



Kathryn L. Wright, DO

April 15, 1949 - April 26, 2010

Dr. Kathryn Leta Wright, age 61, a resident of Lathrup Village, formerly of Royal Oak, died April 26, 2010 at her home. She was born April 15, 1949 in Culver City, CA. Dr. Wright was a champion in Michigan for adolescent health and HIV care and prevention. She was an adolescent pediatrician who devoted the last 15 years of her career to treating teenagers in Detroit affected by HIV/AIDS. She founded the Horizons Project in 1992, an adolescent clinic at Children's Hospital in Detroit, with a mission to support and love children and families affected by HIV. Her life's work was cut short, and she needed to retire from Detroit Children's Hospital in 2006 due to a medical disability. In 2007, Dr. Wright was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Comprehensive School Health Coordinator's Association CSHCA. Since retiring Kathryn had the joy of traveling, especially to her life-long love, the ocean, and reuniting with family and friends, who all will miss her consistent, unconditional, love and support. She is survived by her daughter, Jordan Lambert Wright of Toronto, Canada; mother, Shirlee Byrd of Santa Cruz, CA; siblings, Diana Wright Troxell of Cottonwood, CA, Virginia Ann Wright of Felton, CA, David Michael Wright of Fremont, CA, John Gilbert Wright of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada and Maria Frances Wright of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; and her partner, Susan Ann Brooks of Lathrup Village. She was preceded in death by her father, Philip Browne Wright. A memorial service will be held Thursday 7 p.m. at the Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, in Southfield to memorialize Dr. Kathryn Wright and her amazing gifts to the community. Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak, 248-541-7000. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

EM

“ I am so honored to have met and gotten to know Kathryn earlier this year while touring on a cruise to Mexico with her, Susan, and Pumpkin. Kathryn was so full of energy and always had a smile on her face. We will all miss her dearly. We send you all our love and support during these tough times. Affectionately, Erin & Mork puppy

Erin Orso & Mork - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Dr. Wright was truly a lovely person and will be greatly missed. May her family and friends always find comfort in the memory of how blessed you will always be from having had her touch your lives.

Meosia Lee-Turner - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ It was a pleasure seeing the compassion,dedication, & professionalism Dr. Wright showed with the HIV Adolscent patients. She had their best interests in mind which showed in her kind demeanor. She is greatly missed.

Sharon Ritter - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KV

“ What an incredible woman Kathryn was and I'm so glad I got to spend a week with her and Susan this January on a Cruise Ship to Mexico. Karma and I so enjoyed meeting the three of them - Karma played and played with Pumpkin. The two women were filled with joy and energy. We will miss her so - our prayers to Susan and the family for getting thru these tough, tough times ahead. Fond, fond memories - Kim and Karma puppy

Kimberly Virden - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Jordan, my deepest sympathy for your loss. I always enjoyed speaking with your mother, and remember the time she spent in the classroom on Career Day. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Anita Galloway

Anita Galloway - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *What a terrible loss. Kathryn was a remarkable human being whose intelligence and caring helped many, many adolescents. She will be greatly missed.* ”

Dr. Patricia Moylan - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM