



Catherine E. Smith

August 12, 1974 - March 2, 2015

Catherine Elisabeth Smith

Grand Ledge Formerly of Okemos

Catherine Smith, 40, joined her Lord and the company of angels on March 2, 2015. She was born in Lansing, MI on August 12, 1974. She was a graduate of Okemos High School and Lansing Community College.

Catherine had many and varied interests. She was an active member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, Trinity Episcopal Church and the Grand Ledge Victorian Days Committee. She was an advocate for persons with disabilities and served on the Michigan Commission on Disabilities Concerns for three governors. She was a Gilbert and Sullivan aficionado and loved participating in musicals and operettas. She had enjoyed working for the National Passport Information Service while she was able.

Catherine fought hard to make her life active and meaningful despite her struggles with Congenital Heart Disease. Her strong spirit and active mind will be missed.

She is survived by her loving family: parents: Kalmin and Marsha (Cobb) Smith, sister: Sarah Bunker (Daryl) and her nieces: Allison, Emily and Brianna, grandmother, Jane Hall Cobb Fehr. Uncle: James Dexter Cobb (Dorothy) and several cousins. Waiting for her in Heaven are her paternal grandparents, maternal grandfather, aunts and an uncle.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Catherine's memory may be made to: GL Area Historical Society/Victorian Committee, MI P.E.O. Fund, Inc. 7515 Thrasher

Ave. Kalamazoo MI 49009, Eaton Community Palliative Care 2615 S Cochran
Charlotte MI 48837, Bay View Association, Theatre Arts, P.O. Box 583,
Petoskey, Michigan 49770 or Trinity Episcopal Church.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 7, 2015 at Trinity
Episcopal Church 201 E. Jefferson St. Grand Ledge with visitation from 4-7
p.m. Friday, March 6 at the Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services

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Service

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Episcopal Church

201 E. Jefferson

Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Tribute Wall

BB

“ Dear Marsha and Kal, I'm sorry for the delayed condolences. I just learned of Catherine's passing. Please accept my heartfelt sympathies to you and yours, and know that you are in my heart and prayers. Peace be with you. Barb Heany

Barbara Bellinger-heany - April 04, 2015 at 07:29 AM

SM

“ Kal, Marsha and family ~ Please accept our most humble condolences.. Catherine will always be in our hearts and memories. She always had a wonderful smile to share with everyone she was around along with her wonderful laugh.. She always loved to be 'on the go'.. She loved being with you up north at the cottage and she always loved talking about her favorite music cd's and her taped movies.. Most importantly ~ know that she is at peace in heaven ~ made anew and with the Lord right now and that she will always be with you in spirit.. May the Lord ask the Heavenly Father to send the Holy Spirit to you and your family.. to Bless you with Strength, Understanding and Peace of Mind in your time of need.. Amen ~
The Mercer Family

Stephen & Kathy Mercer - March 09, 2015 at 09:40 PM

KD

“ We will always remember Catherine's joyous enthusiasm when talking about music and theater, or just about any other topic. We will miss her greatly, and will never forget what good friends Catherine and our daughter, Gail, were.

Don & Kathy Duquette

Kathy Duquette - March 08, 2015 at 04:11 PM

BF

“ Our sincere and deepest sympathy to Catherine's family. She'll be missed, always smiling and with a big heart! Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We're stunned by the news. May God give you strength!

The Briones fam.

Briones Fam. - March 08, 2015 at 02:46 PM

KS

“ I am so sorry to hear this. Sending love to your family during this difficult time. Cathy was a wonderful friend, with such a positive, happy spirit.

Kelly Smith - March 08, 2015 at 09:42 AM



“ Catherine was a wonderfully strong and unique young lady. I will never forget all the work and love she put into the Gilbert and Sullivan portion of the Victorian festival, the guidance and enthusiasm of her first rehearsals. As performers, we saw her passion in every moment of the concert, from her singing along, to her introducing and explaining musical numbers. It was truly a shock to have her pass so suddenly, but she will still be with many of us, particularly when we perform or enjoying the pleasures of family.

Mitchell Gillett - March 07, 2015 at 08:53 AM

MS

Thank you, Mitchell. She desperately wanted the G&S Sing-A-Long to live on....so I hope you will join us May 2.

Marsha Smith - March 10, 2015 at 02:35 PM

PB

“ Catherine had such a big heart. I just loved to hear her laugh. She will be missed by many. Condolences to the family.

Pauline borgman

Pauline Borgman - March 07, 2015 at 07:47 AM

BM

“ My heart is with you as you say goodbye to your beloved child. How lucky you all are to have had her to love these many years. She will live on in your hearts forever.

Barbara McLean

barbara Mclean - March 07, 2015 at 07:14 AM

LM

“ Catherine will be missed. We will miss her coming around the block and stopping at our cottage to chat. She was always happy and full of life. She will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. - The Maxsons



Lisa Marie Maxson - March 07, 2015 at 12:23 AM

RV

“ I have such wonderful memories if Catherine walking through our cottage on her way home from club. She would sit for a bit and chat with the kids and fill me in on her day. Such a sweetheart! Catherine spirit will live on in the lives she touched

Forgot she was a PEO!!!!

Love to all of you

The Votruba

rachel Votruba - March 06, 2015 at 06:22 PM

GD

“ Catherine was such a big part of our summers at Bay View. Dale remembers hearing her dancing and singing in her cottage as a young child. I remember being so excited for her as she went to live in New York. She had a special relationship with Dale's Mom, Elizabeth who always celebrated Catherine's birthday with her. In our minds, Elizabeth is one of the angels that greeted Catherine as she entered heaven. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Gwen & Dale Dunlap

Gwen Dunlap - March 06, 2015 at 11:56 AM

LC

“ Kal, Please know that you and Marsha are in my thoughts and prayers.

~~~ Libby Child

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**Libby Child** - March 06, 2015 at 11:54 AM

DK

“ How fortunate she was to have such loving and caring parents!  
Your Bay View friends, Dave and Ada Kidd

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**Dave Kidd** - March 06, 2015 at 11:41 AM

JF

“ Remembering with much joy Catherine's stopping by our family's Bay View cottage to talk with Jack and Betty and the rest of us perched in various spots around the porch ... We loved those sweet summer visits, especially witnessing Catherine's excitement when greeting her favorite dog, our tri-color collie Duffy. How wonderful those images and blessed a fellowship we'll cherish always! -- the Benish, Wadsworth, and Foster families

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**Jim Foster** - March 06, 2015 at 11:28 AM

LS

“ Catherine's spirit will always be with us who new her. May God's blessings of peace and love surround the family at this time .  
*Laura Smith*

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**Laura Smith** - March 06, 2015 at 11:27 AM

MH

“ I remember Catherine from Bay View. She was always so positive and always brightened my day. I will miss her.

*Mark Higgins*

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**Mark Higgins** - March 06, 2015 at 11:11 AM

GD

“ We loved the joy that Catherine showed around the theater arts department. The stage was important to her and she helped others to appreciate what it could mean to them. We first met Catherine when she was rolling around the Bay View campus introducing herself and learning new names. She told us of her interest in singing and the project she was working on at home. She shared her joy!  
We will miss her presence at Bay View.  
*George and Susanne Dauler, Bay View and Clearwater, Florida.*

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**George Dauler** - March 06, 2015 at 10:46 AM

CI

“ I well remember Catherine from her days at St. Paul's in Lansing. I am so very sorry and send prayers for comfort to all of the family, especially Marshal and Kal. God is with you.

*Carol Ingells*

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**Carol Ingells** - March 06, 2015 at 10:45 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Catherine E. Smith.*



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March 06, 2015 at 09:32 AM



“ *Elizabeth Jezuit Cobb lit a candle in memory of Catherine E. Smith*



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**Elizabeth Jezuit Cobb** - March 05, 2015 at 08:25 PM



“ *We sure will miss you, Catherine. I can't quite imagine Bay View without your incredible laughter. Sending much love to you all. Kristin Yorke and family*

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**Kristin Yorke** - March 05, 2015 at 02:53 PM



“ *I miss Catherine already. She was always thinking of others and how to make the world better (hopefully listening to Gilbert and Sullivan). Bay View will feel different this summer but her spirit will shine there, and in my memories, forever.*



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**Theresa** - March 05, 2015 at 02:18 PM

CF

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. May the peace of Christ be with you all during this time of sorrow.

Chuck Franke

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**Chuck Franke** - March 05, 2015 at 12:25 PM

JR

“ I will always remember Catherine's kind spirit and love for her family. Catherine took such pride in the organizations in which she would work tirelessly for specifically P.E.O. Thank you Catherine for your kindness to us all.

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**Jayme Resnik** - March 05, 2015 at 08:24 AM

MT

“ Catherine had a Wonderful Gift, she always made you feel Special, She is a Kind Hearted Lady. I will remember my evenings watching Gilbert and Sullivan with her. I will miss my friend....Love Michelle



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**Michelle Timmer** - March 05, 2015 at 08:13 AM

SG

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you - I will treasure the memories of the time I spent with Catherine forever.



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**Sara Grove** - March 05, 2015 at 07:25 AM



“ *Catherine was one of my very best friends. I will always cherish my fond and fun memories of her.*

*She brought so much color and culture into my life. Catherine I will miss you a great deal.*



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**Joanna Fedewa** - March 04, 2015 at 11:15 AM



“ *Joanna Fedewa sent a virtual gift in memory of Catherine E. Smith*



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**Joanna Fedewa** - March 04, 2015 at 11:03 AM

DS

“ *Catherine was a vibrant lady who participated in so many ways at church, in the PEO and in her community. It was a rare privilege to know her and be her friends.*

*With love to her and her family,*

*Don and Marian Stolz*

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**Don and Marian Stolz** - March 04, 2015 at 07:10 AM

SS

“ Sarah Stone lit a candle in memory of Catherine E. Smith



Sarah Stone - March 03, 2015 at 11:58 PM

SS

*I will always remember Catherine's smiling face and contagious energy around the Bay View campus. I feel tremendously privileged to have been able to share three beautiful summers with her at Bay View, and to have had the chance to work closely with her during Titanic. We will miss you, Catherine. Lots of love, Sarah Stone*

Sarah Stone - March 04, 2015 at 12:02 AM

BS

“ *I am so sorry.....Catherine's always smiling face will be missed up in Bay View where as my neighbor she never missed a chance to say hello! Every summer for the last 30 years I would see her walk by or in the last few years tool by in her wheel chair at full speed on the way to anything musical or just making the rounds.*

*My heart and prayers are with you all!*

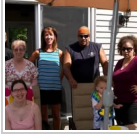
Betsy Smith - March 03, 2015 at 09:08 PM

CA

“ Carol lit a candle in memory of Catherine E. Smith



Carol - March 03, 2015 at 07:47 PM



“ *Tasha Woodard lit a candle in memory of Catherine E. Smith*



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**Tasha Woodard** - March 03, 2015 at 04:34 PM



“ *We remember Catherine as a personable and ambitious young lady. She loved serving and being involved. She was always a very special part of her family and extended family. She was loved by all. We will miss Catherine. Praying for all of the family. Sent from Cousins Stan and Marjorie Mitts*

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**Stan and Marjorie Mitts** - March 03, 2015 at 12:51 PM



“ *Joanna Fedewa lit a candle in memory of Catherine E. Smith*



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**Joanna Fedewa** - March 03, 2015 at 12:51 PM



*We are so sorry. I was so glad that i got to meet her last fall. She was such a god friend to Laura. She will be grealy missed. you have our deepest sympathy  
Denise & Darrell Robson of Du Quoin*

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**Denise Robson** - March 05, 2015 at 04:17 PM