



Elizabeth A. Sage

August 9, 1941 - October 12, 2011

Elizabeth Sage, age 70, a lifelong resident of Royal Oak, passed away October 12, 2011 after battling ovarian cancer. She was born August 9, 1941 in Detroit to the late Tom and Dorothy Valade. Liz was not only devoted to her family, she was also very involved in her community through various organizations and was always the first to jump in and help. She was employed as a media specialist at Dondero High School for more than 20 years. The world will not be the same without this loving, kind woman and she will be greatly missed by all. Liz was preceded in death by her husband, Alvin "Skip" Sage; and son, Geoffrey Sage. She is survived by her son, Bill Anne Barrows Sage; daughter, Stacey David Wisley; daughter-in-law, Carla Ferraccioli; sister-in-law, Kathy David Wilkenson; grandchildren, Jaiden, Aiyana, Samantha and Beila; her beloved dog, Emma; and many special lifelong friends. There will be a memorial visitation on Wednesday 4-8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W Eleven Mile Road 4 blocks E of Woodward, Royal Oak. A memorial service will be held Thursday 4 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church in Royal Oak. Memorials may be sent to Easter Seals of Peoria, 507 East Armstrong Ave., Peoria, IL 61603 or to the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance at ovariancancer.org. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

GL

“ It was an honor to have worked with Liz at Dondero. Always even tempored, she really cared about the Dondero community, especially the students. I am sorry that I was unable to attend the memorial. Her family will continue to be in our prayers.

Gerald LeCureux - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ What an honor to have worked with Liz at Dondero for many, many years and then here at Royal Oak High School. Such a caring person always with a beautiful attitude and a smile. I admired her dedication and passion for her job. I shall treasure every memory and think of her whenever I bake as she always baked for us. Always so positive throughout her cancer treatment and a great support as I shared my worries about my husband's cancer treatment. I know she will continue to help me as I continue to be very optimistic about my husband's health. My best to her family as they lost an angel but she is in a much better place and at peace.

Bertha Vela Arribas - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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DM

“ Liz is a beautiful soul that taught me so much about grace, compassion, generosity and love. She will always have a special place in my heart, and I am a better person for having known her. God speed my friend.

David McCatty - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Liz was such a sweet person. I enjoyed working with her at Royal Oak High School. Every time I saw her she was smiling and so friendly. She will be dearly missed.

Kelly Laird - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ We will remember Cousin Liz as someone who endured much and always reflected God's grace and love. She was a Valade who valued the family tradition of faith, hope and love received from her father and mother and Grandparents, the Valades we all cherished for those values they passed along to us. I am confident my mom, Doris and all the other Valades who are together in heaven are celebrating her arrival there as we celebrate Liz's life with us.

John Campbell - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ My cousin, Liz, along with her brother, Tommy, parents, Uncle Dorothy and Uncle Tommy, bring back so many good memories growing up. Times I spent overnight with the family will be remembered forever. So glad I got to meet my special cousin and some of her family at her Aunt Doris' reunion in Pittsburgh a few years back. I send my love and condolences to all. Cousin David

David Campbell - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ I was so sorry to read about the loss of my Long Time Friend~Liz~ Sage. I did a lot of "Scouting" with her Dad, Tom Valade, at Troop 1615. He was one of my Commissioners when I was Northridge Dist. Comm.for the Boy Scouts. Liz & Skip, Shirley & I were involved with "New Commer's & Then Some" at St. Johns Episcopal Church for a very long time. We were all involved in so many other activities at the Church, including The Oakland County Shelter. Most of all, we saw Liz & Skip & our families every Sunday Morning for many many years. I saw Liz some time ago at Meijers & we had a Big Catch-up. It was a memory that I will treasure forever. Truly the world will not be the same~ without Liz & Skip Sage!!

Earl Moorhouse - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ The Dondero Media Center was a warm & welcoming place because of the staff, especially Liz. Condolences to her family, I'm sure they miss her terribly.

Sue Sandtveit - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I did not work with Liz or even know her very well. What I can say is that she was one of the most amazing people I have had the honor to meet. When I found out that we only lived a few house away for all these years. How sad that I did not know her better. She was always up and positive, never had a hurtful thing to say about anyone. She had a way with animals and children that went much farther than I had seen before. I remember the one summer day she was out walking her grand daughters, The sparkle that was in her eyes, I only hope my shine like her's did when I look at my grandson. If I could give everyone just one gift it would be to be just half the person that this fine lady was, our world sure would be a much nicer place. I know she is now one of the many angels watching over her precious family.

Cindy Thompson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Liz and I worked together in the Kimball High School Media Center for one year, during my tenure as media specialist there. We had to work hard to merge two media centers into one, Dondero with Kimball, and she was a cheerful and tireless worker. Her love of family, students, teachers, and people in general was always evident. Her spirit was an inspiration and she will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Leslye Rosenbaum - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Liz was a very wonderful, caring person who was always there to be of assistance in any way she could be--for students and staff alike. I'm sure her family will miss her very much, as will those of us who knew her at Dondero. So sorry to hear of her passing.

Rick Hartsoe - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Dennis and I were so sorry to hear of Liz's passing. How I remember the wonderful time we had at the last Valade Reunion in Pittsburgh. So many of the family came. I was so happy to see Liz there as she has been such an important part of our family. Much love to all of you as we remember her meaningful and wonderful life.*

Dennis & Coralee Wolfe - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM