

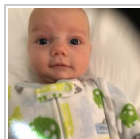


Petra Lynne Snel

October 31, 1970 - December 31, 2013

Petra Lynne Snel, age 43, a resident of Huntington Woods for the last two years, formerly of Ferndale and Royal Oak, passed away December 31, 2013 at her home. She was born October 31, 1970 in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Petra received her bachelor's degree from Queens University and her MBA from the University of Windsor. She was employed as a finance manager at Ford of Canada and the last six years at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn. She was the beloved wife of Richard D. Lagerstrom; the couple married June 21, 2008 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Loving mother of Joan Mary Lagerstrom. Cherished daughter of Rudy Wanda Noel Snel and Lynda Ed Turner. Granddaughter of William the late Mary Fridgen. Daughter-in-law of Denise the late Richard Lagerstrom. Dear sister of Stephen Tanya Turner, Phillip Annette Snel, Jordan Snel and Nicolas Snel. Also survived by one niece, two nephews, as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins. The visitation will be Monday 2-9 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W Eleven Mile Road 4 blocks E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Petra will lie in state Tuesday 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass 10 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church in Royal Oak, with the Rev. Steven Wertanen officiating. Memorials to Gilda's Club Metro Detroit are appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall



“ I remember Petra as a very intelligent, lovely ,good wife and mother, gone too soon. Aunt Josephine’s

Josephine Demps - August 02, 2023 at 09:21 PM

LS

“ I am sorry to hear of Petra's passing. We reconnected in the past 3 years while my son battled pediatric cancer and she was battling her own. We had conversations where we shared our feelings of our struggles with the disease. She had such strength and grace and said "I don't know how you do it - it's better that it's me than Joan". God bless you PT - may God's arms reach out to you and welcome you as the beautiful angel that you are.

Lisa Neville Santoianni - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ My deep condolences. What a terribly sad thing and my heart goes out to you.

Jeff Wasserman - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ I taught Petra at Alta Vista many years ago. Her picture in the Ottawa newspaper is exactly how I remember her with her bright, warm, cheerful smile. She was always positive, a confident young lady, full of life. I am so very sorry to hear of her passing. She was so young and obviously fought a hard battle these past years. May the many good times you shared, help you at this difficult time. My sincere condolences to all of you. Sharon Appotive

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

GD

“ Lynda and Ed, please know that my thoughts are with you at this time of loss.

Gisele Doyle - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Dear Rudy. I was so sorry to hear the news of your daughter Petra. My thoughts and sympathy are with you and Wanda at this very difficult time. Jill Holt

Gillian Holt - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Ed and, Lynda. Please know that David and I wish you sincere condolences.

Marion and David - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

OW

“ It is with shock that I hear about the passing of Petra. I taught Petra at Ridgemont HS and she was a delight to have in my PE class. I also remember that her father was from the Netherlands. It gave us a common background. Ed and Linda I am thinking of you during this very difficult time. Odile

Odile Waslander - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Patti and I are so very sad for such a profound loss to her family and friends. Petra was one of the happiest people that we have ever met and surely one of the bravest. May Rick and Joan and the rest of her family remember her as the one with the biggest smile in the crowd and the most courage.

Peter and Patti Aitchison - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Dear Rudy and Wanda- my sincere sympathy to you on the terrible loss of your precious daughter. My heart goes out to you, and the whole family. Tish Campbell Barr.

Tish Campbell Barr - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ I reconnected with Petra a couple of years ago on Facebook. She was still the same girl I knew in high school - determined, smart and brave. She told me about her cancer and I was in complete awe of her courage and grace and her sense of humour. She will be missed by all of us who knew her as a high school student. I am so sorry for your loss and I will be praying for all of you in the months to come. God be with you all.

Tammy - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Petra will never be forgotten she always thought of others first even though she had a lot going on in her own life. That big smile of hers is smiling down at all of us especially to her daughter Joan, husband Rick and the rest of her family and friends. RIP Petra!

Catherine - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Many wonderful memories...sending much love xo

Michelle Parsons - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *Petra was always a fun person to be around. Growing up as cousins in Ottawa, my sisters Lynda, Mary and I would always hanging out with our cousins Petra, Phil and Steve on Grasmere Cres. We all ended up going to high school together and Petra ended up following Steve and I to Queen's. There are so many great memories of Petra. She was and amazing friend and cousin. Susan, Robert, Valerie and I have the family in our thoughts and prayers.*

Don Durant - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *My condolences to those who loved Petra and whom she loved. I remember her from my days teaching music and band at Ridgemont High School in Ottawa. She was a personable and mature person and a pleasure to have in my classes. Everyone who knew her will miss her personality and joy of life.*

James Milne - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Lynda, Ed and Family. We are all very sorry to hear of Petra's passing. Know that our hearts, thoughts and Prayers are with you all at this difficult time.*

Darcy, Cathy Fridgen & Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *Petra was one of the strongest people I knew. She never complained and took every day in stride, some strides much longer and harder than others, but she kept going. I will miss her friendship and laughter, but will be inspired by her every day. Rest in Peace my friend.*

Kristy - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *Petra, I loved you dearly. Officially you were my 'step' sister but out of love and pride you Phill and I always preferred to drop the 'step'. You were a friend and confidant and in spite of your great hardships most often you supported me rather than the other way around. Your strength and spirit and bravery will remain an inspiration to me always. As Phill so aptly stated, you lived life on your terms. I will miss you PT but you will never be far from my thoughts.*

Steve - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ *I'm sorry to hear of your loss. May God grant you and your family peace in the days to come.*

Ed Kirk - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ With the New Year there are new beginnings and with the old year our daughter Petra Lynn left this world on New Year’s Eve Day because of Stage 4 breast cancer. Her husband, Rick, was wonderful throughout Petra’s journey. Petra was brought home from hospital on Christmas Eve and most of her immediate family stayed at the Huntington Woods home in Michigan for Christmas. One of her Ottawa brothers travelled after Christmas to visit with her. Petra was placed in hospice care at home. Her wish was to die at home which she did. Petra made her last posting in Facebook by hijacking Rick’s message and she changed it slightly on December 30th, 2013 at 5:08 p.m. I copy it here because I find it beautiful. “Please note that I have hijacked this status update from Rick: My wonderful husband and I have been battling stage IV breast cancer for almost 4 years. I have posted very little about it on my personal account. I found it difficult to give every update on Facebook as we have gone through treatment. We used a private page to update family and some friends of what was going on. It occurred to me that the private page was not that all inclusive so I thought I would let everyone else know what is going on. In recent weeks, the disease has become far more aggressive as the prescribed treatments have started to become ineffective. We made the decision to forgo any further treatments and begin in home hospice care so that Petra I can be more comfortable. We have received absolutely tremendous support from family and friends since Petra I was first diagnosed. That support has never been better than the last few months when we needed it the most. We are truly grateful for everything.”Posted by Petra on December 30, 2013 at 5:08pm. I know life goes on and I am grateful that Petra went peacefully and no longer has pain or suffering. Petra was a wonderful daughter. She will live on through her daughter, Joan, and she will continue to care for us from Heaven. Love Mom

Mom - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. As the days and weeks pass, and you return to life's routine, may you be comforted by our ...God and Father of our Lord... the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those in any sort of tribulation through the comfort with which we ourselves are being comforted by God". 2 Cor. 1: 3, 4. Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. Please also find comfort in the following: John 11:11 where Jesus said, "...Lazarus our friend has gone to rest, but I am journeying there to awaken him from the sleep." Our Heavenly Father holds out the hope of the resurrection and the ability to see our loved ones again.

Mrs Higgins - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM



You're still missed very much Petra. I think of you every day. Love, Dad

Rudy Snel - July 21, 2023 at 06:17 AM