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Mrs. Maria T. Howard, age 66, passed away Friday afternoon, June 5, 2009 at her home. She was born March 6, 1943 to Fred C. and Marie R. (Heimbegner) Gardner in Stuart, Nebraska, and moved to the Muskegon area in 1965. Maria worked as an LPN at Mercy Hospital for 35 years, belonged to the Viking Lodge, and was active in the Hackley Hospital Cancer Support Group. She was a member of Lakeside United Methodist Church. On January 21, 1966 she married Marvin E. Howard, and he survives her along with 2 daughters, Mikki (Todd Schuitema) Ketchum of Spring Lake, Michaun (Michael) Sweet of Muskegon; 8 grandchildren, Jeffrey, Michael, Brett, Christopher, Tanner, Michael, Jesse, and Paige; her step-father, Jim Downing of Fremont, NE; 2 sisters, Janie McDaniel, Mary Lynn (George) Mulder, both of NE; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, and 1 sister, Ramona Bubnis. A MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held at 1:00 PM Tuesday at Lakeside United Methodist Church, with Pastor David Selleck officiating. There will be no visitation. You may sign the family's on-line guest book at www.sytsemafh.com Contributions in memory of Mrs. Howard may be made to the Viking Scholarship Fund, or the Hackley Cancer Support Group. Arrangements by

The Walburn Chapel
Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc.
1547 W. Sherman Blvd.
(231) 759-8565



Events

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Service

 **Tuesday**, June 9, 2009

 1:00 PM ET

 **Nunica Cemetery**
Nunica MI





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Anonymous posted:

Marv and family, We just learned of Maria's passing and are so sorry for your loss. Maria was so genuine and kind. She had such a big heart and made everyone around her feel special. We will always remember her big smile, her compassion and her thoughtfulness. God bless and help you through this difficult time.##imported-begin##A.J. & Allison Wortelboer##imported-end##

June 10 at 1:18 PM



Anonymous posted:

Maria was such a compassionate person, always thinking of others. She recently told me how she had been praying for me about my sleepless nights. She couldnt stop talking about all the good things of you Marv, and her love for you. You were truly her strength,her light, her source. May you be comforted in your time of need.Lynn WrightFrom The Cancer Group##imported-begin##Lynn Wright##imported-end##

June 10 at 11:34 AM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Marv. We have so many wonderful memories of Maria, mostly her smile and laughter.##imported-begin##Todd & Sandy Rose ##imported-end##

June 9 at 1:05 PM



Anonymous posted:

Maria was the most special person we have ever had the priviledge of knowing. We will miss her terribly. She was always there for everyone and will always be in our prayers.##imported-begin##Bob & Marlene Fitzgerald##imported-end##

June 9 at 12:38 PM



Anonymous posted:

We Are so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Clifford & Loretta Dandron##imported-end##

June 9 at 7:51 AM



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Anonymous posted:

My sister, my sister.....I Love You!!I Miss You!!Marv, Mikki and Michaun - I'm so glad you were all there for her. I know Janie and Daddy feel the same.All my Love forever,Mary Lynn###imported-begin###Mary Lynn Mulder###imported-end##

June 8 at 1:10 PM



Anonymous posted:

Having worked with Maria for many years at Mercy, my memories of her are very fresh. She always ended our conversation with I Love You....I will miss you - oh...and I Love You! Joni###imported-begin###Joni Albert###imported-end##

June 8 at 7:23 AM



Anonymous posted:

Maria was an inspiration to all who have had to go through pain while helping others. Our prayers go out to Marv and the Howard family.###imported-begin###Ken @ Anne Doran###imported-end##

June 8 at 5:35 AM



Anonymous posted:

Please accept my condolences. Maria and I have known each other for over 40 yrs. I considered her a good friend. She was an amazing woman and a wonderful nurse. Her patients always loved her. She will be sadly missed. God bless all of you during this difficult time.###imported-begin###Lois VanDyke###imported-end##

June 8 at 4:55 AM



Anonymous posted:

My prayers and thought are with the family. I new Maria just a short time. Since the first time I had met her I knew that she was a special lady and had a heart of gold. We will miss her deeply but God has chosen someone so caring and loving she will be a special angel for him..... God bless to all the family. May your heart be filled with all special moments spent with Maria, and may God help you through all the hurt and emptiness.Sincerely Corki Sincerely###imported-begin###Corki Thorstein###imported-end##

June 8 at 4:52 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Maria was one of the most caring people I have ever met. I worked with her in the Vascular Lab at the hospital. She always put others before herself. I will never forget how she would always say, "I love Marv Howard". If anyone was in a crisis she always stepped in the help in any way she could. She truly was one of the most beautiful people I have had the pleasure of knowing.##imported-begin##Lorie & John Andersen##imported-end##

June 8 at 3:40 AM



Anonymous posted:

Aunt Maria was a very special woman and even though her light on this earth has faded with her passing it still glows through those who knew her. My wife Tammy had just started corresponding with her this past year and a half and though she never got to meet her in person she was also touched by Aunt Maria's warmth. Even though there is sadness and loss here, in our hearts, in Heaven with her sister there is rejoicing that they are together again with the grace of the Lord. Uncle Marv, Mikki and Michaun, you are in our thoughts and prayers as you deal with Aunt Maria's passing and we hope that you can find comfort in those who were blessed by knowing Aunt Maria and in each other.All our Love and PrayersEdward and Tammy Bubnis##imported-begin##Edward & Tammy Bubnis##imported-end##

June 8 at 3:14 AM



Anonymous posted:

I worked with Maria several years ago at Mercy Hospital. I remember her kind spirit and great way she had with patients. She always spoke and was sweet to talke too. She will be missed. My regards to the family.##imported-begin##Linda Doctor##imported-end##

June 7 at 9:23 PM



Anonymous posted:

Maria was truly an Angel on earth and has now gone home to finish her work in Heaven. I had the privilege to work with Maria 18 years in Vascular at Mercy. She left me a message when I lost my Granddaughter and it was so special and comforting that I saved that taped message. I will never forget her. My prayers are with Marv and her daughters. SHE WAS TRULY SPECIAL.##imported-begin##Mary Drust##imported-end##

June 7 at 6:47 PM



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Anonymous posted:

You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Bill and Judy Hart##imported-end##

June 7 at 6:38 PM



Anonymous posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with Marv, Mikki and Michaun. I will always remember the fun are families had. I will miss Marie, her laughter and her smile.##imported-begin##Michelle McClatchy##imported-end##

June 7 at 5:11 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dave's best of friends starting in 1967, so many fun times, so much to remember. Maria's "welcome aboard" as a co-worker, more fun as paths crossed again in a personal friendship in 1994. So glad the pain is gone for Maria, so sad Marv and family must go through this part. We will always remember Maria as a very caring, loving mother, wife, and friend who had the biggest heart. We will miss her a lot. Love Dave&Pam##imported-begin##Dave and Pam LeMieux##imported-end##

June 7 at 5:08 PM



Anonymous posted:

With our sincere sympathy to Marv and family, we have fond memories of trips from years ago.##imported-begin##Norman and Darlene Wood##imported-end##

June 7 at 4:02 PM



Anonymous posted:

I worked Marie in the old hospital and we became great friends when she lost her sister and I lost my husband. I remember the great times that we had together, I loved her like a sister, She was a wonder caring and compassionate nurse. I will never forget her.##imported-begin##Grace Lindenbaum##imported-end##

June 7 at 12:55 PM



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Anonymous posted:

We are deeply saddened by Maria passing. We will all miss her smile and laughter. She meant a lot to anyone who knew her.##imported-begin##Michael and Edith Howard##imported-end##

June 7 at 7:53 AM



Anonymous posted:

Maria will be greatly missed. She had a wonderful outlook on life even during the years she was ill. We loved her very much and will miss her. We have Marv and his family in our prayers.##imported-begin##Bob & Christine Grinnell##imported-end##

June 7 at 7:14 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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