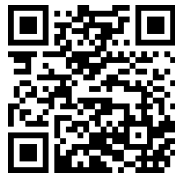




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Jody Alyce (Elam) Miller, age 59, passed away at her home in Grand Haven on Friday, April 15, 2022. She was born in Muskegon on August 19, 1962 to James and Geraldine (McDowell) Elam Sr. Jody graduated from Fruitport High School, received her BA from Michigan Technological University, and her Master of Electrical Engineering from the University of Syracuse. She was employed as a Product Development Manager for Siemens USA. Jody enjoyed traveling, hiking, biking, reading, playing games, cooking and spending time with her family and friends. She is survived by her son, Ryan Miller; siblings, Jill (Russell) Franks, James Elam, Jr., Joel (Diane) Elam, Julie (Thomas) Drent, and Jamie (Larry) Hall; nieces and nephews, Jordan (Caryn) Elam, Samantha Wolff, Tara (Adam) Zdybel, Katrina (Robert) Borke, Kristopher Elam, Zackery (Caitlin) Drent, and Audrey Drent; and special family friend, Marc Benigni. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Jeff Elam; and sister-in-law, Kathy Elam. VISITATION for Jody will be held from 6-8 PM Friday, April 22, 2022 at The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444. Her FUNERAL SERVICE will be held at 5:00 PM Saturday, April 23, 2022 at The Lee Chapel. MEMORIALS in memory of Jody may be directed to the Harbor Hospice Foundation. You may sign her online guestbook at www.sytsemafh.com

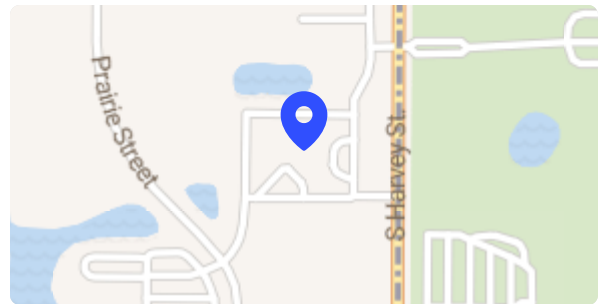


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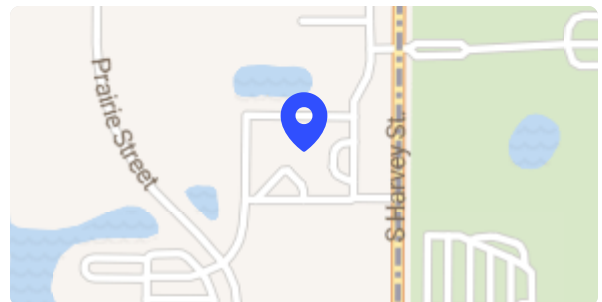
Visitation

- Friday**, April 22, 2022
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
- Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**
6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



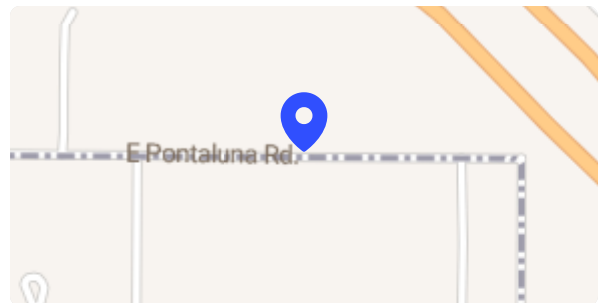
Funeral Service

- Saturday**, April 23, 2022
- 5:00 PM ET
- Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**
6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



Cemetery Details

- Fruitport Pine Hill Cemetery**
3903 E. Pontaluna, Fruiptort MI 49415





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Doug Owen posted:
Rest In peace Little Bunny-Love Doug
September 2 at 2:58 AM



Shaun And Christine Casey sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Miller family.



April 22 at 5:33 PM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Miller family.



April 22 at 9:32 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Miller family.



April 22 at 7:55 AM



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Linda Mazzitelli posted:

It is so hard to try to capture what someone means to you in just a few paragraphs. Jody and I 'met' for the first time when we were flying to a meeting from Dulles airport. I remember lining up to board the flight and seeing this lady in the Global Services line. They called her group and at the same time, she received a phone call. Instead of juggling luggage, boarding passes and the phone while going through, she opted to step out of line and take the call. This was memorable, as while we did not know each other at that time, It impressed me that anyone who would do that was a very dedicated and thoughtful person. That afternoon, I was surprised to see that we were both in the same meeting in Boston. I shared my airport story with her on a break and we became fast friends after that. As we talked, we also found that we lived 5 miles from each other and as a result, decided that we should have monthly (or more) partner 'strategy sessions' over margaritas and guacamole - interestingly the more margaritas we had, the better and more creative the 'planning' went 😊 One day, Jody decided we should do Christmas in July, so we gathered all of our baking gear and recipes and we spent an entire day baking (and taste testing) cookies. The funny thing tho' is that she was absolutely horrified about how I stored, or basically just stacked my spices randomly in my kitchen cabinet. For Christmas that year, she gave me a spice rack organizer. So many more fun stories but not time to tell them all - tho' they will forever be in my heart. She was an incredible friend and I am going to miss her so much...

April 22 at 7:19 AM



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



April 21 at 5:40 PM



Andre Mosley posted:

There isn't enough room to capture all of the special comments from customers and colleagues. We created an entire website that we shared with Jody in February and it continues to grow here: <https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/LnFQsyS0> If you have a free minute (more like day), maybe you can get a glimpse into all of the fun we shared as a team.

April 21 at 8:28 AM



Anonymous sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the Miller family.



April 21 at 7:20 AM



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Andre Mosley shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.



April 21 at 6:23 AM



A Friend posted:

You were a good person Jody, gone too early and will be missed.

April 21 at 5:47 AM



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KG

Kimberly Gilbey posted:

There's no other way to say it -- I loved Jody for her spunky, no-nonsense, courageous, take-life-as-it-comes attitude; her brilliant engineering, technical, and managerial mind; and her generous, gracious, kind, and loving heart. At times she was so strong, and at others, so girly! She brought so much, and MORE, into one wonderful, unforgettable package! My friendship with Jody started in 1994 and endured many of the ups and downs of life -- different locations, different relationships, different careers. Through it all, Jody tenaciously held onto our friendship and when I disappeared into the vortex of life, she would always find me -- even if years went by I would suddenly get a text from Jody. She just didn't let me go...and in that, I feel deeply honored. She truly modeled authentic, enduring friendship. We were so different, and yet like yin/yang, we fit together as girlfriends and sisters. Over the years, we've talked training tricks during our triathlon phases, glued card-stock together during crafty phases, exchanged clothes, soaked up the sun traveling together, drove a little too fast (yeah, that would have been Jody at the wheel. Ha!), talked through motherhood and marriage, traded leadership insights and the challenges of being the only woman in a room full of men, traded recipes and kitchen "stuff," and just learned from each other. She was like an older sister and mentor for me. She was a trailblazer in more ways than one. Jody always celebrated my achievements and accepted me for who I was. In our younger years she even pushed me a time or two to just chill out and get a little crazy. Hmm...there might have been some drinking involved. That girl had moxie! ;-). Over the past year we really connected on an even deeper level...and as she faced the challenges of her cancer, we often laughed together. We decided you can cry about this stuff or you can laugh, so we laughed. Sometimes we cried, but as she explained to me, it's about taking the hits and then getting realistic, picking yourself up, and tackling the next challenge. One step at a time. Jody could do that better than anyone I have ever met. Just a few months ago, while she was sharing a truly traumatic story about a near-miss while driving (YIKES!), we just started giggling about the whole "tragicomedy" aspect of the circumstances and couldn't stop. I think it surprised both of us, but in the end, she shared just how good it felt to really laugh. No judgment. No excuses. Just a deep humility about the foibles of being human. Even in her darkest moments, she could look at life and laugh. I love that we got the chance to really laugh together one last time. Jody cared deeply for her family, cherished and was insanely proud of her son, loved her friends, and truly esteemed her colleagues. She was and will continue to be a gift in my life. I want to honor Jody for all she was, and the lasting legacy she leaves behind. Jody -- I will miss you. ~Kimberly (Dodson) Gilbey
Portland, Oregon

April 18 at 9:57 AM

FG

From Friend Kim Dodson Gilbey planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Jody.



April 20 at 7:04 PM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Miller family.



April 20 at 3:18 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Miller family.



April 20 at 10:47 AM



Ross Beiler posted:

I am heartbroken. Thankfully I got to connect with Jody a month ago. I was hoping that she would have more time. When I look back at my career, I think Jody was probably one of THE MOST influential persons. Jody helped open doors that allowed me to grow in multiple ways, she was a phenomenal mentor, colleague and friend. We worked together at GE Aeropsace, Mentor Graphics, Aspect Development and i2 Technologies. Rest in peace my friend.

April 20 at 5:02 AM



Mike Dildy And Beatriz Menjivar April 20 at 3:24 PM

Life is a little dimmer without Jody on the other side of a call or a cocktail. She was the dearest of friends, never failing to lift our spirits with a smile or just the words we needed in that moment. In our lives for more than 12 years, there is no way to make up this loss. Rest in peace, Dear Friend!



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Clay Knight posted:

I had the privilege of working with Jody over the past few years as part of the EDM Team. I am the Engineering Manager out of Huntsville responsible for the low-level infrastructure her product areas relied upon. Jody was always enjoyable to be around. She always wanted the best for those she worked with and showed sincere compassion for her co-workers. She will be missed greatly. The funny story I had was during a series of meetings we were together in while visiting Poland. Jody was sitting next to me for many of the sessions during the week. She would chew a piece of gum like it was going out of style, often smacking it out-loud. During one such stressful session, the gum was being hammered and loudly, to the point that I looked at her and said, "really?" She paused, grinned, and swallowed the gum. I said, "well, you could have kept chewing or at least spit it out." I did not expect her to swallow her gum. It made me laughed and relieved the stress. Job well done...We will be thinking of her family during this time. Just know, she was well loved by her co-workers and, as noted, will be missed. Sincerely, Clay and Sheila Knight Siemens Huntsville, Alabama

April 19 at 3:53 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Miller family.



April 19 at 3:11 PM



Anonymous sent a Glorious Grace Bouquet to the Miller family.



April 19 at 2:39 PM



Anonymous sent an A New Sunrise Spray to the Miller family.



April 19 at 1:47 PM



Anonymous sent a Pretty Please to the Miller family.



April 19 at 1:41 PM



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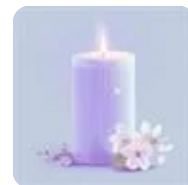
Jeff Laster posted:

Jody did good work at Mentor (now Siemens EDA), especially on the Raytheon account, where she helped to grow the business. I have fond memories of great dinners with Jody and colleagues, sharing meaningful stories. I pray God's blessings on the family.

April 19 at 7:40 AM



Linda Mazzitelli lit a candle in honor of Jody.



April 18 at 5:48 PM



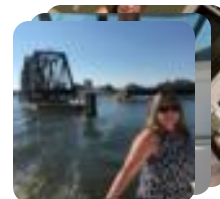
Linda And Max Mazzitelli sent a Heavenly Grace Spray to the Miller family.



April 18 at 5:39 PM



Linda Mazzitelli shared an album called **Memories Album**.



April 18 at 5:25 PM



Anonymous sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Miller family.



April 18 at 1:01 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Miller family.



April 18 at 12:07 PM



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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Miller family.



April 18 at 9:57 AM



Andre Mosley shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

April 21 at 6:23 AM



On February 4th, a small group of nerdy Engineers participated in "Project Happy Thoughts".



Linda Mazzitelli shared 3 photos to the **Memories Album** album.

April 18 at 5:25 PM





Media

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Memories only last if you share them

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



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