



Chelsie Bemis

June 15, 1937 - December 21, 2020

Chelsie Marie Bemis was born on June 15, 1937, in Detroit Michigan. Chelsie was the daughter of Fred and Oneida Medley and the older sister of Gerald Medley. Survived by her husband Donald L. Bemis, children John Bemis (Michelle) of Norcross, Georgia, Kathryn Bemis of Shelby Township, Michigan, Paul Bemis (Kristin) of Shelby Township, Michigan and Jennifer Bemis-Leathers (Michael) of Bettendorf, Iowa, along with 13 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

A Christian memorial service, at Trinity Lutheran Church limited to immediate family only.

It has been noted by astronomers that back in 1937, a tiny star was discovered in the vast universe blinking. At the same time, in Detroit, Michigan Chelsie Medley was making her debut as the new addition to the Medley family. Astronomers note that the star remained in the skies but not blinking. Monday, December 21, 2020, the star blinked again as Chelsie Bemis passed by it on her way to eternal happiness. It was also noted that at that same time the Star of Bethlehem appeared with a slightly different hue and she passed by.

Chelsie's care and concern for family, kids, people and the community were always at the forefront of her activity calendar for over sixty years.

Among her greatest achievements was her leadership in The Picture Lady Program, which helped the Utica Community Schools extend a knowledge and appreciation of classical art which eventually spread not only to students but parents as well. The program eventually expanded throughout Macomb County, the state and even to national outlets.

Chelsie spent 25 years as a member on the Utica Community Schools Foundation for Educational Excellence board. Her volunteer efforts extended in many directions. Among them was assisting in a program helping students with foreign languages adjust to the new language of their classmates.

Chelsie was an avid advocate for music and singing, ranging from Stratford's best to local productions and her favorite role as a member of the Trinity Lutheran choir.

But paramount among her achievements was dedication. The most important aspect of her existence was the love of family. For many years to come that love and dedication, which has spread to children, grandchildren and soon will become part of the treasure chest of memories of great grandchildren and their offspring.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Utica Community Schools Foundation for Educational Excellence or Trinity Lutheran Church, Utica, music program.

Cemetery Details

Utica Cemetery

46325 Shelby Road
Utica, MI 48317

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC **23**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church
45160 Van Dyke
Utica, MI 48317

Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Chelsie Bemis*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - December 23, 2020 at 12:12 PM

LL

My heart goes out to Uncle Don & the Bemis family. Aunt Chelsie was a shining at Star in our lives. So fitting that she was born & passed on days when a spectacular star appeared ✨. She will be missed but never forgotten. Love to you all. Linda Elliott Livezey

Linda Livezey - December 23, 2020 at 12:40 PM

NM

Uncle Don & Bemis family, it was a beautiful service for an absolutely beautiful woman! Sending love your way. Nancy Elliott-Meredith

Nancy Meredith - December 23, 2020 at 01:45 PM

BT

Dear Don & Family, My thought and prayers are with you as you suffer the lose of your dear wife & mother. Please know she will be in my prayers as will all of you. Peace to all. Barbara(gazda) Tarabek

Barbara M Tarabek - December 23, 2020 at 05:01 PM

JH

Chelsie's work with the Picture Lady Program is a tremendous legacy demonstrating her commitment to the value of visual art and her commitment to the children of the Utica Schools. She will be missed. Our sympathy to Don and the Bemis Family. Janice Haines and the Haines' Family.

Janice Haines - December 23, 2020 at 11:40 PM

MC

Dear Don, My heart felt sympathy and prayers go out to you and your family, I remember Chelsie as your wonderful loving wife, soul mate and fantastic loving mother to the children. She was an extraordinary, caring person. I was one of Chelsie's Picture Ladies. Chelsie's development of the Picture Lady art program enriched students' lives.
Marietta Crabtree

Marietta Crabtree - December 24, 2020 at 01:10 AM



“ *Dear Don,
My dear friend Margaret Glinke, mentioned your recent loss of Chelsie.
I was stunned to learn of this. Had I known, I would most certainly have contacted you sooner.*

I am certain that Chelsie's extraordinary light, love & joy is now a tremendous void in your life. I am saddened for you & your family Don.

I pray that all the years of rich, joyous memories will help you laugh once again!
*Warm Regards,
Angel Bakos*

Angel Bakos - February 14, 2021 at 01:13 PM

RD

“ *Robbie Dargin lit a candle in memory of Chelsie Bemis*



Robbie Dargin - January 14, 2021 at 06:27 PM

RD

Don Bemis and family, you have my deepest sympathy in the passing of your wife. I met Chelsie many times during my tenure with UCS. She was a very classy lady.
Robbie Dargin

Robbie Dargin - January 14, 2021 at 07:01 PM

RD

“ *Robbie Dargin lit a candle in memory of Chelsie Bemis*



Robbie Dargin - January 14, 2021 at 06:19 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Chelsie Bemis.*



December 30, 2020 at 12:23 PM

RW

“ Dear Don,

Our family is so sorry to hear such sad news. Chelsie will always be remembered as a gracious, elegant woman. Her warm, wonderful smile will be missed by all.

With sincere condolences to you and your family.

*Much love and prayers,
Rose and Larry Worobec*

Rose Worobec - December 24, 2020 at 07:38 PM

RP

“ *The Prough family. Our prayers are with you.*

Ricard Prough & Jean Prough - December 24, 2020 at 01:05 PM

PR

“ *Dear Don and Family, Thank you for including all of us by streaming the Beautiful Service! Our lives are richer for knowing and sharing so many great times with Chelsie over the years! Heaven has a First Class Angel for sure! Much Love to All and We will raise a glass to You this Holiday Season as we know how special it was to Chelsie and her Family! Love You Don! Bob and Patti Regan*

patti regan - December 23, 2020 at 06:17 PM

JF

“ *Our deepest sympathies and condolences are with you, Don, and with your family. We will always treasure the fun we all had working to grow the UCS district, and Chelsie always sparkled at the forefront of those activities and events. A unique woman, we shall truly miss our dear friend.*

Jim and Barb King & Family - December 23, 2020 at 05:50 PM

JL

Prayers and sympathy for the Don and the whole family, echoing what the King family wrote above. Love and blessings!

Jonathan Lathers - December 27, 2020 at 12:18 PM

DB

“ *Don and Family, with special thoughts and prayers. Thinking of you with love and caring today. In times of sorrow, love heals. In all times, love remembers.*

Dorothy Busch - December 23, 2020 at 02:13 PM

AK

“ *Dear Bemis Family,
Our love and deepest sympathies are with you all. Aunt Chelsie was a remarkable human who touched so many lives. I feel fortunate to have called her aunt. Thank you for streaming the beautiful funeral service. I love you all.*

xoxo,

Anne & Mike Klaskin (and family)

Anne Klaskin - December 23, 2020 at 01:48 PM

MJ

“ *Don, I am sorry for your loss. Chelsie was a delightful, gracious person. You shared a wonderful, long life together with a great family as proof. My thoughts go out to you and your family. Maxine*
James Johns

Maxine Johns - December 23, 2020 at 01:15 PM

LC

“ My sincere condolences to the entire Bemis family, Chelsie was such a lovely, kind, and beautiful woman. May you find comfort in your wonderful memories of her, her smile and her gentleness, and the knowledge that she is now at peace in Heaven.

Lori Coluzzi

Lori Coluzzi - December 23, 2020 at 12:48 PM

LP

“ I was very sad to learn of Chelsie’s passing and am so sorry for your loss. I’ll always remember her as one of the kindest & classiest women I’ve ever known.

Throughout the 50+ years of friendship between the Smith & Bemis families, my parents ALWAYS spoke highly of Chelsie and shared many fond memories of great times with her & Don (and the rest of the ‘good old UCS gang’;)

Chelsie was a beautiful angel on Earth. May you find comfort in knowing that she’s now watching over all of you from above.

Sending deepest condolences and love from our family to yours.

Lisa (Smith) Prestininzi & family

Lisa Smith Presininzi - December 23, 2020 at 10:27 AM

CF

“ On behalf of Briarwood Condo Association Board of Directors, we extend our deepest condolences to Don and all of the Bemis family during this difficult time. We, who were her neighbors, will sorely miss Chelsie's happy face and her warm greetings to all who lived here. Rest in peace, Chelsie, and may God bless.

*Cathy Finkbeiner
Briarwood Neighbors*

Cathy Finkbeiner - December 23, 2020 at 10:01 AM

DT

“ Don and family. Brigitte and I offer our sympathy and prayers for you. May you be comforted by His presence. Chelsie was a beautiful person. There is comfort in the arms of Christ

Dave Turrel - December 23, 2020 at 09:56 AM

KP

“ Condolences to the whole Bemis family. My family grew up down the street and Mr. and Mrs Bemis played a huge part of of the Utica Community Schools structure and our neighborhood! May you all find comfort in knowing that your mom was a shining star in our community and your home as well. Rest easy! Kelly MacDonald Postek

kelly postek - December 23, 2020 at 09:27 AM

ES

“ She will be sadly missed. Friends since high school at Lincoln of Warren.

Evelyn Symons - December 23, 2020 at 09:23 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Chelsie Bemis.



December 23, 2020 at 09:18 AM

DB

“ *To the Bemis Family,
I worked in the Media Center at Flickinger which housed the Picture
Lady Headquarters! I will always remember Chelsie’s smile and her
soft spoken kindness!
May she Rest In Peace and prayers for all who loved her 🙏🌹*

DIANE BOND - December 23, 2020 at 09:16 AM

BM

“ *We send our sympathy to the Bemis Family.
The McKay Family*

Barbara McKay - December 23, 2020 at 08:45 AM

BH

“Don, what a gift we had in knowing your dear Chelsie. I am so sorry to hear of her passing.

I remember working on the Picture Lady Program at Schwarzkoff Elementary. Every Thursday the Mothers would don their artist aprons and present the artist they had chosen to our children. They would get excited and their eyes would light up as they saw the prints. Chelsie's love of the arts was a beautiful gift to all our students. At the end of the year we returned our prints to Flickinger Elementary and always got to see Chelsie. Her warm smile and friendly demeanor made all of us feel so appreciated.

We have lost a warm, generous and loving advocate for all children, but her efforts in improving their lives will live forever!

Chelsie was a very special person and I am blessed to have known her.

You and your wonderful family are in my heart, thoughts and prayers!

Much Love.

BeckyHigbie

Becky Higbie - December 23, 2020 at 08:44 AM

JA

Bob & I were blessed to be a part of the UCS family. Prayers continue for your Bemis family & friends as you feel the loss of Mom/Chelsie. She was a GEM! Jo Ames

Joanne Ames - December 24, 2020 at 08:52 PM

LF

“ Dear Bemis Family,
Our deepest condolences. May you find comfort in all the wonderful memories.
Sincerely, Ed and Lisa Fromm

Lisa Fromm - December 23, 2020 at 08:31 AM

JW

“ So sorry to hear about this Don. We miss sitting across from you and Chelsie at Trinity each Sunday. Sandy and I feel she was one of the most classy and revered people we have ever known. You and your family are in our prayers.



Jerry Willis - December 22, 2020 at 08:38 PM

VM

“ Our deepest condolences to Don and his family. Vince and Gail Minauro

Vince and Gail Minauro - December 22, 2020 at 05:31 PM

MC

“ Chelsie was always a classy lady, and I say that from the early '1950s. It would seem, from my vantage point, that her whole long life was a success story. Hooray for Chelsie!

Michael G. Cunningham

Michael G. Cunningham - December 22, 2020 at 05:18 PM

PY

“ Don and Family, our deepest condolences to you. Chelsie will always be “The Queen of the Utica Schools” in my eyes. She was a warm, gracious and caring human being. Thank you for sharing her with us!

Paul and Nora Yelensky

Paul Yelensky - December 22, 2020 at 04:38 PM



“ Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Chelsie Bemis.



December 22, 2020 at 04:00 PM

SR

“ Yesterday was an awakening...life is a small part of a believers journey. Our family lost a faithful soul, Chelsie Bemis. We are blessed to have so many loving memories.

Romans 14:8 - For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

*Prayers and Love,
David & Susie*

Susan Rogers - December 22, 2020 at 01:41 PM