



Stefanie K. Slade

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Ms. Stefanie K. Slade, age 36, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday morning, March 24, 2009. She was born August 4, 1972 in Annapolis, Maryland to Robert and Linda (Carpenter) Slade. Stefanie was a 1990 graduate of Mona Shores High School, where she played many sports including: soccer, cheerleading, and gymnastics. She also graduated from Michigan State University with a B.S. in Biology in 1995. For 10 years she worked for the D.N.R. as a creel technician. Stefanie loved animals and the outdoors. SURVIVORS include her loving companion of 10 years, Billy Schwartz; mother, Linda Slade of Norton Shores; sister, Cheryl (Richard) Prince of Whitehall; 2 nephews, James and Joseph Prince; uncle, Duane Carpenter; and her 3 beloved cats, Stripe, Mylo, and Luigi. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Ed and Katharine Carpenter. A MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held 3:00 PM Friday, March 27, 2009 at

The Walburn Chapel

Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc.

1547 W. Sherman Blvd.

(231) 759-8565

with Rev. Lou Roossien officiating. VISITATION with the family will be one hour prior to the service. MEMORIALS to the Noah Project or the Humane Society & Animal Rescue of Muskegon County will be appreciated. Share memories with the family at their On-line Guest Book at www.sytsemafh.com



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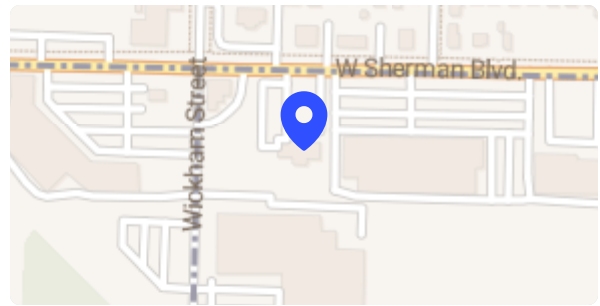
Visitation

 **Friday**, March 27, 2009

 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET

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

1547 W. Sherman Blvd., Muskegon MI 49441





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Anonymous posted:

I had the honor of knowing stef since high school but we did not become friends until we worked together at the Holiday Inn in 1991, we became fast friends. For 5 years we hung out regularly until I moved away. In December of 2007 I ran into her again and it was like we had never parted. She used to come with me and my dog Monte to the dog beach and we would hang out and watch American Idol or play games. I am so sad that she had to go so soon. I loved her very much and will miss her more than anyone could know. I could not bring myself to write anything any sooner than this. She will be missed deeply by many who loved her and her beloved feline friends Mr.Milo,Luigi,and Stripey.##imported-begin##Kim Kreuter##imported-end##

June 19 at 2:49 PM



Anonymous posted:

My uncle Bill loved her very much and I remember when we used to go in my grandma's pool and she would play with me in the pool. =) I love you Stephinie and I will NEVER forget you!##imported-begin##Lexie Slater##imported-end##

April 16 at 3:57 PM



Anonymous posted:

To the family of Stephanie Slade. I have had the privelege and honor of knowing and working with Stephanie for many years and I am saddened upon news of your loss. Stephanie was first to offer condolences to me when I lost my own wife last year. May your hearts be healed and her memory always cherished as you endure this difficult time.##imported-begin##Thomas D. Bagwell##imported-end##

March 31 at 4:08 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Linda & Cheryl, I couldn't be more shocked to learn of Stefanie's sudden passing. Although it has been 20 years since we last saw one another (the last time was in high school), she has always been in my heart. She has forever been known to me as my first best friend. I remember playing together at our houses in Drexel Hill. I remember eating Lucky Charms together, building a snow fort in your backyard, and jumping off my front porch. I remember sleepovers and "playing" with Stef's hamster (if throwing it up in the air qualifies as playing). I remember Stefanie twisting her hair all into knots. My daughter does the same thing and it always makes me think of Stefanie. She will forever live on in all of our hearts, and my only regret is not having known her as an adult. A thought that has helped me with the passing of my mother is: "Perhaps they are not the stars, but rather openings in Heaven where the love of our lost ones shines down to let us know they are with us." I hope this can bring you some comfort as well. Love, Aimee##imported-begin##Aimee Firth##imported-end##

March 28 at 11:38 AM



Anonymous posted:

Very sorry to hear of Stefanie's passing. I remember fondly getting in trouble with her the summer before 8th grade. Though it has been many years, she still brings a smile to my face.##imported-begin##Jerry Privasky##imported-end##

March 27 at 2:40 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our hearts were saddened to hear the sudden passing of Stef. It is so hard to really fathom how short our visit in this life on earth really is. I will always remember sitting beside her at some of your hockey games, and her joking about how you and Jimmy would fall over the wall when relieved from your time on the ice. Her quirky laugh was a joy to me. Our Lord didn't promise that our sorrow and pain would end, only hers, but he did give me the many memories for you to cherish. Gods Blessings to you my friend. My heart goes out to you. Ed96wr##imported-begin##Ed Black##imported-end##

March 27 at 1:13 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Bill, Our thoughts are with you at this time. May you find comfort knowing she is at peace.##imported-begin##Jana Quinn/ Film Room staff##imported-end##

March 27 at 9:29 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Linda, Cheryl, and Family...Words can not express how truly sorry I am. I remember when you first moved on Bonneville. Maureen, the Herder Girls, and I were playing next door and we saw Stephanie wearing a soccer outfit and kicking the soccer ball around. Little did I know then that we all would become friends for years to come. Even though we did not stay close after grade school, these memories of childhood I will cherish forever. God Bless##imported-begin##Mary (Mulready) Seith##imported-end##

March 27 at 8:54 AM



Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. Stephanie always brightened the room. I am sad that so many years have passed without seeing her. You were blessed by her for 36 year. My thoughts are prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Lisa (Young) Rose##imported-end##

March 27 at 8:17 AM



Anonymous posted:

We are so sorry for your loss. Kristen and I graduated with Stephanie. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##John & Kristen Brown##imported-end##

March 27 at 5:54 AM



Anonymous posted:

my thoughts and prayers go out to family and loved ones...##imported-begin##Christy Brown##imported-end##

March 26 at 7:39 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Our deepest sorrow for loss of such a young and great person. We, unfortunately, haven't kept in contact with Stephanie since high school. But would just like to share that everytime I go skiing I think of Stephanie. She taught me in school. We did gymnastics for Mona Shores together and she and my sister hung out when we were younger. I am sure that Stephanie continued her life as an amazing person and will be missed dearly. We are so sorry for the Slade families loss and also for her partner Billy. Our love to all, Nicole Nevedal Keenan John Keenan Kristin Nevedal###imported-begin###Nicole Nevedal Keenan###imported-end###

March 26 at 6:26 PM



Anonymous posted:

you will be missed dearly###imported-begin###todd and jaime dornbos###imported-end###

March 26 at 3:44 PM



Anonymous posted:

When Stef first started working for the DNR I was the one who trained her and had the privilege of becoming her friend. Her infectious smile earned her the nick name of sunshine. We were all shocked and saddened by her passing. She will be deeply missed.###imported-begin###Mark Vaas###imported-end###

March 26 at 11:04 AM



Anonymous posted:

Bill-Our thoughts and prayers go out to you in this sad time. With deepest sympathy, John & Char###imported-begin###John & Char Fredrickson###imported-end###

March 26 at 8:31 AM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers to you and your family..May you find the strength and memories to carry you through this difficult time. We feel for your loss.###imported-begin###Collier/Judi Squire###imported-end###

March 26 at 8:17 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Stef's family and friends, I am so sorry for the sudden loss of such a wonderful person My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Ingrid McKenzie Kellaghan##imported-end##

March 26 at 7:53 AM



Anonymous posted:

Linda, Brings back lots of memories of year after year on the Mona Shores soccer fields. I cannot imagine your loss and I'm so sorry.Cindy##imported-begin##Cindy (Locke) Mahan##imported-end##

March 26 at 7:27 AM



Anonymous posted:

My condolences for the your loss . Stephanie would always crack me up in 9th grade civics class and I remember her fondly.Lisa Nowak##imported-begin##Lisa Nowak##imported-end##

March 26 at 6:28 AM



Anonymous posted:

I feel very sad at the loss of your daughter. Please accept my deepest sorrow.SincerelyMaggie Chester##imported-begin##Maggie Chester##imported-end##

March 26 at 4:45 AM



Anonymous posted:

Stefanie and my mother were best friends, of all her friends Stuffie was the one I enjoyed doing things with the most. Even if you were having an off day she could make you smile. Thoughts and Prayers to Linda and Billy.Much Love Mir##imported-begin##Miranda Griswold-Chittenden##imported-end##

March 25 at 10:15 PM



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Anonymous posted:

I am so Sorry to hear about your daughter. I went to high school with her and I feel really bad for your loss.##imported-begin##kerri martinez##imported-end##

March 25 at 7:53 PM



Anonymous posted:

The Slade Family: I was saddened to hear of Stephanie's passing tonight. Hard to hear someone who I remember had such vigor for life, her life has been now cut short. I have a lot of memories of her from being on the Mona Shores soccer team together back in the day. She was a great leader and was a fun girl to be around. My prayers go out to the Slade family and pray some clarity will become known.##imported-begin##Kari Kendall##imported-end##

March 25 at 5:55 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Family, I am so sorry for your loss of such a wonderful gal. I graduated with Steph and hold many lasting memories of the time we spent together during junior high and high school. Although I had lost touch with her I still felt I knew her well. Prior to writing this I pulled out my yearbook and had several tearful laughs as we were always making fun of people. My thoughts and prayers are with you... BASCH##imported-begin##Brent Basch##imported-end##

March 25 at 5:21 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am so sad for you, Linda and Cheryl. I can't imagine the sadness that fills your hearts. I am so sorry that Stefanie was taken away from you too soon. She will remain to be one of the brightest and funniest people I will ever know. We had so many great times and we were always laughing!She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.God Bless,Liz##imported-begin##Liz Nolan##imported-end##

March 25 at 5:07 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you all during this time.##imported-begin##Nicole Pierre-Dowling##imported-end##

March 25 at 2:16 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Slade Family:I cheered with Stefanie in junior high and high school and will always remember her as a fun-loving and friendly girl who was ready with a funny comment. I am truly sorry for your loss, heaven has gained an angel.Marti Feldt Grandinetti###imported-begin##Marti Feldt Grandinetti###imported-end##

March 25 at 1:18 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry for your loss-although it has been a long time since I was a student at Mona Shores with Steph- I don't remember ever being with her and not laughing. Stephanie was contagiously happy and brightened every room. You are in my thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Dena Bultema-Basham###imported-end##

March 25 at 1:10 PM



Anonymous posted:

My thoughts and prayers to all of Stefanie's family and loved ones--I will cherish my memories of Stefanie and our close friendship in high school. Stef had an infectious laugh and zeal for life. She made all of our lives brighter and certainly more fun!She touched my family's life as well and my parents always enjoyed running into Stef on the Muskegon River and catching up on life's new events.She brought lightheartedness and joy to everyone who crossed her path and will be deeply missed by me, my family, and all.With heartfelt condolences, Jenny Christensen Hylland and Family###imported-begin##Jenny Christensen Hylland###imported-end##

March 25 at 12:24 PM



Anonymous posted:

I worked with Steph as a creel clerk on the Muskegon River for a year and a half. I got to know her pretty well working that closely with her everyday. We read many books together in that truck. She was a great person and fun to work with. I will miss her. I'm very sorry for your loss.Matt###imported-begin##Matt Hughes###imported-end##

March 25 at 11:11 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Stef's family and friends, I am so sorry for the sudden loss of such a great person, she will be remembered fondly, my prayers are with you. Denise##imported-begin##Denise Murray##imported-end##

March 25 at 10:08 AM



Anonymous posted:

You will be missed.##imported-begin##Dave Buck##imported-end##

March 25 at 9:12 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Linda, Steffie was the most original and authentic person I have ever known. She loved parades, campfires, and floating down a river in an inner tube. I have experienced those things with her and none of them will ever be the same without her. I will always remember one May when she found some motherless baby rabbits on my front lawn. She nursed those bunnies for days trying to keep them alive. She added joy and a unique perspective to my life and I will always be grateful for her friendship. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##renee kraley##imported-end##

March 25 at 8:38 AM



Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I frequently saw Stefanie at work.##imported-begin##Greg Patten##imported-end##

March 25 at 7:13 AM



Anonymous posted:

Billy: Our deepest sympathy's to you and your family in the loss of Stef. May God comfort your heart with the thought that love lives on. You are in our thoughts and prayers!##imported-begin##Kim & David##imported-end##

March 25 at 6:23 AM



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Anonymous posted:

I first hired Stephanie as a seasonal worker for creel census on the Big Manistee River. She sent her resume with a cover letter. In the letter she mentioned that she always wanted to work in fisheries and wildlife, but that in order to pay the bills she was working with a different kind of "wildlife" while she was tending bar at an establishment that catered to sportsmen. I think it was this positive outlook of hers that convinced me to call her for an interview. I figured anyone that could handle bar tending and all the tall tales that you hear would be a perfect candidate for creel census. Stephanie was a fantastic addition to our staff, and she always did an exceptional job for us. Even though I did not work closely with Stephanie in recent years, I always admired her work ethic and attitude. We will surely miss her. Please know that my prayers are with you at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Jan Sapak##imported-end##

March 25 at 5:18 AM



Anonymous posted:

Billy,I was deeply sadden to hear of Stefanie's passing. We all adored her up at the Post. She was a super person, fun to be around. I will always remember the Labor Day Bike Run we all went on together. My thoughts and prayers are with you and her family.##imported-begin##Beth Plont - Ladies Aux - VFW Post 446##imported-end##

March 25 at 5:09 AM



Anonymous posted:

So sorry for you loss.##imported-begin##Jill Hartman##imported-end##

March 25 at 4:10 AM



Anonymous posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you, Linda and Cheryl. I will always remember Stefanie with a smile! She always made me laugh. We had so many super fun times! She was fun, and silly, and one of a kind!!!! May God comfort you during this time. Hugs~Jennifer Reiter Agard##imported-begin##Jennifer Reiter Agard##imported-end##

March 24 at 4:08 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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