



## Meaghan Michele Battle

July 1, 1969 - May 10, 2019

Meaghan "Meg" Michele Battle, age 49, died on May 10, 2019 at her home in Berkley, Michigan. She was born in Detroit, Michigan on July 1, 1969, the daughter of the late Michele "Mickey" and Martin "Marty" Battle.

Meg graduated from Adrian College with a Bachelor of Arts and then from the University of Michigan with a master's degree in library science. She valued and enjoyed her work as head of Youth Service at the Troy Public Library. She was always an advocate for equal and open access to resources for ALL her constituents and colleagues. She was an influential professional in her field and left a mark that will be remembered.

She is survived by her siblings Anthony "Tony" Battle, Sharon Disney, Dennis Haggerty, Linda Haggerty, Margaret Haggerty, Jim Haggerty, Joanne Figot, and Steven Haggerty. Also survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews. Having lost her parents early-on in life, she was blessed to be welcomed by Kay and Neil Haggerty into an equally amazing family who cared for her deeply.

As an adult, she was fiercely proud of her nieces and nephews, and saw the goodness and potential in all.

Meg was a kind and gentle soul, and will be missed tremendously. She

brought light and love to everything she touched, and her special way of connecting with everyone around her will be sorely missed. Most importantly, Meg was a loyal and loving family member and friend.

Please hold her in your hearts as her pain is relieved and she joins her family in heaven. She will be sorely missed.

A memorial gathering will be held on June 30th from 12-4:00 pm at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home in Royal Oak as a celebration of her life.

If you would like to make a contribution in Meg's honor, please consider:

Meaghan Battle Youth Services Memorial Fund

Troy Public Library

510 W Big Beaver Rd, Troy, MI 48084

Attn; Cathleen Russ, Director

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Please share a memory on the Tribute Wall at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

JUN **30**. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak

705 W. Eleven Mile Road

Royal Oak, MI 48067

(248) 541-7000

royal@sullivanfh.com

<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ Praying for Tony and family this weekend as you honor Meaghan’s life. 💕



Christine Kapusky Moore - June 29, 2019 at 07:55 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Meaghan Michele Battle.



June 29, 2019 at 07:53 PM



“ Dearest Meg, I can relate, and I honor your journey. Thank you so much for your presence here with us. Blessed be dear cousin.

Rosemary Lazzari - June 29, 2019 at 02:28 PM



“ I just heard about Meaghan and it breaks my heart. She truly brightened up that youth area when she worked. Knew every book and always had a smile on her face. We connected when my youngest went to the preschool reading field trip with his school and Meaghan was the reader. With being the marketer for Granite City I was always able to help Meaghan with any donations she ever needed. I’m proud to say she was a friend and I feel extremely lucky to have known her. I’m so sad to hear about her passing.

Rebecca bullock - June 05, 2019 at 06:12 PM

TK

“ My children have been seeing Meghan since they were 6 months old at the Troy library. She was a wonderful caring patient person. You will be missed

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**thulasi king** - June 02, 2019 at 03:40 PM

KC

“ I am so sorry to hear of Meaghan’s passing. My condolences to her family. I never met any of you but heard so much from Meaghan who loved you all dearly. I met Meaghan in library school and we ended up as housemates when we found ourselves working for the same North Carolina library system after graduation. Being brand-new children’s librarians, we’d practice stories, songs and rhymes at home. We explored the Blue Ridge Parkway, attended local baseball games if only to get sno-cones, went to movies to escape the heat, danced outside in rain storms, went to Jimmy Buffet concerts. After Meaghan returned to Michigan and I to Oregon, we saw each other occasionally at national library conferences. We even were on the same committee one year. We met up twice in Ireland. Both trips included the Lisdoonvarna Matchmaking Festival, of course, thanks to Meaghan. I always thought we’d see each other again in person. She had a wonderful, loving spirit. I was lucky to know her.

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**Kate Carter** - June 01, 2019 at 12:18 AM



Meredith  
Davis

“ Dearest Meaghan you will be missed. At a loss for words. Heartfelt sympathies to your family.

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**Meredith Davis** - May 24, 2019 at 04:17 AM

CK

“ *Tim Roberts’ Nana (Cathy) and family are extending their sincere condolences to the family of Meaghan.*



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**Cathy Kimbrough** - May 18, 2019 at 09:00 PM

ER

“ *My family and I have been weekly visitors of the Troy Public Library for many years. Meaghan often greeted us with a warm welcome, remembering my children's names. We will miss her vibrant personality and sincerity. Her care and enthusiasm for children was a significant reason I love the Troy Library. It's hard to imagine being in the children's section without her. Genuine sympathy to her family, friends and colleagues.*

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**Erin** - May 18, 2019 at 07:37 PM

 Martha  
Rogers

“ I was so so sad to learn of Meaghan's passing. My deepest, heartfelt condolences to her beloved family. Meaghan was my first library boss back at the Westland Library starting in 1993. She spoke so lovingly and proudly of her family. My heart goes out to you. Meaghan was a fantastic boss and taught me many things- everything from creating enthralling story times to digging deep for patience when the 12th child of the day asks for "that red book" s/he read two years ago! She also helped me find the confidence needed to venture out on my own, doing programming, outreach and SRP. That's how Meaghan was...it was never all about her. She took the time to helped others grow and find their places in the library world. I still do storytimes and each one of them has a piece of Meaghan in it. "Head shoulders knees and toes KNEES AND TOES..." I am happy that she and I maintained a friendship long after neither of us worked together. I treasured her and loved her so much. <https://poets.org/poem/famous>



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**Martha Rogers** - May 18, 2019 at 02:34 PM

 Dianna  
Burt

“ When I worked with Meaghan at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, In, she was always so fun and friendly. Meaghan would light up a room. I learned so many wonderful professional tips from her. She is loved and missed.  
Dianna

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**Dianna Burt** - May 17, 2019 at 12:28 PM

SW

“ Dear Meghan, I am behalf of the Troy Public Library Youth Services and I have volunteered at the Adult Services and Youth Services too and we love you. I will miss you and TPL staff will miss you and Troy Medi-Go staff (Garry, Sara, Joanne, Larry, Rob, Randall, Bob, Jim, Jack, Dave, Doug, Al, Paulette, Gus, and Arthur) will miss you. I have been volunteering with you and we have pizza party with Julie and lunch at Granite city and we spent three weeks at Troy Community Center in January due to carpeting and Meghan, I love you and beloved.

Susana Wong - May 16, 2019 at 12:45 PM

BB

Meghan, you always were a shining star, at the Ann Arbor District Library and then at the library in Troy. Your voice was worthy of Broadway shows. I am so glad that I got to work with you and sing with you and laugh with you. Betsy Beckerman, Ann Arbor musician

Betsy Beckerman - May 29, 2019 at 09:29 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Meaghan Michele Battle.



May 16, 2019 at 08:26 AM



“ Years ago, I told everyone who would listen that my sister-in-law was on the Newberry committee. I was so proud of her. The book the committee chose, "When You Reach Me", is especially meaningful now. Early in her career she got permission to use Curious George images in her summer reading program. I was so impressed with her accomplishments and proud to be part of her world. But work was just an extension of her beautiful soul. When I got a dose of her infectious enthusiasm it made me feel like I was better than I am. Meg made me better and I love her forever.

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**Deborah Farris** - May 15, 2019 at 08:31 PM



“ Hello. My name is Janis Lovelace and I had the privilege of knowing Meaghan through the Troy Public Library. My dog Reba and I are a part of the Paws for Reading program. The first time Reba and I met Meaghan for our interview I knew, with her dynamic personality, it was going to be a great place to visit. She made us feel so welcome and always made sure we had everything we needed for our visits. Reba and I just celebrated our 50th visit at TPL last week and had the pleasure of sharing that with Meaghan along with her kind words she wrote in a card for us. Reba could not wait to greet the staff that day, especially Meaghan. I just wanted to let you know how much Meaghan meant to us and how much Reba and I will miss seeing her beautiful smile.

*Our prayers are with you and your entire family.*

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**Janis Lovelace** - May 15, 2019 at 04:10 PM