



Mrs. Michelle "Shelley" Marie German

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Mrs. Michelle "Shelley" M. (Adamczak) German, age 46, passed away Tuesday, April 24, 2012 and received God's greatest miracle – eternal life and heavenly peace. Shelley was born August 24, 1965 in Muskegon to Michael and Audrey (Kotecki) Adamczak and lived her entire life in Muskegon. On February 2, 1985, she married Duane K. German, her best friend and love of her life. On February 21, 1986, she gave birth to her son, Nate – the love and pride of her life who she would tell everyone about along with her dog, "Cuddles". Shelley loved God, life and her family. She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Grand Haven. With her faith and love of God, Shelley conquered her illness many times over the years. Even though her illness left her blind and paralyzed, she enjoyed life by talking on the phone, going to movies, listening to country music and concerts, traveling, camping, and even riding a tandem bicycle. If Shelley wanted to do something, we found a way. She was a loving and caring person who loved raising and guiding her son, Nate. She especially enjoyed being with family and her husband, Duane. Shelley was an inspiration to family, friends, and strangers who watched her overcome her life's daily struggles. She could find happiness in life's simple things and on her face she always had a beautiful smile. SURVIVORS include her husband, Duane German; her son, Nate German; her mother, Audrey Adamczak; her brother, Tom (Brenda) Adamczak; her sister, Kathy (Todd) Giant; her nieces and nephews, Shane, Alexa, Breanne, and Kelsey; and the family of Bob and Betty German. She was preceded in death by an infant son at birth; and her father, Mike Adamczak. MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL will be 1:00 PM Friday, April 27, 2012 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. William A. Langlois as celebrant. VISITATION will be held 5-8 PM Thursday at The Walburn Chapel, 1547 W. Sherman Blvd., (231) 759-8565, where the Rosary will be prayed at 5:30 PM. Visitation will also be held one hour prior to the Mass, 12-1 PM Friday at the church. MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS



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may be directed to the Rev. Fr. William A. Langlois Education Endowment Fund at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Sign the guest book on-line at www.sytsemafh.com



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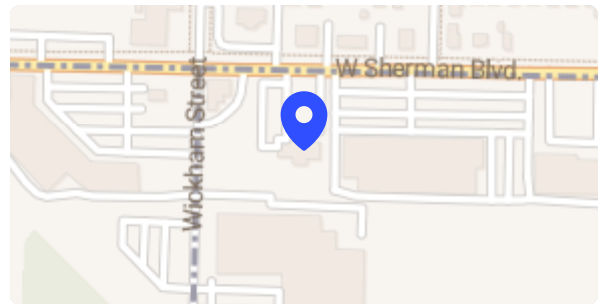
Visitation

Thursday, April 26, 2012

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Walburn Chapel

1547 W. Sherman Blvd., Muskegon MI 49441



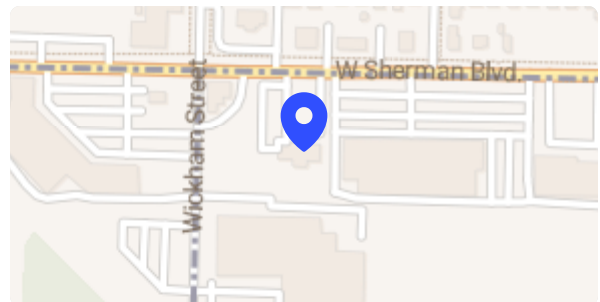
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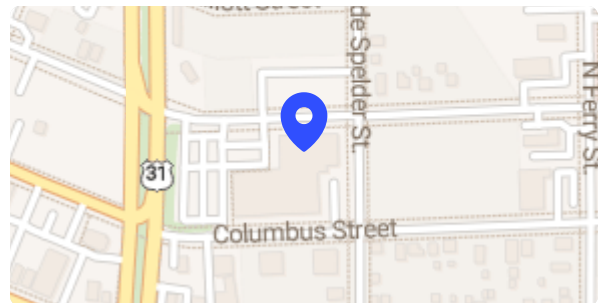
Visitation

Friday, April 27, 2012

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET

St. Patrick Church of St. Patrick - St. Anthony Parish

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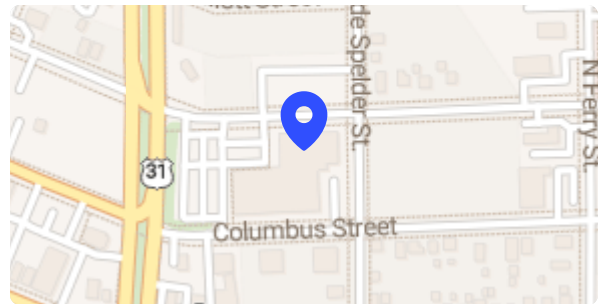
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LB

Lynn Brown posted:

Words cannot express my sadness upon hearing of Shelley's passing. I lived next door to the Adamczak family for a number of years from the late 70's through most of the 80's. So many great memories spending time with Shelley, Kathy and Tom! And yes, Shelley's spirit was so inspirational. What a blessing! Duane, Nathan, Audrey, Kathy, Tom and all the family - my thoughts and prayers are with you. Lynn Brown

May 21 at 5:23 PM

PJ

Patrick Jordan posted:

I was very sorry to hear of Michelle's passing. Growing up attending Parkside Alliance Church across the street from the Adamczaks, I got to know Shelly and Kathy and Tom. It's been 25 or 30 years, and I really had no idea of what Michelle's life has been like. I remember a spunky, glowing teenage girl. Reading of her life... I really don't have the words to describe my thoughts, except a little shame because of the minor, piddly things that I let get me down during the course of life. Michelle was amazing, and now she is in Jesus' presence. "To live is Christ, and to die is gain." Michelle's family is in my prayers.

April 29 at 7:59 PM

KM

Kathleen Maffet posted:

I also have fond memories of Shelly babysitting for Nicole. We always enjoyed her visits and she took such wonderful care of our Nicole. I have not kept in touch however, she will always be remembered fondly. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Ray and Kathy Maffet

April 29 at 4:37 PM

RD

Ryan Dhuse posted:

I have fond memories of Shelly regularly babysitting for me while I was growing up. Duane and Nate, I'm very sorry for your loss.

April 29 at 8:10 AM



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DB

David Brown posted:

Sadly, I had not seen Michelle for a very long time. I will always have such wonderful memories of living next door to Michelle and the rest of the Adamczak family! I will always remember Michelle's incredible smile and positive attitude. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family at this difficult time. David Brown

April 28 at 7:26 AM

PF

Paul And Becky German And Family lit a candle in honor of Michelle.

We are so sad to hear this news. Both Becky and I loved Shelley and were greatly blessed to know her. The love, commitment, and faithfulness of Duane and Shelley together all these years is a beautiful example of the love that God has for us, selfless, giving and always for the good of the recipient. Since we've been out of the country for most of the last 13 years we weren't blessed to see Shelley and Duane often, but each time we were back in the US they came to join the German family at Fricano's Pizza to see us and each time we were encouraged again by Shelley's sweet heart and cheerful smile. We will miss her greatly. We wish we could be there now for the whole family, but we know that God will comfort your hearts in the days to come.



April 27 at 4:11 PM

DW

Dawn Wilson posted:

When Nate and I first started dating he was nervous for me to meet his Mom.... What he never realized is I fell in love with his family so fast and it made me appreciate the kind of person Nate was and fall for him even faster. When I first met Shelley I already knew she would be someone that I would get very close to very fast... and that is exactly what happened. I got to spend a lot of time with Shelly and I cherish that time now more than ever. After I knew her a month Shelley was giving me a hug goodbye one day and kissed me on my cheek and told me she loved me. This hit very close to home because my parents and I had never just come out and said how we felt like that to each other, its something we always knew but never reminded each other of. When she said it I could tell she really meant it and that meant so much to me. Shelley then continued to show her love for me by becoming a Mother to me..... Shelley is most definitely the strongest and happiest person I will ever meet in my life and I look up to her in so many ways. My heart aches for Duane and Nate and the rest of the family. But Im sure shes watching over us right now and dancing with the Angels..... to country music of course :O) I love you Shelley.. You have made a huge impact on my life and I will never forget you. Love, Dawn Wilson & Bently

April 26 at 3:27 PM



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JR

Josh Rohrbach posted:

Nate, Just wanted to let you know we were thinking of you during this difficult time Josh and Katie Rohrbach

April 26 at 10:07 AM

RH

Rita H. sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the German family.



April 25 at 7:27 PM

KW

Kim Winegar posted:

I hadn't seen Shelley in many years....but always valued the friendship we had shared in our youth. I thought about her often! The picture posted here on her obituary is exactly how I remember her....a big beautiful smile on her face! And even though I never had the opportunity to meet Duane or their son Nathan, I know she was very blessed to have the both of them in her life! Together they were an incredible representation of what love and family are all about! Gone....but definitely not forgotten! With thoughts and prayers, Kim Winegar (Mollema)

April 25 at 3:32 PM

DD

Denise Dhuse posted:

I remember fondly the experiences with Shelley throughout the years. First as a wonderful, loving babysitter for Ryan. Every mother should be so lucky to leave her child with someone who was as caring as Shelley, she always made my children feel special. Once Shelley turned 16 she was hired to come and work with me. She was always a cheerful, hardworking employee and friend. Through the years the friendship grew. Shelley was taken from us too soon, and it feels a little unfair that such a smart and talented young woman's life was filled with struggles. Shelley was a wonderful example, she taught us to be stronger. If she could deal with what life dealt her and keep smiling, we could overcome our troubles that looked small compared to hers. Please remember, you have friends and family to support you during this difficult time and accept my sincerest condolences; Shelley will be missed. Denise Dhuse

April 25 at 6:38 AM



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Maureen Buckingham lit a candle in honor of Michelle.

I will always picture Shelly with that beautiful smile and wonderful spirit that saw her through many trials in her life. I will picture her as the brightest star shining down on Duane and Nathan, Audrey and all of her family and Duane's family. I think all who knew Shelly learned a lesson in faith, hope and love of God and family, I know I did. May the Lord wrap their families and friends in His loving arms and give them peace. Maureen Buckingham and family.



April 25 at 5:24 AM



Brenda Martin April 25 at 5:25 PM

Dear Duane, Nathan and all of Shelley's Family, We pray that you find strength, peace and comfort in the warm and loving memories of Shelley that will always live in your hearts. May you know the comfort and peace that comes from above. With heartfelt sympathy, Love, Brenda and Dale Martin



Memories only last if you share them

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



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