faced many challenges in your short 67 years here, you never let them take away from your character and charisma that everyone LOVES so much about you. You faced each day with a smile and a determination to make a difference, not just in your life, but in the lives of those around you.I remember you telling me that God has a lesson for us in each of the many challenges He places before us in this life and you once asked, "why do I have so many lessons to learn". Well, Mom.... I do not believe these lessons were entirely YOURS to learn....they were OURS. You showed us that life can knock you down, but you pick yourself up, and brush off the dirt, and you push forward because you LOVE THIS LIFE and you LOVE FAMILY and you do EVERYTHING you can to hold on to these two precious GIFTS God has given us.You not only lived each day by the words of Jesus: "love your neighbor as yourself", YOU loved others MORE than yourself. There is nothing more evident of this than your UNCONDITIONAL LOVE for us kids. As any stranger would soon find out, WE were your proudest accomplishment in this life. You never strove for fame or fortune or stature....you were content with being "Mom".....and what an AWESOME one you were.As I prepare to live this life without you here, I hope to love others as you have shown me how....with my whole heart and soul and strength. Though my "Energizer Bunny" is no longer beating her drum here on earth, I will forever hear her "beat" in my heart...I LOVE YOU, MOM!!!!Shelly

January 22 at 5:58 AM

MW

Michelle Ward posted:

Nana-I love you more than anything and I miss you, but I will always think of you as crazy and beautiful and strong. I will always think of the fun things we have done, like going to the beach and flying kites. You are in the best place ever.I love you!Olivia (age 10)

January 22 at 5:44 AM



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Michelle Ward posted:

Nana-I love you so, so, so , so much and I miss you a lot but you are in the best place ever!! I will miss riding in your convertible and singing "Hang on Sloopy" and raising our arms in the air.Love,Braxton (age 7)

January 22 at 5:41 AM

AH

Angie Hunter posted:

Theresa was one of the most fun loving people I know. If she liked you you knew it because she cared so deeply about "her people". I will forever miss my friend.Love, Angie Hunter (Mercy coworker)

January 22 at 3:35 AM

MZ

Margaret Zimmerman posted:

Theresa was one of the most loving, caring friends I ever had I worked with her at the hospital and we had a lunch thing with about 5 of us girls We called ourselves the slightly sexy middleaged ladies of the round table ! We had picnics and Theresa would bring her famous ground bologna. I loved her so Much! I had just called her not too long ago and you know how busy she always kept herself she said I gotta go but I love you and I will call you later. Always on the go!She was such a faith filled women she was sick and she would be busy worrying about me. Another time at work someone I was so in love with died she knew it first and she was at my office before I heard about it. I sobbed in her arms for a long time. She was always there!! I know God is holding her in his arms and she is looking in his eyes.When Stan died one Monday I got up for work and a thing came over me telling me to write a poem right now for her from Stan. I thought to myself I cannot do this in 15 minutes I have to leave for work. I turned on the computer anyway and just like Stan had posed me the words just came flowing out About the rain drops and snow flakes were now his kisses and the sun his hugs and about giving her a bright bouquet of flowers. Well I had no flowers but I took the poem and left. I stopped at Plumbs for something and believe it or not there was the most colorful bouquet of flowers just waiting for her as if Stan had put them there. When I got to work I went straight to her office and said this is from Stan and I explained to her what had happened. It was like a miracle which her and I both believe in.I will miss her so much!! And will always love her! One more Floyd was at my house when he was young all the time He was a best friend of my baby brother :) Small world and I belive I attended Stan and Theresa wedding unknowing to me at the time because I did not know her then.My blessings to all the family and you are in my thoughts and prayers know that she is still here just look in your heart she will always be there..Love,Margaret Zimmerman (former lady of the round table)

January 21 at 3:22 PM



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KC

Kevin Crawford posted:

When I was 17, I went to aunt Theresa's house with a girlfriend. When we arrived, there was a four wheeler or quad motorcycle sitting next to the fenced in pool. My girlfriend asked me if I knew how to ride it. Being 17 and incredibly stupid at the time, I replied yes in the most macho voice I could use. Theresa handed me the keys and gave me an encouraging wink and smile. I started it up and crashed directly into the fence. My face was as red as the blood coming from my arm. Theresa looked at both of us and said "I told Stan to fix those brakes months ago" and apologized to both of us! Even though the brakes were probably brand new, I appreciated the compassion she showed and always showed me. She was the fun cool aunt that was always laughing and trying to help the kids enjoy the time spent with her. Thanks for the fun times!Nephew Kevin

January 21 at 3:22 PM

KO

Karen Oakes January 23 at 5:12 PM

Martha and family: condolences on the loss of Theresa. She's been on a long journey. Bet you'll think I forgot that my nephew and I bowled with her and Stan in a league at Sherman Bowling Center so many moons ago. I know you'll all miss her but the fact she's out of pain and now with Stan has to warm your hearts. God Bless.

SM

Sue Mills January 22 at 6:22 AM

Theresa and I worked together at Muskegon General Hospital - what, 20 years ago? I never heard an unkind word about anyone or anything from Theresa. She was fun, funny, smart, and a pleasure to work with. A strikingly attractive woman, she was the only woman I've known who could wear a pair of red heels, show off her legs, and look terrific! God bless you. I'm happy that you are with Stan.Love, Sue Ashby Mills



Memories only last if you share them

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



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