



# Heidi Ann French

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**H**eidi Ann French, age 43, passed away Wednesday morning, December 17, 2008. She was born August 23, 1965 in Landstuhl, Germany to John and Janice (Kaminski) Swierczewski. Heidi attended Reeths Puffer High School, graduating in 1983. She went on to earn her Bachelor's Degree from The University of Michigan, and her Master's Degree from Western Michigan University. She taught 4th grade in Stevensville, MI for eight years, prior to having her family. On May 29, 1994, she married Christopher French in Whitehall, and he survives her. Heidi was Phi Beta Kappa and had also taught school for 2 years in Naples, Italy. In addition to her husband, Heidi is also SURVIVED by her 2 children, Joshua and Hannah; her parents, John and Janice Swierczewski of Muskegon; a brother, John (Amy) Swierczewski of Richmond, VA; a sister, Christine Johnson of Muskegon; several aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews. She was preceded in death by her grandparents. A MEMORIAL SERVICE for Heidi will be held 3 PM Saturday, January 31, 2009 at the Walburn Chapel-1547 Sherman Blvd- 1-231-759-8565, with her pastor, Rev. Ron Aulbach officiating. VISITATION with the family will be one hour prior to the service (2-3PM). MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS may be made to the Recovery Cooperative D.B.S.A Support Group, P.O. Box 0355 Muskegon, MI, 49443. Heidi's family donated her organs through the Gift of Life program, helping to save many people's lives through her gift. Share memories with the family at their on-line guest book @ [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com) Arrangements are being handled by

The Walburn Chapel

Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc.

1547 Sherman Blvd.

231-759-8565




## Events


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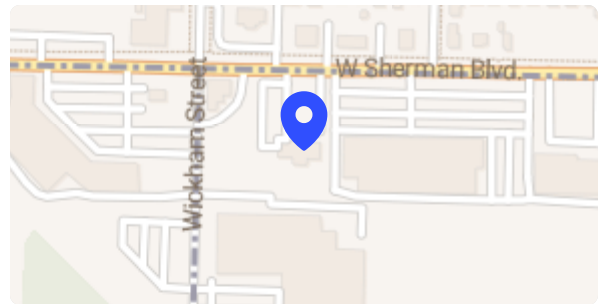
### Visitation

 **Saturday**, January 31, 2009

 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Walburn Chapel**

1547 W. Sherman Blvd., Muskegon MI 49441





## Tribute Wall

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**Hannah French** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



even though you're no longer here with me, today is a special day. i miss you all the time and i wish you could be here with me. to see the woman i have become and the things i have accomplished. you being gone has put a strain on my heart but also made me who i am today. i am a lover of photography and poetry just as you were. i love to bake, to sing, to learn, to teach. i like to believe i got some of these things from you. you were kind, gentle. compassionate. you loved to teach. you loved old music and art. you loved to scrapbook. you loved to bake from disney cookbooks with me. you loved to do my hair and get me ready for dance recitals and annual daddy daughter dances. i remember all these things and i wish you were still here to do them with me, and i wish i could learn so much more about you. but some things cannot be. i know you are singing journeys greatest hits at the top of your lungs wherever you are. and today, I'm singing with you. i love you mom, happy birthday.

August 23 at 5:26 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Heidi was my 4th grade teacher, but of course she was Ms. Swierczewski to me. Out of the blue, I searched for her name and found this. Almost 20 years have gone by but I have never forgotten her. I still have the German dictionary we made, and fond memories of being in her classroom. Please accept my heartfelt condolences.##imported-begin##Alex Lucas##imported-end##

February 10 at 9:57 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My deepest sympathy to Heidi's family.##imported-begin##Mark Moon##imported-end##

January 28 at 5:37 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

To the families and friends of Heidi, I am truly sympathetic to your loss. Heidi and I went to high school together. I have always admired her as a person and a student. Peace to all of you, Kristine Jarvi Tyler##imported-begin##Kristine Jarvi Tyler##imported-end##

January 26 at 12:45 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Mere words seem to lack the depth of meaning with which I wish to express my sympathy to the family of Heidi. I feel honored to have known her, however briefly, as her tennis partner on our high school team. She had a beautiful soul. She will be missed.##imported-begin##Kathi Schultz Snyder##imported-end##

January 26 at 12:04 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I was also a classmate of Heidi's at Reeths-Puffer, and I am so sorry to hear of her passing. May you find peace and comfort in this difficult time.##imported-begin##Vicky Scott (Bisson)##imported-end##

January 25 at 4:17 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I went to Reeths-Puffer with Heidi and respected her greatly. May Christ surround you with His peace as you mourn the loss of a beautiful life on earth, but an even more lovely life in Heaven.##imported-begin##Kelly Bryant (Wolters)##imported-end##

January 5 at 3:24 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

To Heidi, now our Christmas angel, we love you and will remember all the good times we were together. To Jan, Yash, Christine, John, Amy, Christopher and all the family, We love you and our prayers and thoughts are will you always. We'll see you soon. Love, Ellen, Den and family##imported-begin##Ellen & Dennis Cormier##imported-end##

January 2 at 8:28 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I was deeply saddened to hear of Heidi's passing and send my sympathy to her family and friends. We were students together at RPHS and I remember Heidi as an intelligent, hard-working, and kind person and am better for having known her.##imported-begin##Frank Simonds##imported-end##

December 31 at 9:17 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Dear French Family,I am so sorry to hear of Heidi's passing. I went to elementary school with Heidi and my mom was her elementary school teacher. My thoughts and blessing to you and your family.Heidi always kept me on my toes in school. She was always the one that set the curve!Suzanne VanPelt##imported-begin##Suzanne VanPelt##imported-end##

December 30 at 5:33 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I am very saddened to hear of Heidi's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Dana Olsen##imported-end##

December 29 at 5:52 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Heidi was a dear friend, a caring soul and a child of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May He comfort you all in your loss and rest Heidi's soul.She fought the good fight and is at peace in Christ.God bless all of Heidis family and keep the thoughts of her happier times alive as a devoted mother, wife, daughter, sister and friend.In Christ's Love, Eric and Kym Erickson(Rockford, Bridgeway church family)##imported-begin##Eric & Kym Erickson##imported-end##

December 28 at 2:23 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I attended RPHS with Heidi and shared many of the same classes. It was a shock to hear of her passing. Heidi always set very high standards for herself and took her education very seriously. I'm sure she was an excellent teacher, wife, mother, and daughter. My deepest sympathy to her family.##imported-begin##Laura Eller (Bonifield)##imported-end##

December 28 at 11:10 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

We were shocked to hear of Heidi's passing. I had lost contact with her these last few years, but she has always remained in our hearts. She was like a second daughter to us. She helped raise our two children, Brian & Aubrey. We were always so proud of her accomplishments at school and all that she did. We have many happy memories of her and she will live on in our hearts forever.##imported-begin##Dr. Paul & Nancy Christie##imported-end##

December 21 at 1:21 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Heidi and I were friends at Reeths Puffer High school. I will always remember the witty way she critiqued my English essays senior year. I remember her as a sweet person, always with a smile on her face. My deepest sympathy to her family.##imported-begin##Mary Ann Syers##imported-end##

December 20 at 5:32 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My sympathy to all of Heidi's family. I will always remember her as a kind and gentle soul. Wishing you all peace at this very difficult time. Sincerely,##imported-begin##Kevin Powers##imported-end##

December 20 at 5:16 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I was devastated to hear of Heidi's death. There is a hole in my heart. I have known Heidi since we were babies together in Gary, Indiana. Even though she moved the summer after 1st grade, we remained close friends. Our lives crossed paths so many times over the last 40 years. I am so sorry they will never cross again. I pray for her family.##imported-begin##Lorraine (McMullen) Schoen##imported-end##

December 20 at 1:57 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

I just learned of Heidi's passing. Words can't express the feeling of losing such a wonderful person. Heidi and I met in 8th grade. We became best friends during High School. A few years ago, she visited me in California. Heidi loved her children dearly. She talked about them the entire time she visited me. I'll be praying for Heidi's family as they go through this very difficult time. May Heidi now be at peace.##imported-begin##Ann Johnson##imported-end##

December 20 at 12:39 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

May the grace of God afford everlasting peace to Heidi French. We will miss her dearly.##imported-begin##Ben & Rosanne Fox##imported-end##

December 20 at 7:16 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I was so sorry and saddened to hear of Heidi's passing. We graduated together and I remember the graduation night sleepover! I hadn't seen her since the 10 year reunion.##imported-begin##Junie Lucas##imported-end##

December 20 at 4:51 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you! Love and miss you. Barb & Dave##imported-begin##Barbara Howell##imported-end##

December 19 at 7:48 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Christine, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time, your sister is in a better place and free of pain. Thinking of you, Kim Benedict##imported-begin##Kim Benedict##imported-end##

December 19 at 2:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Heidi and I went to school together from elem to graduation. I was so shocked to hear of her passing. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Sue Seabolt Oliphant##imported-end##

December 19 at 1:10 PM



## Media

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August 23 at 5:26 AM





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