



# LeAnn Farber

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**M**rs. LeAnn Farber, age 56, passed away Sunday afternoon, June 7, 2009. She was born December 27, 1952 in Muskegon to Gayl and Edna (Kimmel) Beals. She is survived by her husband Terry and two daughters, Elizabeth Anne Farber and Amanda Colleen (Chad) Norkus, in addition to her sister Nancy B. (Roger) Stenberg and her brother Gayl D. (JoAnne) Beals. She attended Wolf Lake Baptist Church where she was a lifelong member. At Wolf Lake Baptist she was a Sunday School Teacher, Awana Leader and past President of the Ladies Mission. LeAnn worked for Oakridge Schools as a paraprofessional. She assisted in teaching children to read and also worked with special needs children. She ended her eighteen year career with Oakridge as a Library Media Aide. A MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, June 13, 2009 at Wolf Lake Baptist Church (1070 S. Wolf Lake Rd.) with Rev. Burt C. Wachter officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to either Wolf Lake Baptist Church or LeAnn's family to help defray medical expenses. Share memories with the family at their On-line Guest Book at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com)

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## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Aunt lee i miss you so much, and i am looking forward to the day that i can see you again. i can wait to talk to you. love misty###imported-begin###Misty Dawn Farber Coffin###imported-end##

July 8 at 8:30 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

"Resting in the arms of Jesus!" How thankful I am to have known LeAnn throughout the many years we worked together at Carr. Her smile was a blessing to all of us. May you find comfort from the many prayers of family and friends.###imported-begin### Lillian Spyke###imported-end##

June 13 at 5:49 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Terry and girls,It was such a treasure to take care of LeAnn over the past years. I learned so much about courage, joy, strength, hope and laughter from her. I can hear her voice in my memory now. I was elated to be the one to hear about the sonogram results before Denise! Anything to be one up on Denise. We both loved LeAnn so. She will be greatly missed by her family, I know, but also by some oncology nurses that were extremely privileged to have entered her life during one of it's greatest challenges. Good- bye, Lee.###imported-begin###Jan Weiden###imported-end##

June 12 at 5:51 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I have so many wonderful memories of my cousin LeAnn. Uncle Gayl, Aunt Edna, Danny, Nancy, and LeAnn would come up and visit. I remember one Christmas time we were at a cousin's house in Fife Lake and there was a younger cousin of ours, and being older we didn't want to include this cousin in our so grown-up conversation so before everyword we said we would add the letter "z" to it. Then the letters back and forth. One time she wrote a letter and told me she struck a pearl mine. She glued white pearls (must have come from a broken necklace) all over the letter. So many good memories with my cousins. Love and Prayers to all of you. Terry, I understand your pain and loss and God is faithful, He will comfort you through this.###imported-begin###Carol Ann (Beals) Tyler###imported-end##

June 12 at 4:25 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Terry and family, You are in our prayers and thoughts. Aunt Donna and family.##imported-begin##Donna Daunt##imported-end##

June 12 at 3:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We all carry favorite pictures in our minds and our hearts of those who leave an impression on our lives. My favorite picture of Leann is that of a happy, radiant mother-of-the-bride in Mexico just one year ago. She looked lovely in her flowing skirt waving in the breeze and her pretty hat and a smile of love and happiness lighting her face. That is the face I will always remember. It was not without some struggle that she was able to be there in Mexico for the wedding of Amanda and Chad. Yet, one never heard her complain!...she was just so happy to be there and witness this marriage. To me, Leann is a study of quiet dignity, grace and love. I am happy to have known her and learned from her.##imported-begin##Carol Parker##imported-end##

June 12 at 5:56 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Terry & family: I was so sorry to hear from my Mom that LeAnn had passed recently. Although it has been a very long time since I've seen you & your family, please know that you've always been in my prayers & will continue to be in them. May God bless you & keep you in His care & rejoice that you will be with LeAnn again one day, in God's time!! Love in Christ, Beverly (Eldred) & Jeffery Wright##imported-begin##Beverly (Eldred) & Jeffery Wright##imported-end##

June 11 at 5:56 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Terry so sorry to here about your wife.I will be thinking about you in my prayer. love jean##imported-begin##Jean Oudsema##imported-end##

June 11 at 5:24 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

We will never forget her beautiful smile and her gentleness towards all the children she has taught and brought to Jesus. She was such an inspiration to us in her faithfulness in serving our Lord and Savior. She is now enjoying the streets of gold and will greet us when we get home. Tears of going miss her but happiness knowing she is with our Creator##imported-begin##Alger & Sandy Anderson##imported-end##

June 11 at 2:56 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

To Terry, the girls and Dan and Nancy and family: Our prayers are with all of you. Take comfort in the fact that Lee is in the arms of Jesus. Open your hearts to the care and love of all who knew her. Stay close to each other, and allow God to give you strength for each day. Love Vonnie and Carolann##imported-begin##Vonnie Raugh & Carolann (Eldred) Anderson##imported-end##

June 11 at 10:56 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Terry and Family, My heart goes out to all of you. LeAnn is a wonderful person and friend. I say 'is' because she is very much alive, in Heaven and someday we can see her again if we only just believe in Jesus Christ and what He did for all of us. LeAnn encouraged me when I felt like all was lost, she made me laugh and gave me job to do, sharing her devotion time at AWANA. I will never forget that. LeAnn always put everyone else first and we are blessed for it. Terry, what can I say...you are in our prayers and we are here for you. Love, Jeff and Sue##imported-begin##Jeff and Sue##imported-end##

June 11 at 8:50 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Terry, I'm so sorry to hear of your wife's passing. My greatest sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Linda##imported-begin##Linda Reterstoff (sprague)##imported-end##

June 11 at 8:31 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

LeAnn was my sister and my best friend. LeAnn and I grew up together; I was six years older so I always felt I needed to take care of her. We played together as children and grew to love each other as adults. I recall how upset she was when I shut the door on her special (imaginary) friend. As we got a little older, I became her Four-H leader. We appeared on television, she did a presentation after I introduced her. Ultimately we became even closer as adults and we would kid about who was in charge. We did everything together. We lived across the street from each other, and while we had separate friends it was with each other that we shared our deepest thoughts and hopes. We went shopping, took skiing vacations and we just hung out together. We also taught Child Evangelism and Wings together. We even watched television together from our respective houses, calling each other during commercials to discuss the programs that we were watching. LeAnn delighted in the humor of life, often finding life's little foibles funny where others might be frustrated. I always admired her sense of humor, her integrity, her presence of mind and her serenity. LeAnn enjoyed spending time with her friends and sharing her life with them. She never hesitated to offer her friendship to anyone and her friendship was of the highest order. LeAnn taught me the meaning of friendship. Whatever she attempted, there was no doubt she would be good at it in a very short time. LeAnn was the most compassionate and forgiving person I've known. She cared deeply for the people in her life and it was always apparent in her actions. If you had a problem, she was eager to listen to your troubles and help you in any way she could. If you were sad she would cheer you when it seemed impossible. She brought joy and happiness to all of our lives. If ever you felt misplaced in the world she opened her heart to you and made you feel loved. LeAnn was a model of compassion and caring. She adopted two wonderful little girls and nurtured them to become the strong and caring women they are today. As LeAnn's illness progressed it was amazing to see her spirit remain strong, she never complained, and she never lost hope. I think she remained strong because she knew how much her family and I would miss her. I will miss my sister more than I can say. We all will. She was a bright light in the darkness. As long as we remember her, as long as she lives in our hearts she will live on as a vibrant part of our lives. I love you LeAnn. The following is a poem that I found on the internet that helps express my feelings: My life ended the day you died, I just wanted you to know. Unheard grief echoes in my soul, How can I move on, when I cannot let go. A new life began for me, Without your laughter and your smile. Precious memories, I build my new life with, Precious memories, that's how I survive. The time will come when we will be together, You are not forgotten, you are in my heart. But until then my grief lives on, Until we are together again, never to part. ##imported-begin## Nancy Stenberg ##imported-end##

June 9 at 5:28 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

well were do i start with my beautiful Aunt Lee. She has done so much for me and gave me a lot of beautiful memories. when i was younger i remember she used to sing me a song. it said Misty Dawn whats that flower you got on could it be a faded rose from days gone by.... i cant really remember the rest of it but i do remember that. She taught me my ABC's and i remember when i need to learn how to count in first grade she told me that if i counted one hundred pennies i could have them and at that age when i finally did it i thought i was rich. she taught me how to read and in second grade she helped me write my first book for school. I remember that in second grade she helped me study for my spelling test and every time i got a good grade she would give me a sticker and then after so many she bought me a book. any book i wanted. i was so excited when i finally got my new book. i remember when she helped me make a stamp book for school and that was really fun to do with her. when i was in first grade and i got hurt at school, she went to the hospital with me and stayed with me while i got staples in my head. then she took me to get a slushy because i did so good. she put medicine on my head and woke me up at the times the doctor said to make sure that i was doing okay. Then she took me to get them out and got the doctor to let me keep them so i could take them to school for show and tell. I remember that the first doll i got was when aunt lee and uncle terry took me to a yard sale. i loved that doll. i remember the first book that i read by myself was the babysitters club. i read it right in there living room and finishing that book made me feel so good about myself, so i had to tell Aunt lee. But i got in a little trouble because i was supposed to be sleeping for school. i remember in 4th grade she helped me make my costume for Indian day at school. then when it ripped while i was at school she fixed it for me. i remember all the advice she gave to me. which helps me a lot today. Then when i got into high school she helped me a lot, especially when she told me that she would help me fill out my college applications and scholarship stuff. That meant a lot to me. to have someone who was willing to help me when i had no idea what i was doing. My Aunt Lee always had the right answer to my problems and was always able to help me. Aunt Lee and Uncle terry helped mold me into the person i am today. without the two of them who knows where i would be right now. The biggest thing that i loved about my Aunt Lee was that she never put me down and she was still there for me even through the things that i did wrong. though she did make sure that i learned from my mistakes as to not repeat them again. my Aunt Lee has always been there for me and i am going to miss that. I am going to miss her laugh, her face, her nice hair, advice and most of all i am going to miss spending time with her. just talking. she always listened to me. that was nice. i am going to miss her smile and seeing her laying in bed reading her book. i remember when i was a kid she did that a lot. i am going to miss her comforting nature and her hugs. oh i love her hugs. i am going to miss visiting with her after football games and telling her all about them and the score. i am going to miss our trips to captain sundaes in Holland just to get a turtle. that was so fun. i will never forget the things that she has done for me and the happiness and the memories that has gave me. i will never forget the most beautiful, nice, and godly women. you will always be with me no matter how far you are away from me. i will never forget you. i will miss you terribly. Love your Niece Misty Dawn Farber Coffin###imported-begin##Misty Dawn Farber Coffin###imported-end##

June 9 at 5:28 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Farber Family:I am so very sorry for what you are going through. Our thoughts and prayers have been with you and will be now and forever. Leann was wonderful to Maranda and very sweet to me. We will never forget her. May god be with you all. And remember that Leann has not gone away from you, she will always be in your heart. And you will be with her again. May God bless you and keep you.Love, Kathy & Maranda###imported-begin###Kathy Anderson & Maranda###imported-end###

June 10 at 6:16 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Terry, we just recieved the news about Leanne. We are so sorry and our heart and prayers are with you.###imported-begin###Richard & Doris Anspach###imported-end###

June 10 at 5:36 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Terry,I just read about your wife's death. I am so sorry to hear that. My thoughts and prayers are with you and also your girls. Carla (Camp) Clark###imported-begin###Carla###imported-end###

June 10 at 4:02 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I worked with Leanns husband, Terry at Cloverville Orchard Market for close to 4 years. I just want him and the rest of the Farber family to know I am praying for them and that the days will get better. I know I lost my dad in 1996 from lung cancer and I never thought it would get better but it does. I never met Leann but she must have been a great person for all that she did and for being married to a great guy like Terry. Again I am so sorry for your loss to Terry and the Farber family. I will pray for you. God bless.###imported-begin###Patrick Waldron###imported-end###

June 10 at 3:48 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Peace be with you and your family in this time of sorrow.###imported-begin###Sally LaVasseur-Artyros Pizza###imported-end###

June 10 at 1:46 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

To the Farber family: LeAnn was a wonderful, talented lady. Her contributions to Oakridge and its students are invaluable. May God comfort and sustain you. Know that prayers are lifted up for you. Margaret Kozal##imported-begin##Margaret Kozal##imported-end##

June 10 at 12:22 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Terry & girls, Nancy & Roger, Dan & JoAnne, Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We are so sorry for your loss. LeAnn was so much fun to grow up with and our family will be forever blessed to have known her. The family of Al and Jeanne Carey##imported-begin##Deni Carey Kietzman##imported-end##

June 10 at 11:51 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Terry and Girls, So sorry for your loss. I will keep all of you in my prayers. May God grant you a peace to help you through this difficult time.##imported-begin##Cheryl Harvey##imported-end##

June 10 at 10:51 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Terry, Nancy, Gayl and families, Heaven's choir must be sounding much sweeter with the addition of the newest angel. You are in my prayers. Jackie##imported-begin##Joan J. Raap##imported-end##

June 10 at 8:36 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Uncle Terry and cousins, I am so sorry for the passing of Aunt Leann. Aunt Leann was a wonderful person and my thoughts and prayers go out to you all in your time of need. Love, Lee, Kristina, Lee jr, and Karson##imported-begin##lee, kristina and family (farber)##imported-end##

June 10 at 8:04 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

My earliest memories of Leann began when she got hepatitis and her parents sought someone to give her some company during the weeks she needed to sit quietly and rest. I had completed 6th or 7th grade at the time. My memories go on to include traveling with her and her family two summers in a row - all the way to California but with side trips the first summer, and to the Rockies. In adulthood, my memories stem from visits to Wolf Lake Baptist through the years of teaching in Grand Rapids and then serving as a missionary. I remember Leann's positive outlook. My heart goes out especially to Terry. Until you join one another in heaven, there's a big hole in your life and heart. But my heart goes out as well to your two daughters and to Nancy and Dan and their families. You're having to face the loss, in this life, of both your mom and Leann.##imported-begin##Marilyn Scraver##imported-end##

June 10 at 5:55 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Terry, Libby, Amanda and family-Le was a very wonderful friend who touched so many people's lives. She will be greatly missed. Your family will continue to be in our prayers.With much love-Darlene and Mike##imported-begin##Darlene and Mike Chadwick##imported-end##

June 9 at 5:28 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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