



# Kathleen Marie Essenberg

APR 25, 1949 - MAY 8, 2021



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## **Kathleen Marie Essenberg**

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**K**athleen Marie Essenberg, age 72, passed away Saturday, May 8, 2021 at her home following a brief battle with cancer. She was born April 25, 1949 in Muskegon to Theodore L. and Helen D. (Larson) Lund and lived in the area her entire life. On June 8, 1968, she married Gary A. Essenberg in Muskegon whom she met in Kindergarten at Little Black Lake School. Kathleen worked as a delivery driver for FedEx and retired in 2011 after 18 years of service. She attended Harvest Church in Spring Lake where she volunteered with the children's ministry, crafts group, and was a greeter. She was formerly a member of Lakeside Baptist Church. Kathleen was a very talented pianist, flutist and singer and she shared these many talents with several churches over the years. Kathleen and Gary enjoyed riding on their Goldwing while Kathleen took pictures of the scenery. Their longest trip was 726 miles in one day. Kathleen was very crafty and crocheted many items to benefit Relay for Life and the Christian Motorcyclists Association. Gary and Kathleen spent the last 9 winters in Haines City, FL, and have made many dear friends over the years. Survivors include her loving husband, Gary Essenberg; 3 children, Renee (Robert) Essenberg Huff, Wendy Essenberg, Paul Essenberg; 5 grandchildren, Alyssa Grelewicz, Joshua Buning, Trevor (Elleni Goranitis) Grelewicz, Isabella Buning, Lydia Buning; 4 sisters, Carma Jean (Lysle) Johnson, Doreen (John) Byers, Charlene (Gary) Mosley, Cheryl (Rick) Larman; 1 brother, Cliff (Marge) Lund; 3 brothers-in-law, Tim (Marilyn) Essenberg, Lynn (Jackie) Essenberg, Ron (Lyndie) Essenberg, 5 sisters-in-law, Debbie Kleyn, Dawn (Randy) Breigel, Sheila (Gerry) Crenno, Lori (Craig) Nedeau, Pam (Charlie) Lander; and many nieces and nephews and their families. She was preceded in death by her parents, a granddaughter, Jessica Huff, her in-laws, Calvin and Jeanne Essenberg, and 2 brothers-in-law, Dave Kleyn and Marvin Holmes. A Memorial Service will be held 2:00 PM Friday, May 14, 2021 at Harvest Church of Spring Lake (225 E Exchange St., Spring Lake, MI 49456) with Pastor Craig Gurr officiating.



## Obituary

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Visitation will be held 5-8 PM Thursday at Harvest Church Café. Facial coverings and social distancing will be required. Interment will take place at Norton Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made to Christian Motorcyclists Association ([www.cmausa.org](http://www.cmausa.org)). Arrangements handled by The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 Harvey St, Norton Shores, MI 49444. Sign the online guestbook at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com)



# Events

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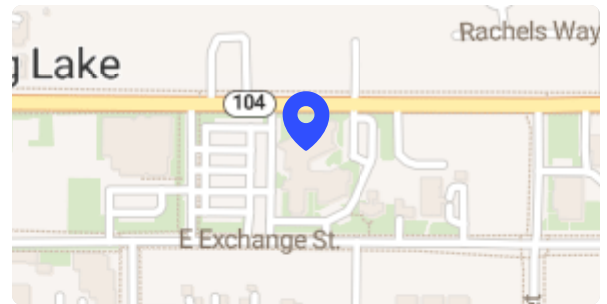
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## Visitation

**Thursday**, May 13, 2021

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

**Harvest Bible Chapel - Spring Lake**  
225 E. Exchange St., Spring Lake MI 49456

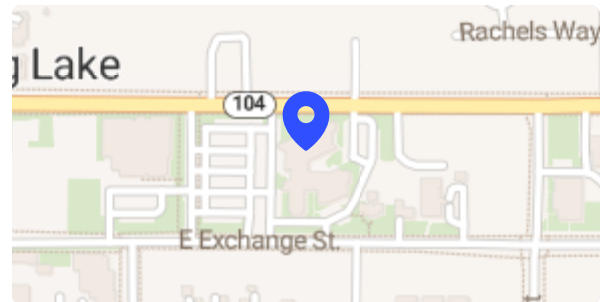


## Memorial Service

**Friday**, May 14, 2021

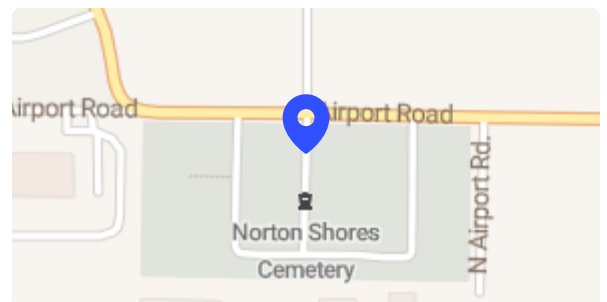
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## Cemetery Details

**Norton Cemetery**  
743-761 Airport Rd., Norton Shores MI 49441





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RA

**Roseanna Beaune-Achterhoff** posted:

I have fond memories of Kathleen, when she and Gary joined the Christian Motorcyclist Assoc. they brought a lot of laughter and many talents to the chapter. I remember her love for the Lord, showed in her daily walk. May the peace of of Lord be with all those who grieve for her, but also celebrate a life a life well lived.

May 15 at 8:25 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Essenberg family.



May 11 at 4:08 AM

CM

**Cady Holmes - Muskovin** posted:

You will be missed. I have a lot of memories of Aunt Kathy from when I was small, living next door, going to church, staying with her and uncle Gary when my mom and dad went on a trip and she'd do my hair however I wanted. She was a sweet lady.

May 11 at 3:48 AM

LH

**Larry Hall** posted:

Sending our deepest sympathy to Gary & the family! Larry & Julie Hall

May 11 at 3:39 AM

VC

**Vickie Curtis** posted:

Aunt Kath will truly be missed. She had such a kind heart. Heaven has gained an angel. I will miss using her homemade scrubbies and still have the blankets she made for my kids. You are all in my prayers...

May 11 at 2:40 AM



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**Ardele Barnes** posted:

Kathleen was a caring person. When my husband passed she often sent me a card to let me know she was thinking and praying for me. She showed her love in many ways. I'll be praying for Gary and the family. God's Blessings, Ardele Barnes

May 10 at 6:03 PM



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

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



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