



# Cara Sue Valk-Sill

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## **Cara Sue Valk-Sill**

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**C**ara Sue Valk-Sill, age 50, passed away on Saturday, October 8, 2016. Cara was born on May 24, 1966 to David and Laura Valk (Wilkins). Cara was an educated woman. She graduated from Mona Shores High School in 1984. After high school she received her B.A. in Liberal Arts from Western Michigan University, and was a published author. Cara began her career at Johnson Controls and worked there for over 20 years. She was currently working for Ingersoll-Rand as the Regional Environmental, Health, Safety Manager in Texas. In 2010 she married Thomas Sill. Together they traveled and lived life to its fullest. She also enjoyed cooking, golfing, reading and learning. She was a caring, adventurous, smart, magical woman who would do anything for her friends, family and others in need. She will be deeply missed. She is survived by her husband, Tom; parents, David and Laura Valk; brothers, Jeff (Sandy) and Thomas (Kimberly) Valk; sisters-in-law, Melanie Franke and Tracy (AJ) Haselton; nieces and nephews, Kaitlyn, Kyle, Merisa, Meriah, Shelby, Jon, Dawn, Brooke, Wendy, Kendra; parents-in-law Robert (June) McCarry; and her furry family, Jack and Claire. A FUNERAL SERVICE will take place on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 11:00 AM at The Lee Chapel, 6291 S. Harvey St. 231-798-1100. Cara's family will greet guests for a time of VISITATION on Friday from 5-8pm at the funeral home. A donation to the West Michigan Women in Transition program can be made in Cara's name.



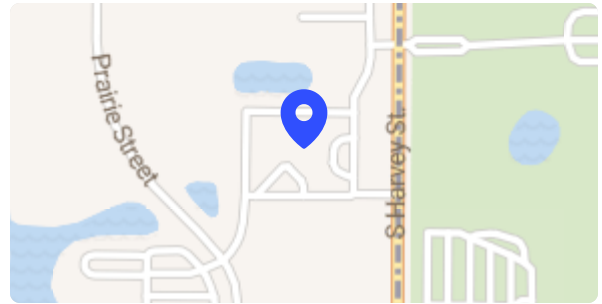
## Visitation

 **Friday**, October 14, 2016

 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET


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

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



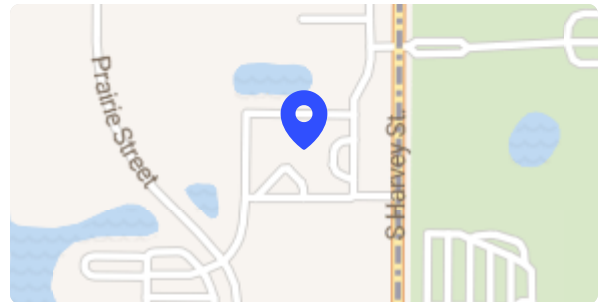
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## Tribute Wall

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Jl

**Jan Irvin** posted:

Cara I was so saddened to hear you have left us already! Although I only saw you a few times a year, I always so looked forward to it! I loved you like crazy! You were so caring and bubbly and always encouraging! I will miss you my sweet friend! You are one I will hunt for when I get to where you are! Thank you for the positive impact you had on so many! Until we meet again!

October 19 at 5:18 AM

CS

**C. Squires** posted:

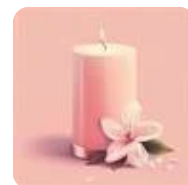
I was deeply sorrowed to hear that such a wonderful woman is gone too soon. I worked with Cara many years ago and never forgot her kindness and laughter. In a career, there are people who you never forget; people who made a difference for the better of this world. Her kindness, laughter, professionalism, integrity, ethics and friendship to all ..... Cara was intelligent and had the total package. She was, and will remain, a tremendous example for ALL business women (and men) to follow. My thoughts and prayers are with Tom and family .... and all who knew her.

October 17 at 11:02 AM

LH

**Lee Hoeksema** lit a candle in honor of Cara.

To our dear friend Cara, Natalia and I have been blessed to have shared some great times and made many great memories with you over these past few years. So glad to have had a little time at the campfire with you just a couple of weeks ago. Thank you for being the person you were, your spirit was awesome. You will be so missed. We love you. PS. We will do our best to keep an eye on Tom for you.....Lee and Natalia



October 15 at 4:15 AM

YH

**Your Husband** posted:

Well Baby, this is it today. I'll be right by your side today as long as I can. Then I'll see you soon for our next adventure together. I love you!!!

October 15 at 4:05 AM



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**Anne Kelenske** posted:

Cara Sue, such a sweetheart gone too soon. Her smile always made the day when you needed it in High School. Tom our thoughts and prayers go out to you and the family. HUGS!! Anne & Michelle Kelenske

October 14 at 1:10 PM



**Penny Van Dyke** posted:

Cara, we have been friends for many years now, and we spent many hours together laughing and talking. I will be forever grateful for your friendship and will miss never having the chance to talk to you again in this life. I'm so sorry I never got the chance to say goodbye. Heaven is a little brighter now, and I look forward to the day I can see your smiling face again my friend. Rest in Peace. Love you always, Penny

October 14 at 10:52 AM



**Sandra Wilkins And Family** sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Valk-Sill family.



October 14 at 8:26 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Valk-Sill family.



October 14 at 7:38 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Valk-Sill family.



October 13 at 4:42 PM



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BF

**Brooke Frye** posted:

My heart broke when I got the phone call about your passing. You were an amazing woman with a big heart. Thank you for loving my only uncle for 10 years and making him the happiest I have ever seen him. Also thank you for my little bags of goodies when you visit.. including box tops for my kids and everything else on my list of things to not throw away. :) Heaven gained a true angel and we will meet again someday. Ps....if you see Shelby, could you please hug him, rub his belly, and tell him his mommy loves him. :) Prayers to your family and everyone hurting during this time of loss.

October 13 at 12:10 PM

PF

**Pete Wilkins & Leanne Kurutz Families** sent a Heartfelt Memories to the Valk-Sill family.

October 13 at 10:57 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Valk-Sill family.

October 13 at 9:34 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Valk-Sill family.

October 13 at 8:02 AM



ST

**Sincerely, Residential Hvac Supply Ehs Team** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Valk-Sill family.

October 13 at 7:49 AM





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**Anonymous** sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the Valk-Sill family.

October 13 at 7:28 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Valk-Sill family.

October 13 at 6:32 AM



**Occupational Medicine Center** lit a candle in honor of Cara.

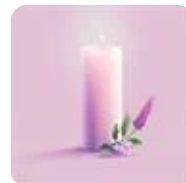
October 13 at 6:26 AM



**Wayne Walters** lit a candle in honor of Cara.

Cara, your dynamic personality all of which was witty, loud, exciting and full of life will be missed dearly. You were a great friend, mentor and leader to many. Great loss to our team and family here in Tyler on both a professional and personal level.

October 13 at 5:51 AM



**Shangela Glenn** posted:

Cara, you will be truly missed. You were really a great manager to us and such a vibrant inspiration to all. The Safety & Health team will miss you dearly. Please save a place for us in Heaven!

October 13 at 5:38 AM



**Dean And Jacki Johnson** posted:

Dave, Laura, Thomas, Kym, Merisa, Meriah, Shelby, We love you and will be praying for you all during this time! Hold tight to all your memories with Cara Sue, those are yours to cherish for always!! Dean, Jacki, Phil and Molly

October 13 at 5:17 AM



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**From All The Family In Traverse City** sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Valk-Sill family.



October 13 at 5:10 AM



**Thomas Valk** posted:  
My sister will be missed dearly

October 13 at 4:14 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Heartfelt Memories to the Valk-Sill family.



October 12 at 7:01 PM



**Julia Abate** shared an album called **New Album Name**.



October 12 at 12:48 PM

**JA Julia Abate** October 12 at 5:30 PM  
Cara - I already miss you, my friend. You are an amazing woman! I want to hear about all the new adventures you've taken when we meet again. In the meantime, stop teasing the other angels up there, even if it's easy to them blush! Love always, Julia



**Matt Davis** posted:  
Tom: We have been thinking and praying for you. Cara was a wonderful person. We remember her riding with you when you were still dating trying to find us a house. So full of life and how you made each other smile was remarkable. She is in a great place and we will all see her again down the road. God bless and we will see you soon. Matt & Michele Davis

October 12 at 4:08 PM



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AH

**Andrew & Tracy Haselton** posted:

Love you more than I could ever say. So many great memories. You will always be in our hearts. Til we see you again.

October 12 at 3:04 PM

KJ

**Kim Collins Johnson** posted:

To Cara's husband Tom, Her parents, family and friends, I was so shocked to hear of Cara's passing. She was a wonderful, caring person who welcomed me when I moved to Mona Shores school district in the middle of ninth grade. That was a very difficult time for me. Cara & I were often in classes together, but lost track of each other until recently. I am so happy to hear that she met a great guy and was able to travel & enjoy life. I am sure that there are many people whose lives she impacted through her studies, work, and in life in general. I would like you to know that I will be praying for all of you and know that Cara has made heaven a bit nicer because of her lovely spirit! May God Bless you all and comfort you at this difficult time.

October 12 at 2:54 PM

RW

**Roberta Wernick** posted:

I didn't get to know you very much, but am happy that I got to meet you when I was down visiting my son Marty. I'm glad you were a good friend and wife for Tom. Roberta Wernick

October 12 at 1:39 PM

TS

**Tom Sill** posted:

Honey bun, Thank you for a truly adventurous 10 year journey!!! It was the best rock show I've ever been to!!! My love for you will never leave me and we will be together again to begin the other journey we talked about!!! I miss you dearly until then! Your loving husband

October 12 at 1:30 PM

BF

**Beverly Flees** October 12 at 3:13 PM

I only met Cara a few times at nieces weddings and her inlaws 50th wedding anniversary party but each time Cara was a sweet lady with a lovely smile! I am so sorry for everyone's loss. Love to all.



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**Faye Rickabaugh** posted:

Dear Laura, Dave and family, Our hearts are heavy hearing about the death of your beautiful daughter and sister. All of you are in our prayers. May you be lifted up knowing that she is at rest in our Savior's loving arms. Blessings, Faye and Rick

October 12 at 12:48 PM



Julia Abate shared 4 photos to the **New Album Name** album.

October 12 at 5:03 PM



Cara's 40th birthday



Beautiful!

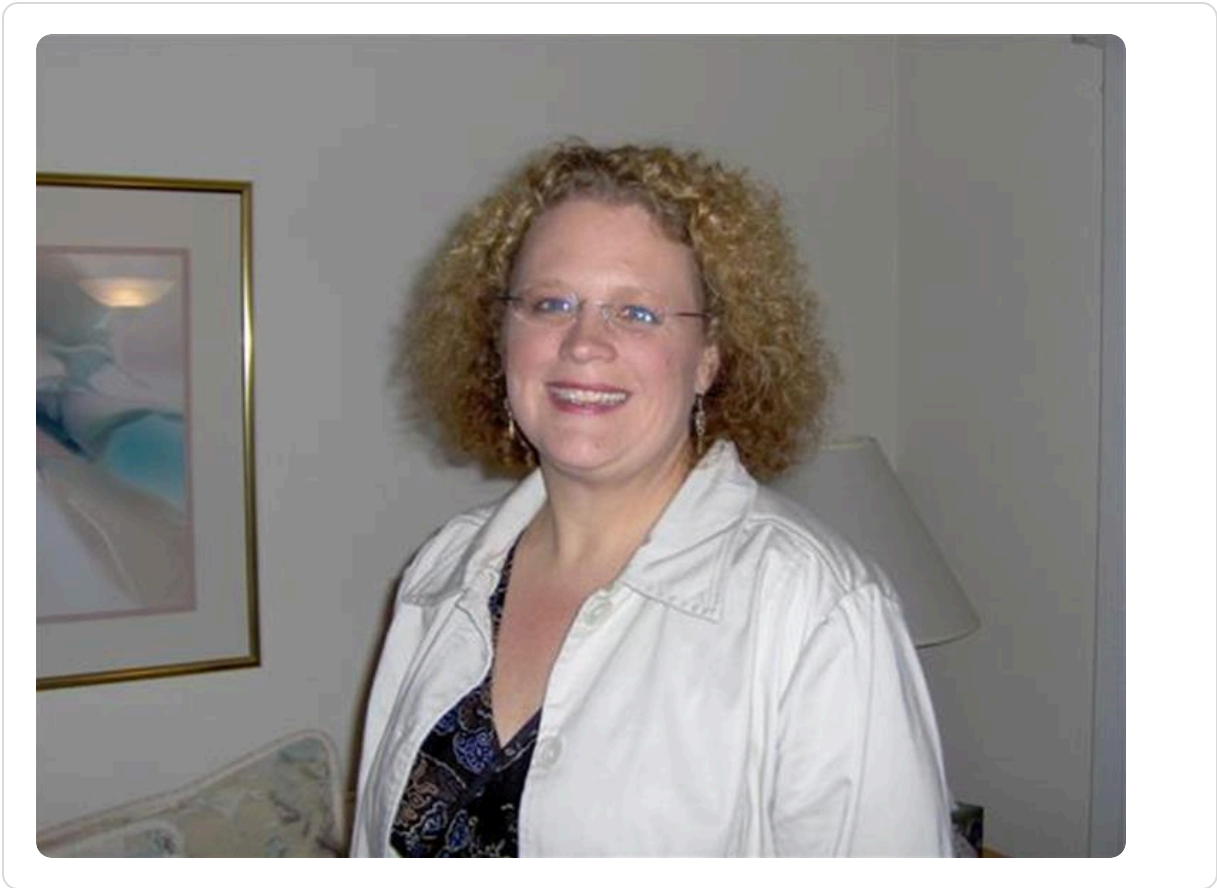


Tom Sill October 12 at 5:09 PM  
SWEET!!!



**Media**

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# Memories only last if you share them

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



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