



## Kathy L. Spencer

October 16, 1958 - February 25, 2008

SPENCER, KATHY L. age 49, Feb. 25, 2008 of Shelby Twp. Beloved daughter of Josephine and the late Walter Spencer. Dear sister of Sheryl Michael McKinney. Dear Aunt of Connor and Carson McKinney. Funeral Service 11:00 AM Friday at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd., 3 blks. E. of Van Dyke Utica. Visitation 2-9PM Thursday. Interment Christian Memorial Cemetery. Memorials suggested to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

# Tribute Wall

KM

“ Kathy, such a brave, sweet, fun, considerate, loving, outgoing, pretty and never give up girl!!! I will remember you always. Till we meet again, God Bless you!!!!

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**Kay Martin** - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

DC

“ Kathy, I will truly miss talking to you, laughing with you and all the help you gave me. When I go to call you, I will have to handle it on my own. But I will still talk to you and know you are there listening to me... I'll just think quietly... what would Kathy say .... God Bless You and Your Family. God knows, He is getting a True Angel. You lived life to the fullest and I admired that about you. See you at the top!!! Love Ya Dawn

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**Dawn Campbell** - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

EG

“ One day Kathy said to me that I was her inspiration à me inspiring Kathie ??? What a compliment from a person that was positive, energetic and always smiling even in the times of sickness. Her courage in her fight against cancer will always inspire me. My deepest sympathy to KathyÆs family. Elka Gavrilovic

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**Elka Gavrilovic** - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

KH

“ Kathy welcomed me into the AAA Shelby office only 1 1/2 years ago. From her saying, "Are you making me any money." to "Got any food over here." Kathy touched many lives and I am glad to have known her for a short time. Kim Hoover

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**Kim Hoover** - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

CF

“ Kathy was a WARRIOR. She was a conduit through which good energy flowed. I consider myself blessed to have known her. Enjoy your journey my friend Spencer, you are an inspiration to me. Love, Cheryl

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**Cheryl Fett** - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

DK

“ I will miss Kathy. I remember when she use to pay me \$1.00 to clean her room and I would do it. Aunt Josie I will be praying for you. I Love you all.

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**Donna Kaye** - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

GI

“ Josie, Aunt Sheryl, and Uncle Mike I just wanted to let you know that my heart is with you. Kathy was an amazing lady and she will never be forgotten. The earliest memory I have of Kathy was one summer at Aunt MargoÆs house on Lake Oakland. I was down by the water with Josie and Kathy and it was the first time I can remember eating watermelon. I remember eating some of the seeds and Kathy and Josie told me that I was going to grow a watermelon in my stomach now! I always remember Kathy being so happy. No matter what the situation was, she always had a positive outlook. It is very sad that this day has come but Kathy will live on in all of our hearts forever. I am sure she will be watching down on all of us now with Walter. She was truly an amazing person. I love you all very much.

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**Gary Isaacson** - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

KM

*“ I was terribly saddened to hear of Kathy's passing! I talked with my Mom this evening and she told me the news. I hadn't seen Kathy in years but have many fond memories of growing up with her in Utica. I know that you will all miss her terribly but I know Kathy is indeed in Heaven with our Lord! I will say a prayer for your family that you will all be comforted in your time of grief!*

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**Karen DeWitt McGregor Roscommon, MI** - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

NR

*“ My family just met Kathy in January at her cousin's wedding. We didn't know many people and spent most of our time with Josie and Kathy. We had a great time. Kathy was a very impressive person. She was funny, smart, beautiful and fun to be around. We certainly wish we would have met her sooner. Our hearts go out to her family and friends. She will be missed. Tom, Nickie and Kaley Ross  
Richard and Fran Kroll*

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**nickie, Tom and Kaley Ross** - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

SH

*“ God Bless your family in this unthinkable time.*

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**Stacey Hill** - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

DW

*“ To my boss Kathalina, I miss your finger snapping dancing while asking "Did you sell anything today?" May you now have the peace you so richly deserve. I know you will be looking down on us and pushing to meet our goals. Peace be with you...Debbie*

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**Debbie Wolf** - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

PH

“ I send my sympathy to the family of such a beautiful spirit. I will miss that bubbling personality. God comfort and bless you.

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**Percynthia Hodges** - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

DC

“ To Kathy's Family..I'm thinking of you at this time of sorrow and wishing all of you strength to face tomorrow. Kathy wasn't just my boss,she was my friend. I will miss her terribly and I want to thank her for coming into my life. There will always be a piece of her in me. Kathy was an inspiration and we had some good laughs too. So rest now my friend...until we meet again.

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**Denise Coon** - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

MM

“ A woman of courage and tons of respect, During this difficult time, talk with a friend and reflect. She was full of love, life, grace, and laughs, She touched us all as she crossed each of our paths. She traveled the world, her dreams she lived, Helped in the community, always willing to give. Smart as a whip, quick to lend a hand, For what she believed in, she took a firm stand. We will never forget her, we knew her in many ways, I worked with her on a project, we acted in travel plays. Her sunny disposition has touched us all, She was chosen by God and answered his call. Thank you dear friend, for what you have done, How to live life with zest and really have fun. God Speed, Kathyà You will be missed.

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**Mickey Maniaci** - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

EV

“ Angel on my shoulder.... Angel on my shoulder watching over me My life has been very busy as you can clearly see, So watch me when I'm sleeping , Watch me when I play, Watch me when I work each and every day. Angel on my shoulder Kathy is now our Angel and watching over all of us. She will be dearly missed.

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**Evamarie** - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

MA

“ Kathy, i wanted to say how thankful i am.For the visit to Texas when you played Blonde-heart of glass- and you danced with Bill and I untill we were tired. For watching an annoying 12 yr old while my mom was busy. For offering rides in your car with the top down & cards with Madison and Bailey. With joy and thanks we will think of you. Mary , Madison , Bailey & Alexander

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**mary akers** - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

LT

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to Kathy's family. Not only was she our Boss but a wonderful friend. We will miss the times of laughter, dancing and cartwheels. Some of our most famous memories are "Kissing the Blarney Stone" and me cutting my head, Halloween hayrides, and cooking classes that you made us take. She will be missed more than you know, we appreciate the talks and the listening ear. Live, Laugh and Love, a motto for all to live by. We will miss her .... Laurie & Glenda

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**Laurie Fair & Glenda Toth** - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

PG

“ I will miss your witt and bright smile. You brought life into all situations! The world will be a smaller place without you!

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**Patricia A. Guarino** - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

LP

“ Our deepest love and sympathy to Kathy's family and friends. May you be there for each other in this time of need. God Bless!

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**Laura PeetOswald** - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

SB

“ To Kathy's Mom and Family: You must feel proud that Kathy touched so many people in such a wonderful way. Kathy was such an inspiration to us all -- and to me in particular. She has taught me to stay strong and positive, even though life has thrown obstacles in my way! She has taught me to never take one moment for granted! I will really miss her smiling face and wonderful sense of humor. Thank you God for giving me the priviledge of knowing Kathy!

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**Sandy Brockdorff** - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

DS

“ To Kathy's family and friends: May beautiful memories of Kathy live on and bring you peace. With deepest sympathy, Tony, Donna and Michael Szpotek

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**Donna Szpotek** - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

DM

“ My deepest sympathy to Kathy's family, friends, and co-workers. Kathy's happy spirit will be a lasting memory for me, when I think of the many memories I have of her, I will have a big smile!

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**Deborah Moore** - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

MC

“*Josie, Sheryl, Mike, Connor, and Carson, let me begin by saying how sorry we are. May God give you comfort and strength at this very difficult time in your life. As I sit here and write, my heart breaks and the tears flow. Kathy was a very special person that loved life. You could see it with the smile she always had on her face, the many jobs she enjoyed working at, the closeness she had with her mom and sister, the way she would talk proudly of her nephews, and the way she would share stories of the last adventure she had been on during a trip. She was always there to lend a helping hand. I remember one weekend Bob and I were in Lexington, Kentucky visiting some relatives. We were out to dinner, when we looked up and there was Kathy walking by us neither of us knew the other was going to be in Kentucky. We had gone down there for a Derby Party but did not have tickets to go to the Derby. When we explained this to Kathy, she told us she could get us some tickets, and within hours she did exactly that. Kathy was always eager to help and ask nothing in return. She was a giver. We feel honored to have known such a wonderful, caring, loving, compassionate person. We will miss you deeply.*

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**Margo, Bob, Chloe, Cassidy, and Chyna** - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

DL

“*Kathy was a beautiful faith filled classy lady. A pillar of strength. Always full of life and laughter. Always dressed to the T. Always a funny story to be told. Kathy used every minute of her day for work or fun with an energetic positive spirit. She really lived and touched lives...mine. Thank you. Deb Little*

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**Debra Little** - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

SS

“ My deepest, heartfelt sympathy goes out to Kathy's Family and Friends, and especially to my "MAMA SPENCER". It's so hard for us to understand why special people are taken from us, but we know that God wanted her home for a reason. May Kathy's fun and loving memories help you through this sorrowful time. Hope you're dancing with Walter, Kath ! "Adios" my friend...Love, Sheree

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**Sheree Sievert** - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

CK

“ My prayers and thoughts for the family. My memories of Kathy will always be her zest for life and her laughter!

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**Cheri Kendall** - March 25, 2015 at 12:01 AM

DM

“ Josie, Sheryl, Mike, Connor and Carson, my heart and love goes out to each of you. As I read all of the wonderful messages, it only reconfirms in my own heart what an amazing blessing Kathy was to me also. Because of her I have a wonderful sister-in-law and two beautiful nephewsàbecause she was the person who brought my brother Mike and Sheryl together. I wonder if she knew what a wonderful thing she had done by bringing our families together? We all have so many wonderful memories of being together with Mike and Sheryl, Connor, Carson, Josie, Walter and Lottie and of course Kathyàall because of Kathy. In all of the years IÆve known Kathy, I never heard her yell and I never heard her talk in a negative way about anything. She was always so positive. And like other people have mentioned in their messages she loved to dance!! In fact, it was only two weeks ago she danced at my daughterÆs wedding. I am not sure if she knew what an impact she had made on meàshe and I were diagnosed with illnesses around the same time. She with Cancer, me with a heart problem. Often I would feel sorry for myself. But one day I saw her after she had started her chemo. She looked very pale and thin and she wore a hat on her hair that had turned gray. But on her face she had that same beautiful smile she always had and not one glimpse of feeling sorry for herself or feeling down. Even though I knew she was very tired. It was at that moment that I admired her more than any words could say. She indeed was a very strong, wonderful and very amazing lady! From that day forward whenever I felt down I would always think back to that day and think to myself ôI want to be as strong and amazing as Kathyöàand you know what I always felt better. I have cried so many tears during these past few days and I know there will be more to come. I know she is watching us from Heaven and she is saying ôPlease donÆt cryöàBut Kathy, itÆs just that we are all missing you. I know right now you are with your Dad and Grandmother and you are no longer feeling pain. God has given us all time with his special Angel, but now he wants you home. Even though we may not be able to sit and talk, you will always be with usàbecause we carry you within our hearts.

**Dawn Frigo, Clarkston, MI** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ I have only known Kathy for several sessions in the one-stroke painting class. It is an inspiration to me to have your smile and wit touch my life. My deepest sympathy to Kathy's family Lorrainew

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**Lorraine Kazmierczak** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I didn't know Kathy as well as I knew Josie, I did have a really nice time with her at a wedding once and she also went to a tea with her mom and us the cat ladies. After reading what everyone had to say about her, I wish I had known her better. I will tell you that I'm not surprised she was a wonderful person because, you know the old say "The apple doesn't fall far from the tree". Rest in peace dear Kathy rest in peace.

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**Beverly Srbich** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Josie and Cheryl our hearts go out to you. Kathy was a special person. I will never forget our visit up north in Tawas at Mickey's house. Kathy really enjoyed my mom's chicken and dumplings. I will never forget that vacation it was the last time I saw her and she looked great. We are sorry we can't be there but the weather is terrible. Kathy knows we love her and will never forget her. Please stay strong. We love you all very much. Love Tami, Drew, Leah Kay, Bre and Kannan Lovins.

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**Tami Spencer-Lovins** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Dear friends and family of my dear friend Kathy: I have known Kathy for about 25 years, we go way back to the days when we both worked at Kmart part-time. We worked together and played together. I was lucky enough to travel with her on 2 of her adventures-once to Washington DC and once to San Francisco-2 trips I will remember forever. She was the same back then as she was this Christmas when we went shopping together-upbeat, warm, always concerned about others, giving and just plain fun to be with. Connor, I read your message about Kathy not be gifted athletically and it made me laugh because she came limping into the restaurant that day because she had broken her toe by stubbing it on her ironing board! There are absolutely no words to describe the loss that I feel right now. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family. She was so strong through her battles with leukemia and I know she was strong through this most recent battle. I am so happy that she lived a great life, although too short-full of love, happiness, adventure, fun and more love. I will miss her so much. Forever your friend, Kathy

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**Kathy Thomas** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ To all that knew Kathy, One of the oldest souls I've ever known on this earth. It was a priveledge to have her as a part of my family. A quick look at Kathy's bookshelf and one would see books on many subjects. The majority of them however, would have something to do with God or spirituality. This is one subject which she was gaining knowledge in throughout her life. I am willing to bet that right now she still is. She traveled the world and saw more than most people would see in a normal lifetime. She lived her life in a way that I regret to say the majority of us don't. She was always happy even until the end of her fight. I never saw her yell at anyone in my life. Even until the end, she always put a smile on everyone's face. Part of Kathy's personality was simply to give love off to everyone that she met. I'm sure that's why she will be missed by so many people. She was that easy to love back because of this characteristic. Some people say that memories last until the end of time. I believe them to last forever. Trust me when I say that soul to soul her memories of all of us are still with her. I will miss you until one day we meet again Kath. I love you, Carl

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**Carl Mertz** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ 26 years ago, I started my career sitting next to Kathy at the Utica branch doing trip-tiks. What a way to start a career, working with such a fun and wonderful person such as Kathy. I will always remember her happiness and zest for travel and life in general. She always lived life to its fullest. She was an inspiration to all that met her. Kathy, you have had an impact on my life, you will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family and friends.

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**Dominic Nastasy** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Our deepest sympathy to all of Kathie's family. We will miss her visits to Tawas, MI . but she will always be in our hearts.

Joe & Alma Rose & Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ I'm better for having known you and so sorry that you're gone. Your wry smile and quick wit made me smile so many times. Your strength and courage was a daily inspiration to me. I will miss you. My deepest sympathy to your family and all who love you. God bless.

Alex Girard - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CV

“ Kathy will be greatly missed. In my work with her for nearly a decade, She was an enthusiastic person with a positive view about what could be accomplished. It was an honor and a pleasure to work with her on some of the political issues related to Auto Club Committee. Her input and opinions will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. Chris

Chris Bernhard Viegas - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ I'll miss your wit, laughter, energy, spirit and zest for life! Your unflinching courage and hope has been an inspiration for each of us. Gone from this life, but born into iternal life. Rest easy in the Lord's loving arms.

Denise M. Welsh - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ Kathy . from your parents you learned courage and acceptance. What is ,IS , not why me god . What a fighter ,you have taught us all a lesson in going on, no matter how tough it got . You were a lot of things to different people. A beloved daughter ,sister, sister in law,aunt ,niece ,cousin ,and a good friend to many people . You were so full of life , hardworking, smart ,especialy at Jeopardy, you always amazed your dad .,and you loved a good party.Oh yes didnt you just love to dance . We are reminded of an Elton John song ,slightly altered, "Your candle burned out long before your memory ever will" You will always be rembered and never forgotten by your family and all the rest of us who will miss you

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**Pat and Tom Jubb** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ I had the pleasure of working with Kathy over 25 years ago at KMart in Rochester ~ it was her "fun" job, and my "home from college" job. I will always remember Kathy as the cool, fun co-worker who not only laid the groundwork of what I could expect at Central Michigan University, but who also begrudgingly let me drive her Camaro ? in the parking lot! Although I hadn't seen Kathy in many, many years, she always left an impression on me as to what a confident and poised, yet fun woman should look like. I am so sorry to hear of her passing, but have no doubt that she fought leukemia with grace and resolve. God's every blessing to you all at this difficult time.

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**Lisa Mooneyham Garr** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ I found out this morning that I lost one of my closest friends. I met Kathy over 20 years ago when my brother Jay and I were working on our Masters Degree program thru Central Michigan University. Kathy immediately became our friend and completed the program with us by taking all of the same classes and by doing our entire group projects together. By the end of the program Kathy became part of our family. Kathy and I went on several trips together and shared many memories together. She was a bridesmaid in my wedding and attended almost all of my childrenÆs birthday parties since they were born. My son Paul is now 16 and my daughter Allison is 14 years old. On the rare occasion when Kathy didnÆt show up for a party my sisters, brothers and in laws all asked ôWhere is Kathy?ö The last event Kathy attended was my nieceÆs high school graduation party. When Kathy became part of my life she also became part of my whole family. Kathy was the best friend anyone could ever have. She was extremely positive, energetic, friendly and truly enjoyed life. Kathy was very brave. Her strength, courage and attitude was so strong it was hard to believe she was ever sick. Kathy was a wonderful person and will be missed but never forgotten. My thoughts and prayers are with Josie, Sheryl and the rest of her family and friends.

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**Tammy D. Olexa and Family** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ i was lucky enough to enjoy many good times with kathy. we decided to go see the very first show at the palace of auburn hills. after the concert we joined everyone else in the parking lot, looking for our lost car since the lots were not yet marked! another time i joined kathy on a day gambling jaunt to atlantic city. we got waylaid in pittsburg and lost when we left the boardwalk. and just last year kathy invited me to see billy joel in concert from a suite at the palace. kathy, i promise you i'll continue to enjoy life, just like you always did

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**rob robertson** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Sheryl and Family- On behalf of the McKay Family, please accept our condolences at the loss of Kathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Jane McKay Tierney Grand Rapids, Mi

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**Jane McKay Tierney** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but in your entire life, you will never forget them. Kathy will never be forgotten by so many people who's lives she has touched, especially myself. My deepest sympathy to her family and friends.

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**Leslie Consolino** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Kathy, you have been an inspiration to all who have been fortunate enough to have had you in their lives. Your strength, courage, and perseverance have truly been an inspiration to me. The memories we have shared throughout our lives will live forever. I said a prayer straight from the heart, God knew I was sincere... As I prayed for you today The angels gathered near. I asked God to give you strength to face lifes tide...I told him that an angel was needed by your side. I asked him to toss your hurt into the deep blue sea, and let it's healing waters remove the memory. Tears are heavenly raindrops God must send to cleanse the soul, The storm will quickly be replaced with the beauty of His rainbow. With love, Gary

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**Gary Martin** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“What a lady, wow so sweet so kind so zesty, so full of life. A boss of mine that I truly respected and would do any thing for. She was a true motivator in sales. She helped me alot when she was our manager at the pontiac office. She will truly be missed.

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Deborah kay graham - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CD

“Kathy was a great encouragement to me three years ago when I had to deal with cancer. She sent me letters and a book, "The Beethoven Factor," that talks about our ability to accomplish great things during the most difficult times of our lives. Her encouragement was a great comfort and her timing was incredible. Here, in Kathy's words, are a few sentences from the letter she sent, "It is through these experiences that we grow and gain greater understanding of our life and the role God plays in it. You and I have shared many conversations on life and the experiences we have been chosen by God to endure. At my first diagnosis my thanks went to God for all of those paste-eating nerds Kathy had such a sense of humor!! from school that were anti-social but found comfort in their microscopes. It is because of them, the research they've done and treatments developed that we have the ability to be treated today. If one ever wanted to know if God was alive and well today, all they have to do is acquire a serious illness. I think that when one acquires an illness it is God tapping you on the shoulder saying, 'Just wanted to let you know that I know you are out there, and I am here, walking with you, or carrying you if the need arises.' Kathy continued with, "As we work through what lies ahead, let's keep our eyes, ears and heart open for the signs that God is working through us and how His plan has been enhanced through what we're going through." God bless you Kathy, you made it...you are finally home!! Thank you for being such a blessing to all of us. We are definitely better for having known you.

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Cheryl Dupay - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ There is not is one word I can use to describe my Aunt Kathy. Caring, unselfish, smart, charismatic are only a few of the hundreds of words that can describe my Aunt Kathy. My aunt was a natural social butterfly. She would walk into a room and by the time we left know every single person. Although she was not athletic, she loved to play golf with her friends. There is one story I can remember. I was heading to some sort of game I had and me and Aunt Kathy were playing football. We were passing the ball back and forth when I heard her say, "Ow!" Turns out that she broke her finger just from me passing the ball to her. I also remember taunting her that she was being a baby and that she only broke a nail. Another thing that stood out about my aunt was her love of dance. At every family wedding she was the first to be on the dance floor. And, I was usually dancing with her during the slow dances. She was there always supporting me in academics, and sporting events. Everytime I looked off whatever type of field or court I was playing on, I saw her and the rest of my families smiling faces. Another hobby of my aunts was travel. Aunt Kathy loved to see new places all over the world and experience new customs. I remember that someone used to joke to her that she could be their tour guide on a trip they were taking. When she found out that I was taking Spanish in the 8th grade, she tried having conversations with me, and there I sat with a puzzled expression on my face saying either "Si" or "No". She would also joke with me about taking me to places like Scotland or Japan. Aunt Kathy didn't have a selfish bone in her body and we all miss her a lot. But now she is with the lord and her father, aunt, and grandmother, probably still being a social butterfly. I don't know how many times I can say this, but I loved her very much as an aunt and a godmother. Your Favorite Nephew, Connor

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Connor McKinney - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Mrs. Spencer and Sheryl I am so sorry for your loss. Kathy was my second ôBig Sisö and will be truly missed. While reading the many wonderful entries in KathyÆs guest book I realize she was an amazing person, I am sorry I moved to Florida and missed so many opportunities with her. Every time I go back ôhomeö it is like I never left. I will always have the memories when we were children and that is what I am thankful for. Remember Kathy is ôForever in our heartsö. I just want you both to know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Laurie, John, Christina & Steven LaFranca** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Kathy to me was a "knock off of the old block" of a very wonderful and kind couple. Kathy and Sheryl are and always were 2 very classy ladies and always were kind to others and just a joy to be around. Kathy's Mom is truly THE NICEST PERSON I've ever known and I'm so sad for the void that is left in her life as well as Sheryl, Mike, and the boys. I know they will always be able to think of Kathy and the funny things she would say and do and be able to find a smile for her. I wish the best for them and hopefully the pain can be replaced soon with the memories. She will surely be missed and the world was a better place with her and people like her in it.

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**Deb Jubb Srbich & Alan Srbich** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TV

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Her smile has such great warmth, it is warming heaven.....

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**Tim VanDam** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ I will miss you forever. You were my partner in crime at AAA and Macy's, my lunch partner and my sister at work. I miss our daily chit chats before beginning our day. I miss the call for lunch "ok so what are we eating today". I even miss you calling me pee wee and shorty. Your courage and feisty attitude will be a shining example to me when times are tough. Your friend, Pat

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**Pat Lieder** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Where do I start... I'm going to miss you my dear friend Kathy. I had the pleasure of working with you at two jobs. Our daytime job at AAA and our 'fun, no brainer' job at Marshall Fields. We knew when we had to hit the grind stone and we knew when we could have fun at each job. I will never forget your beautiful smile and loving ways.... You are in a better place. Watch over all of us!

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**Chris Pipia** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I will miss Kathy so much. She became so much more than a "work buddy"...we talked on the phone everyday...she helped me with with so many things and gave me support. We shared lots of laughs and private jokes along with the work....I will miss you, Smarty Pants!!  
Sue

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**Sue MacDonald** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ A fabulous woman and friend.

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**Sue Marvin** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I was saddened to hear I lost one of my family members. Cousin Kathy, you were so fun to be around. I couldn't wait to see you, because I knew we would be laughing most of that time. I have a lot of memories, but the one that sticks out most is, when Chris got married and you talked me into singing a Toby Keith song, and you were one of my back-ups. I loved talking with you about our roots in Kentucky. I know you had a passion for the Spencer genealogy. Lastly, I was glad Cindy and I ran into you at the Great Lakes Crossing before Christmas. I will never forget the hug and glow in your face as we talked our holiday plans. Kathy, you will truly be missed. May God have his hands on you Aunt Josie and Cousin Sheryl through this difficult time. Love, The Dale Spencer family

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**Dale Spencer** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ I am writing this on day 2 of knowing my dear friend Kathy is gone. I want to bop her on the head to say "why didn't you let me know you were so sick this past month" but knowing Kath, she probably thought this was a temporary thing & she'd let me know of the bad time later. I had 30 years with her & millions of laughs & millions of miles travelled together. I can remember us meeting at 18 at K-Mart to the last time I saw her in January. I can close my eyes & see her - I had complimented how pretty she looked in that light blue jacket... I only remember 1 time we got kind of mad at each other & that was in the early 1980's & I think it was on our first cruise & we probably just had been too joined at the hip. I think we had an hour of needing to get away & then all was back to normal. I have zillions of memories to cherish & zillions of photo's to remember with. I am so sad for Mrs Spencer & Sheryl & everyone else she touched. I am so hurting inside & all I want to do is talk to Kathy about how sad I am. I guess I'll just have to do that via the heaven hot line. I know she wasn't a techie & preferred to communicate live, but hopefully she'll always be there for me in spirit. I know she will - because she's in my heart. I miss you Kathy! - Pat

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**Pat Gardocki** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I first met Kathy in an insurance training class. We were both field sales agents at the time. She later became my sales manager in the Waterford field sales office. I don't have a negative memory of Kathy. She was always upbeat and somebody I am glad i could call a friend. She greeted me with a warm hug at a AAA meeting in Lansing just this past December. I'm saddened by her passing and will say a prayer for her family and friends.

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**Barry Schatz** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Hey Kath, You are the strongest and bravest person I know. You were always smiling and never down. I only can hope for one ounce of your strength. I will miss you. I will never forget you, you are my rock Love, Raelene

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**Raelene Reinhold** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Just wanted to write you a few lines to let you know we are thinking about you and you are in our prayers. Don was talking about when Kathy and Sheryl were little and he lived with you and Walter the girls would come in on Christmas morning and wake him up, because he slept on the couch in the breeze way. He said he never cared what time it was. He was glad when they did because they were so excited. Our memories of Kathy are very special and we cherish ever one. Kathy will always have a special place in our lives as well as Joaie and Sheryl. We will miss Kathy very much, but I have the hope and assurance we will meet again. In 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 it reads like this. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus shall we always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words. There is coming a day when we will all be together again. We love you all very much and if weather permits we will see you soon. God bless Love Uncle Don & Aunt Vickie

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**Don & Vickie Spencer** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ I worked with Kathy at the Detroit Northeast office. I was in the claims dept in the rear of the office and she was always willing to come back and try to assist us when we were in need with a smile on her face. I have some fond memories of volunteering with her in Rochester for their art show standing in the rain and trying to accept donations. God has one of his angels back today.

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**Pam Hornik** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I'd like to express my deepest sympathy to Kathy's family and friends. We know that this is a very difficult time...but remember....that Kathy is still in your HEARTS... ...for neither time, nor distance, nor death itself can erase a love that endures forever. May the memory of Kathy help ease the sadness of your loss. It was a pleasure working right next to Kathy at the Utica Branch...running in and out of each other's office each day. Many people have seen the picture of Mickey Mouse and Me...but the one who made me smile.. while she was taking that picture was KATHY SPENCER! That will always be one of my fondest memories.

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**Melvin Pierre, Sr.** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to all of you! Kathy was an Angel on Earth who is responsible for introducing our Mike to beautiful Sheryl and joining our families û what a blessing for Mike and for us! WeÆve always had so much respect and admiration for Kathy. She was such a success both professionally and personally. Throughout the years, we loved seeing the relationship she had with Josie and Sheryl û what an amazing bond between them! Connor and Carson, you are so lucky to have Kathy as your Aunt; weÆre sure you know how much she loved you both! We thank God that we were blessed to have Kathy in our lives. Her upbeat personality, her beautiful smile, her love for travel, her unselfishness, the way she loved to dance, her obvious love for our children they love and will miss æAunt KathyÆ too, the love she showed us, the way she made everyone feel important, her courageous fight and positive attitude after being diagnosed, àthere are so many things that make Kathy specialàwe could go on forever. Kathy was a part of us, a very important part of our family and she will be missed more than words can ever say. During this difficult time, the one thing we can say without a doubt is that we thank God for giving us the gift of bringing Kathy into our livesàWe were truly blessed to know Kathy and the blessings will continue with our wonderful memories of her! Josie, Sheryl, Mike, Connor & Carson - hold dear to your heart your memories with Kathy, those memories are yours forever and can never be taken away!

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**Joe, Sheryl, Chase, Chandler & Charleigh Ann** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I would like to offer my most sincere condolences to Kathy's family and to her AAA family as well. I have known Kathy for many years and I will truly miss her. She always had that unique ability to be very professional yet also able to shift gears and kick back and be so much fun to be around. We have all lost a very, very special friend!

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**Mike Carpenter** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ My deepest condolences and prayers to Kathy's family. Kathy was full of life, fun, quick wit, laughter and a keen sense of business. I'll fondly remember the times I visited her at the Utica AAA Branch and our talks. She was always available to offer advice and good counsel. Like so many I admired her courage and positive attitude through the ups and downs of her illness. Good Bye Kathy, you left a great legacy that lives on and you will be missed.

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**Barbara Burgess** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Kathy was a gem. I will always remember her laugh, her smile, and her positive outlook about everything. My heartfelt sympathy to her family and friends who will miss her so much. I wonder if she even knew what an impact she had on us all? May God rest her beautiful soul. I love you girl, Krissie

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**Karen Krystof** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Kathy was a pleasure to work with. She made my days at the Detroit Northeast Branch a blast. She always took a normal day and made it FUN. She will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends.

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**Ellen Boyes** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ To the family, my prayers and thoughts are with you, Kathy was truly a wonderful person. she touch the hearts of all that knew her. may God heal your hearts gently! God bless you

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**Toni Hetherington** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ In memory of my colleague Kathy, truly a person who demonstrated how to live through adversity. I can say that being at work was "funner" with Kathy Spencer around. May her immediate family find comfort in reading about the positive impact she had on the lives of her AAA family. She will be sorely missed, but thank God for good memories. -M. Haynes

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**Marcus Haynes** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ God bless you Kathy, As part of DebbieÆs family, I have been in aw of you dedication to family, friends and work. You became a second sister to Debbie and were always there to support each other. We enjoyed football games, golfing, back yard fires and many family gatherings. Always there to lend a helping hand and taking one with a thankful smile. Thank you for many wonderful memories your love will always be in our hearts. Love Terry

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**Terry Mertz** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Kathy will be sorely missed by all who knew her. Her family and all of her many friends and co-workers will be in my prayers.

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**Peggy Cicci** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ZD

“ My sincere condolences go out to Kathy's family. In her own way, Kathy was a blessing to me, especially when it came to recruiting Travel Agents for the company. Kathy was very knowledgable, upbeat, full of positive energy and always willing to help others; she will indeed be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family during this time of loss.

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**Zina Davy** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I will remember my traveling companion Kathy everytime I visit a new place. She loved seeing new places and experiencing new things! Her enthusiasm was contagious and her sense of humor the best! As I sit and look at the valentine she sent me just 2 weeks ago I already miss her! God speed my friend!

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**Becky Squires** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I have had the privilege of working with Kathy at the Utica branch for the past 6 yrs. and I have to say that because of Kathy, they have been 6 of the best years of my career. Kathy was truly one of those rare people that we are sometimes lucky enough to meet in this life who face each day and each challenge with faith, courage, and most importantly a smile or a laugh. Kathy brought a vitality and a joy into the office with her each day and no matter how tough the day was or what challenges she met, she left each night with that sense of joy intact. I will never forget sitting in her office and seeing 2 bumper stickers she had tacked to a wall that read "If it's not fun why do it?" and "Life is terrific!" Those 2 sayings sum up my dear friend Kathy! Rest easy my friend, we will see each other again!  
Love, Joey

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**Joe Ciacchella** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Peacefully, sleep comes to a dear, beloved heart. Quietly, we understand the time has come to part. Tenderly, the love shines on - - a never-ending light. Gratefully, we feel its warmth and say, Sweet dreams, good-night. -Selected.

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**Jacqueline McChristian** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ Kathy will be missed by all who knew her. I for one, will miss the positive sayings and the true joy she exhibited each and every time I came into contact with her. She always looked for the good in any situation and made sure you saw it as well. To her family and many friends remember the smile and the laughter. I know I will.

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**Helen Ford** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Deepest sympathy to the family in their time of sorrow...

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**Joe Holland** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ What a blessing it was to have known Kathy. I had the pleasure to work with her, spend time with her in Aruba, and recently enjoyed a wedding where we had mutual relatives marry. Kathy was always smiling, energetic, and a hard worker who taught all of us how to live, laugh, and enjoy life. God Bless you Kathy.

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**Karen Passmore** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Kathy was a real joy in my life. She always made me smile. She will be truly missed. May God comfort the family during this trying time.  
Carl Smith

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**Carl Smith** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ I'll remember Kathy as the person who was ready, willing and able to do what ever it took to exceed goals. She and I put a presentation together for the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce on behalf of Helen Ford in a matter of minutes one time...but my favorite way to remember her will always be playing the mod, hippie travel agent in a skit with Mickey Maniaci at a Summer Business Meeting...God Speed, Kathy - you will be missed.

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**Sandy Acquaro** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SZ

“ Knowing Kathy for many years has truly been a pleasure. Kathy stayed vibrant and was an inspiration to all as she fought Leukemia. We worked together for several years at the Utica AAA branch and have continued to have some wonderful times together socially. I will never forget Kathy's humor, smile and ability to make a person laugh at the craziest things. She was a worker bee, a world traveler and always into something. Kathy will surely be missed by the many, many people whose lives she touched. Peace be with you, my friend. Sydney

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**Sydney Ann Zaremba** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ To the Spencer family, Sorry to hear about Kathy, may God continue to Bless and keep you

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**Marian E. Draines** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *Kathy was a wonderful person that was a pleasure work with over the past 20 plus years that I knew her. She was more than a business associate, Kathy was a true friend that I will miss. I marvel at her courage in her fight against cancer and she will remain a great inspiration to me and many others that knew her. God bless her. Tony*

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**Tony Welsh** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Our sympathy goes out to her family. She was an amazing woman. You all will be in our thoughts as you grieve this amazing lady. Dustin and Sheila Brown*

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**Dustin and Sheila Brown** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *My condolences to Kathy's family. She will truly be missed. Her spirit will continue to live on, as she impacted many people with her kindness, sense of humor and ability to turn a perceived negative into a positive-- even when we talked about our beloved Detroit Lions. May God bless you all.*

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**Keith Pickens** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Heaven must have been missing an Angel. To the Family, the AAA Family and the many Friends, Be of good courage. Our GOD is an awesome GOD, He reigns from Heaven above, with Wisdom, Power and Love, our GOD is an awesome GOD. We were truly blessed to have known such a wonderful, energetic, intelligent, humorous and talented woman. Kathy would remind me that nothing was impossible if we would simply Believe, work to Achieve, meditate to Conceive, then hitting our goals would be a Breeze!!! I am convinced that I became a better person, a better fighter and a better friend because of Kathy L. Spencer. Amen*

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**Robert Williams, III** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ *My deepest sympathy to all of Kathie's family, friends and co workers. Kathy was such a wonderful vibrant person both inside and out with a definite zest for life. Kathy will be remembered as always upbeat, positive and whom I rarely ever saw without a smile. I will certainly miss her. Lisa Presley, Royal Caribbean Int.*

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**Lisa Presley, Royal Caribbean Int** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM