



Shari Lea Dekker

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Our beloved and kindhearted Shari departed for the kingdom of life unexpectedly on February 14th, 2024. She led a life of purpose and profound impact, her life to be emulated but will never be replicated. A Lenten Valentines Day representing love and ashes is so fitting of a day for Shari to leave us. Celebrating her life on this day is the perfect gift and reminder of her tenacity, strength, courage, gratitude, and grace.

Shari's legacy will forever resonate as a source of inspiration for all who had the privilege of knowing her. Shari and Dan infused love into the lives of their family and friends. They journeyed across the Midwest to attend numerous hockey and volleyball games, passionately cheering on their children, Adam and Andrea. Following Shari's triumphant battle against influenza attacking her heart in 2020, she and Dan embarked on new adventures, exploring Michigan together on their bikes, covering miles of scenic terrain. In September of 2023, Shari and Dan departed for an adventure of a lifetime, inspired by their daughter Andrea, to explore Utah and all of its natural wonders. During their journeys, they witnessed the splendor of God's creation, gathered with family, and savored life collectively.

Shari is preceded in death by her granddaughter, Adelaide Lea Dekker; her parents, Lyle and Nina Peterson, and Gerald and Delores Dekker. She leaves behind a loving family, including her husband, Dan of 42 years; son, Adam (Kathryn) Dekker; daughter, Andrea Dekker; and three siblings, Steven (Bernadette) Peterson, Stephanie (Michael Walsh) Peterson Belmore and Scott (Delores) Peterson. Her presence will be deeply missed by her extended family, including Don (Debra) Dekker, Deb (Mark) Dekker Pipoly; uncle, Dan (Cheryl) Fradenburg; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. These family members were not only relatives but held significant importance in Shari's life.



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Embracing a personal mission of serving and caring for others with boundless compassion, Shari dedicated her life to the medical field after graduating from Whitehall Public School in the Class of 1976. In 1977, she embarked on her lifelong career following in the footsteps of her Aunt Margaret Arnold, who served as the Director of Nursing for Obstetrics at Hackley Hospital.

Shari's unwavering commitment spanned 43 years as a Registered Ultrasound Sonographer, both starting and concluding her illustrious career at Hackley Hospital. After a life-threatening experience in 2020, Shari believed she was spared for a divine purpose—to continue serving others. Upon her retirement, she devoted her time to providing compassionate care for multiple elderly individuals. She wholeheartedly assisted them in accomplishing their daily tasks, exemplifying a selfless dedication to enhancing the lives of others in their golden years. Her commitment to offering support and comfort made a profound difference in the lives of those she cared for during this chapter of her life.

Shari is now in the presence of the only love stronger than her own, her Lord and Savior.

A Celebration of Life Honoring Shari will be held 11:00 AM on Monday, February 26, 2024, at Calvary Church, 213 W. Oak St., Fruitport, MI 49415. A visitation with the family will be held from 10-11:00 AM. In memory of Shari, please consider donating to one of the following organizations, [Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation](#), [Grace Adventure Retreat Center](#) or Calvary Church. Thank you for your generosity. Arrangements entrusted to The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 S. Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444. Share memories with the family at <http://www.sytsemafh.com>.

If you are unable to attend, join the family during Shari's service at [facebook.com/calvarymuskegon](https://www.facebook.com/calvarymuskegon).

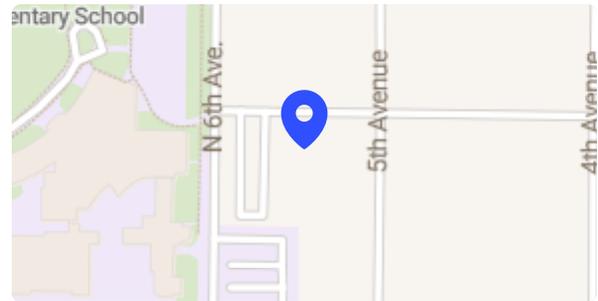


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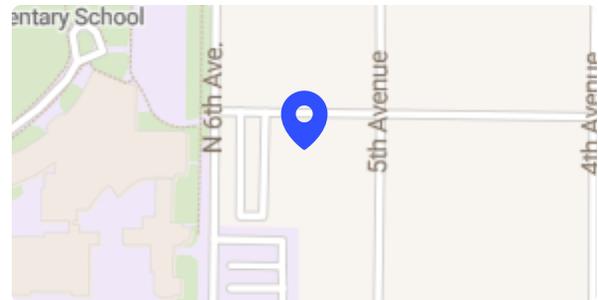
Visitation

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- 🕒 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
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MF

Monica Fox lit a candle in honor of Shari.

February 26 at 2:23 PM



MA

Mark Aamodt posted:

Dan and Family...so sorry to hear of Shari's passing...thoughts and prayers.Mark and Diane Aamodt

February 26 at 4:27 AM

AK

Art Kelley posted:

To all my deepest sympathies, Shari was a very special person I'm sure her aunt Ruth Ann and Shari will be watching over us all. Love uncle Art

February 25 at 3:09 PM

GF

Guerra Family sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Dekker family.

February 25 at 11:54 AM



GF

Guerra Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Shari.

February 25 at 11:54 AM



LB

Linda K Bates lit a candle in honor of Shari.

With Our Deepest Sympathy, Dennis / Linda Bates & FamilyNorthtown Line Painting LLC...S Robinhood Drive

February 24 at 9:04 AM





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Anonymous sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Dekker family.



February 23 at 9:00 AM



Howard & Kathy Usher & Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Shari.



February 23 at 9:00 AM



Sofia And Kim Dekker sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Dekker family.



February 23 at 6:34 AM



Joni Belasco Bennett posted:

Shari was theeeeeee friendliest, most caring person I have EVER KNOWN!!!! She made you feel special and important whenever you were with her. I will forever carry her smile and friendship in my heart. ❤️

February 23 at 3:51 AM



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



February 22 at 3:54 PM



Sandy And Tim Stimers posted:

I am thankful we can join you online to celebrate sweet Shari's life. Much love hugs and prayers for all of you. ❤️👤👤👤❤️

February 22 at 2:16 PM



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DL

Darlene Lee posted:

The loving words written about Shari pretty much says it all. I don't think I could describe her more perfectly. My husband and I met Shari and Dan through hockey. We spent a lot of time being hockey moms together. Anyone who knows a hockey mom knows we are tough ladies and that we form tight bonds. Even though time and miles separated us, we have kept in touch. I am going to miss her uplifting posts on FB and being able to meet Dan and her for lunch now and then. Rest easy, my friend...

February 22 at 12:59 PM

TC

Toni Dekker-Cutler posted:

My Aunt Shari was such an amazing person and the memories I have of her are endless! My heart breaks for her husband and children and I hope they know they are in my thoughts and prayers. All my love to Uncle Dan, Adam and Andrea.

February 22 at 12:42 PM

LH

Lisa H posted:

Thankful for every gathering I had with Shari (and Dan.) Always smiling, full of kindness and love. We always had something to talk about, loved catching up on life, and we could talk for hours even if it was in a parking lot at dusk till dark. I love you both! Shari will always be in my heart♥

February 22 at 12:14 PM

LH

Lisa H February 22 at 12:17 PM
Love you Coach!



Memories only last if you share them

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



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