



Rochelle "Shelley" Taylor

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Mrs. Rochelle "Shelley" Taylor, age 73, of Spring Lake passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Friday, February 2, 2018. She was born August 17, 1944 in Holland to Justin and Twila (Dagen) Smeenge. She grew up in Holland and attended Cedar Lake Academy where she enjoyed playing basketball, participating in track and singing in the choir. On August 25, 1962 she married Kenneth Taylor Jr. and they were blessed with 55 wonderful years together.

Family was always first in Shelley's heart. Her early married years were spent as a homemaker, raising their four children. When her children were older she began her career in the photography business, first working for Courney Tourcotte and later for Paris Studios. In addition to beginning her career, she began volunteering for the Miss Michigan Organization, which spanned over 30 years in various roles. In July 1996, she went into a business partnership with Alan Carson and together they created CT Gallery. Through volunteering for the Miss Michigan Organization, she found her true passion and spent the last 12 years as the Executive Director. She touched many lives throughout the state of Michigan and nationwide. She will be remembered for her sense of humor and the lessons she taught about the importance of family and to always lead with your heart. Shelley was a member of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband, Ken Jr.; four children: Jamie (Tom) Smith, Jill McPherson, Ken (Kim) Taylor III, and Tim (Cindy) Taylor; fourteen grandchildren: Lindsay, Kyle (Allison), Lauren, Kylea, Morgan, Meredith, Taylor, Justin, Emma, Nathan, Andrew, Nicholas and Samantha; sister, Annette (Jim) Evans; sister-in-law, Dee Smeenge; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Justin and Twila; her in-laws, Ken; and Jesse Taylor Sr., brothers, Jerry and Sam Smeenge; sister-in-law, Sandy Smeenge and nephew, Brad Smeenge.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 AM Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church with Rev. Father Charles D. Hall officiating. Visitation will be 4-7 PM Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at The Lee Chapel, 6291 S. Harvey St. and one hour prior to the service at church. Interment will take place in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Memorial contributions in



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memory of Shelley's love of her Miss Michigan Family may be given to: Miss Michigan Scholarship Fund at the Community Foundation for Muskegon County. Please sign the family's online guestbook at www.sytsemafz.com.




Events

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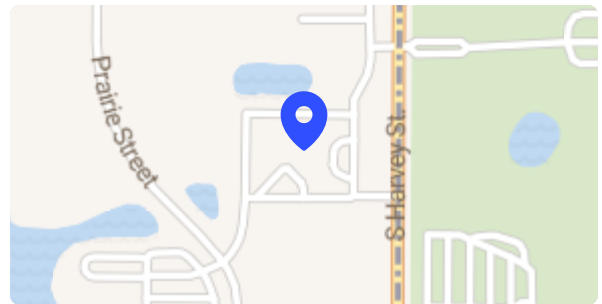
Visitation

 **Tuesday**, February 6, 2018

 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

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

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



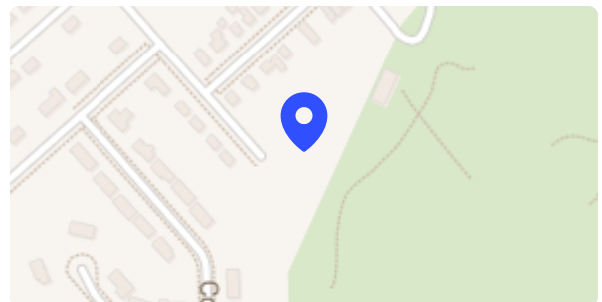
Mass of Christian Burial

 **Wednesday**, February 7, 2018


 11:00 AM ET

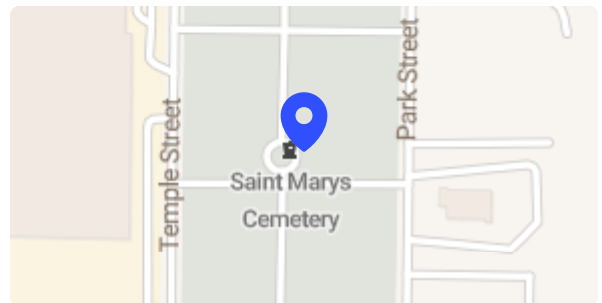
 **St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church - Main Church**

2929 McCracken, Norton Shores MI 49441



Cemetery Details

 **St. Mary's Cemetery**
1915 Park St., Muskegon MI 49441





Tribute Wall

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ST

Steve sent a virtual gift in honor of Rochelle.

February 10 at 10:02 AM



ST

Steve lit a candle in honor of Rochelle.

This is my favorite picture of my friend. Shelly is a great lady! Her and I became friends back in the early nineties and over the years have shared many a conversation about Miss Michigan winners especially in the last three years. I always told her that I looked forward to meeting her one day as a chaperone to Miss Michigan's Straits Area Visit of which I am the proud sponsor of thanks to my good friend Shelly Taylor. I will miss our talks short or long. She's not gone but only changed locations. She was the best thing that ever happened to the pageant and left some very big shoes to fill. There's not enough good that could be said about Shelly, and I am honored to have know her in this life time.

February 10 at 10:01 AM



BP

Beverly Pennington posted:

Thoughts and memories of all the fun, happy time with Shelley. A wonderful friend she was and an Angel she is. God Bless ❤️❤️❤️

February 7 at 11:39 AM

MC

Marie Chabotte posted:

So sorry for your loss. Shelley was a beautiful person inside and out! She will be missed. Marie

February 7 at 7:36 AM

JD

Jaeleen Davis lit a candle in honor of Rochelle.

Sending my thoughts and prayers to the Taylor family at this time. Loss is tremendously difficult to fathom, but I do hope you find comfort that Shelley will always be shining down, flying around, and watching over you. So much love -
Jaeleen Davis

February 6 at 2:37 PM





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Kathy Agard posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

February 6 at 1:07 PM



Sharon (Bartender At Pu) posted:

I haven't seen Shelley at the Polish Union in awhile and now I know why. I am so sorry for your loss. She was a hoot and fearless!! I'm grateful that our paths crossed and that I got to know her. She will be sorely missed. Prayers to her family and friends. May God bless you during your time of need.

February 6 at 11:34 AM



Chris Barnhill lit a candle in honor of Rochelle.

Holding the Taylor Family in our thoughts and prayers as we celebrate Shelley. The Barnhill Family Kevin Chris and Kristin & Boys Charles

February 6 at 9:05 AM



Karrie Kiel posted:

I have know Shelly for a very long time. I first knew her as Mrs Taylor she was a neighbor to one of my best friends. It wasn't long and she become Shelly, all I can say is she was truly a wonderful person. She was a good wife, mother, grandmother and a good friend. Her family meant the world to her and so did her friends. She never held anything back and she was the first to fight for something she believed in. Ken and kids it is not easy to loose your loved one. But we all know that Shelly did have her faith and we all need to know that she is with her family in Heaven rejoicing. We wouldn't want her to suffer any longer her on earth and go through any more pain then she already encountered. We were truly blessed to have her in our lives. Rejoice and enjoy life. Just remember she is always watching over you. My deepest sympathy to you Taylor Family. Karrie Lee Kiel

February 6 at 8:19 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Taylor family.

February 6 at 8:16 AM





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Her Family At The Holiday Inn And Shoreline Inn sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Taylor family.

February 6 at 8:05 AM



Dow Janet lit a candle in honor of Rochelle.

Thinking of Shelly's family at this sad time. I loved working with Shelly Taylor years ago at the Miss Michigan pageant. She loved that program. ❤️

February 6 at 7:55 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Taylor family.

February 6 at 7:31 AM



Carolyn Serbin posted:

My condolences to Ken and his family at this difficult time .Carolyn Serbin

February 6 at 5:08 AM



Shelley Peets posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this very sad time. May God's peace and grace wrap in comfort.Blessings,Shelley Peets

February 6 at 4:29 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Taylor family.

February 6 at 4:00 AM





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Wesley Vanderwilk posted:

The world became a little poorer and heaven became a little richer when Aunt Shelley left us. Praying for peace and that God's presence and loving hand will be felt each time the pain of her loss brings tears.

February 5 at 4:50 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Taylor family.



February 5 at 4:46 PM



SF

Steve & Peg Hawthorne & Elizabeth Anne Fitzgerald sent a Sweet Tenderness to the Taylor family.



February 5 at 3:01 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Taylor family.



February 5 at 2:52 PM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Taylor family.



February 5 at 1:04 PM



Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Taylor family.



February 5 at 12:06 PM



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Miss America Pageant Family sent a Guiding Light Bouquet to the Taylor family.

February 5 at 11:08 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Taylor family.

February 5 at 10:50 AM



Dori Matkowski lit a candle in honor of Rochelle.

Thank you Shelley for your service to the Miss Michigan Organization. Wishing peace to the family and friends. Dori Matkowski (MM production)

February 5 at 9:52 AM



Anonymous sent a Sunny Memories to the Taylor family.

February 5 at 8:53 AM



Karla Chambe posted:

Our entire family send love and prayers to all of Shelley's family and friends. She was such a wonderful lady and I am so thankful to have met her. She will always hold a special place in my heart for all of the wonderful things she has said or done for our family. I consider her apart of my family also. I hope that you can find some peace in knowing that she is in a better place without pain. Keep watching for those cardinals because I know that ever time we see one it will be her letting us know that she is still with us

February 5 at 8:36 AM



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Buddy Dees posted:

My condolences to Ken and Shelley's family. Her family was the love of her life. I will certainly miss Shelley's contagious laugh and great sense of humor. She was such great fun to be around, and I had known her for years through the Miss America organization since I was fortunate to have spent time judging with her, and for her, at the state level in that system. I am glad she was recognized on stage at the Miss America pageant in Sept. 2014 as the only Miss America Academy of Honor recipient for that year, since she dearly loved that program and gave unselfishly of her time to counsel many young women. It was an award richly deserved. She was one of those people that simply made any project fun. What a great legacy to have influenced so many young lives. A. J. Buddy Dees, Jr. Vicksburg, Mississippi

February 5 at 8:31 AM



Karla/Vanessa Chambe & Family Mmiot 2015 sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Taylor family.



February 5 at 8:28 AM



Jo Privasky posted:

What a beautiful and wonderful lady! Thoughts and prayers are with the entire family! I am sorry to miss the service—we are out of town! Love to you, Jamie! 🙏🙏 Jo Privasky and family

February 5 at 6:57 AM



Colleen M Rocha posted:

As newbies to the Miss Michigan organization, last year Shelley was so kind and welcoming. She is the perfect example of how one person can make a difference. We will miss her so much. Kendra Rocha and Colleen Rocha

February 5 at 6:55 AM



Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Taylor family.



February 5 at 6:32 AM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Taylor family.



February 5 at 6:23 AM



Pat Cuddohy posted:

Remembering all the great times we had with Shelly and Ken.

February 5 at 5:41 AM



Ken And Jeanne Wilson posted:

We will always remember Shelley for her love of her family, and how her eyes lit up whenever she talked about them. She will forever be our friend, our neighbor, and our pageant family. Hundreds of young women are better people because of Shelley, and with the knowledge and wisdom they gained from knowing her, will continue to go into the world making a difference. You are gone much too soon, my friend, but you will never be forgotten. Ken, our thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire family. All our love Ken and Jeanne Wilson

February 4 at 9:26 PM



Marge White posted:

My condolences to all of Shelley's amazing family. Sincerely, Marge White

February 4 at 7:39 PM



Chad, Christina, Kaylee, Chelsea, & Sydney Martin sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Taylor family.



February 4 at 6:12 PM



Diana Smith sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Taylor family.



February 4 at 3:08 PM



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Seconda Addicott lit a candle in honor of Rochelle.



February 4 at 12:00 PM



Seconda Addicott February 4 at 12:08 PM

Dear Ken....Our hearts go out to you and the entire Taylor family. Shelly was a beautiful person who will always have a special place in our hearts. She always had positive things to say and could make you laugh at the drop of a hat. She had goodness through and through. May she now rest in peace. She shines in heaven ... we live with wonderful memories.Love and prayers to all of you.Ernie and Seconda Addicott



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Taylor family.



February 4 at 11:52 AM



Jacie Duca posted:

I cannot tell you of the COUNTLESS hours we gals had playing poker. All nighters and playing well into the next day. (Shelley has now joined Ellie, Loretta,and Sarge in the heavens) Shelley used to say " My God we're all gonna end up in Divorce Court. " because we gals so enjoyed cards and one another's company. We'd go on little sleep, rush home to do housework and check on our families, but always ready for the next game!Shelley was a people person and I doubt she ever disliked anyone. She gave me the greatest opportunity when she called on me asking to do her a favor helping her out at the Miss Michigan pagent. Her laughter and beautiful smile were contagious. Her spirit always high, resilient to any lows that might come along.Ken, Jamie,Jill,Tim,and Kenny I am so sorry for your loss. Shelley was taken much too soon. Please know that I and Tom share in your sorrow. And that I cherish each moment that Shelley brought good ,fun times,and laughter into my life. Lovingly ~Jacie Duca~

February 4 at 11:06 AM



Anonymous sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Taylor family.



February 4 at 10:50 AM



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Joe & Linda Allard posted:

Sending our deepest condolences to the Taylor families. You are all in our thoughts and prayers

February 4 at 10:10 AM



Kim (Rogers) Boulier posted:

So sorry to hear about the loss of a very special lady! So many wonderful memories over the years and tons of fun with my black jack buddy in Atlantic City. My prayers are with you Ken and the family.

February 4 at 5:50 AM



Anonymous sent a Serenity Wreath to the Taylor family.



February 3 at 7:10 PM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Taylor family.



February 3 at 2:53 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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