



Sherry Walenta-David

February 10, 1961 - July 25, 2020

Sherry Walenta-David, 59 years old from Spring Lake, passed away in the early morning of Saturday, July 25th after a long illness. Sherry was born on February 10, 1961 to Lee and Shirley David in Muskegon, the third of four children. She graduated from Mona Shores High School and then with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from Central Michigan University, and a Master's Degree from Grand Valley State. Her life's work was in supporting her community, most recently through Child Protective Services in Muskegon County. Sherry was an avid fan of college football, enjoyed golfing, hated cold weather, and loved sitting poolside in the warm sunshine of southern Florida. She was extremely loyal and loving to family and friends alike, and is already deeply missed.

She is survived by her loving family: husband, John; parents, Shirley and Lee; brothers, Leland, Larry, and Greg; children, Craig, Dana, and Carey; grandchildren, Emery, Elynn, and Cameron; as well as a multitude of grieving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, extended family, and friends.

A service will be held in Sherry's honor in Naples, Florida at a later date. The family respectfully asks those who wish to provide gifts to instead please donate to the United Way of the Lakeshore, an organization which provides services to the local community that Sherry supported for over 30 years. Share memories with the family at their online guest book at www.sytsemafh.com.

Comments



“ To my Wife..... my best friend. It has been 2 weeks, and I miss you so much. How much I miss you is beyond words. Lot of "if/onlys" going on. If only I would have kissed you more, hugged you more, said I love you more. Granted, when I did tell you I loved you, it was always followed with..... "to infinity and beyond".

You made me a better person, but never tried to change me. From the night you said "you will never drive my car", I kinda knew something was going to happen with us.... and I had only known you for a few hours. Toss Valentines Day 2008 into the mix, and we became "us".

Best years of my life have been with you. Not always easy, but thankfully those times were just a storm front passing through, not a change of the seasons.

You truly blessed this world. They have Facebook up there? If so, you've read the posts. You touched a lot of lives. You made a lot of lives better, personally and professionally.

I'm listening to a Kenny Chesney DVD as I write this. You know the song I'm thinking about, and I surely hope that is true. You deserve it. You fought for your life, you fought hard. I know you could hear me a couple weeks ago; I made you laugh.

We are headed to your paradise in October to grant your wish, and celebrate your life. What a party that will be! Going to be a lot of tears. I know your wish is for us not to be sad. That's a tall order honey, but I'll do my best. As you know, sometimes my best sucks.

Thank you Sly-Hi. Really didn't know I was capable of loving someone so much. I do need to trust God. The pain is crazy. I try to keep it together every day, and don't do so well. I trust God, and look up at the sky and ask you to please give me some strength and direction. I really am lost without you. Sometimes I think if I just had 5 more minutes with you. You know I talked to God that night and didn't ask, but told Him, you have two options, pick one. He did. I'm OK with that. I know where you are.

Favor to ask. Keep an eye on me. You always steered me in the right direction, so I'll be looking up every day asking you for help.

I love you and miss you so much.

Your husband.

John



John Walenta - August 08 at 04:56 PM



“ So many childhood memories growing up on the same street. A friend that will be missed. My prayers are with her family

Sue Mitchell - July 31 at 09:00 PM



“ I am saddened by the loss, and our office will never be the same. I am praying for strength and favor for the friends and family, as Sherri loved and spoke highly of you all. I will miss her no nonsense view on life and her infectious laugh. Rest well. Kellie K., DHHS

Kellie - July 31 at 11:28 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Sherri's passing. I had the privilege of working with her at DHHS. We would always talk of our children & the love we had for our grandchildren. She was one of the nicest, passionate people you could ever meet. Condolences to her family. Rest well Sherri! Marie Roberson

Marie Roberson - July 31 at 10:22 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Sherry's passing...I have so many wonderful memories of Sherry from our days of cheering together from our elementary years in MS Boy's Club thru High School! And then our paths crossed later and even more fond memories were made. Loving thoughts and prayers to the family during this sad and difficult time.
Jill (Privasky) Cooper

j Cooper - July 30 at 11:44 AM



“ Oh what a shock. I adored Sherry. Whenever I ran into her, she was always as cheerful as ever. Haven't seen her in quite a while but so saddened to learn of her passing! What a delightful gal.

Barb Langlois - July 28 at 09:00 PM



“ Sherry, I miss you more than words can say. I will always be grateful for the incredible friendship we shared during our school years and then at CMU and throughout our adult lives. You were that one friend that could make me laugh without trying. Always quick to laugh and complement and support. I have so many memories with you and I don't know where to begin. You and Paula were like sisters to me and we were so very blessed to have that close bond. I'm not sure we ever even thought about it. We just had it. I am so grateful to have shared so many life experiences with you including the good, the bad and the downright crazy. I will always remember you biting into the Pizza Hut pizza and breaking your tooth on the dime that was in the pizza! You handled that like you handled everything else. Lots of laughter and a stern talk with the manager. I will cherish all of the many memories that we made and hope to share these with your family in Naples.

I Love You Dear Friend, Sherry David.

Vicki Nelson Smeby

Vicki Smeby - July 28 at 07:55 PM



“ To all of Sherry's family I'm so sorry. Sherry always had the most winning smile. We worked together and then though our jobs changed we still were in contact though it's been awhile. My heart goes out to you all. May her memory be a blessing. Lee Fonstein

Lee Fonstein - July 28 at 09:25 PM



“ Our love, thoughts and prayers to Sherry's family. She was a beautiful person inside and out and will truly be missed by everyone she touched during her lifetime!

Brad and Gayle DuPrey - July 29 at 08:11 AM



“ Thoughts and prayers are with your family-Lee and Shirley
Jo Applegarth) Privasky

JoAnn Applegarth—Privasky '54 - July 29 at 09:13 AM



“ My heart goes out to Sherry's family and friends. I was fortunate to occasionally work with her. She had a wonderful sense of humor, and was a smart and caring person. She is gone too soon but left a lasting impact on those who knew her. May wonderful memories help sustain all those who loved her.

Robin Brand - July 29 at 10:12 AM



“ So sorry to hear this Michael!!

Denis Roche - July 29 at 10:35 AM



“ While I'm devastated by the loss of my mom I do want to thank everyone who has offered such kind words to me and my family during this time.

Craig W - July 28 at 07:44 PM



“ There were many deep discussions and good times between Sherry, Sandy and I. I am left with wonderful memories and the knowledge that heaven has a new beautiful angel! Love you and miss yoy Sherry!

Char (Anderson) Stephens - July 28 at 05:33 PM



“ We didn't always get along as kids, but, I always loved my little sister!

Leland David. Big brother. - July 28 at 05:12 PM