



Dana R. Young

May 4, 1968 - August 30, 2022

Dana Renee Young of Grand Ledge passed away August 30, 2022 in Lansing with her loving family by her side. Dana was born May 4, 1968 in Lansing, Michigan to James and Elaine (Hagerman) Young. She graduated from Everett High School Class of 1986 and went on to receive a General Associate's Degree and a Dental Assistant Certification from Lansing Community College. Dana was an employee of Delta Dental where she had a career that spanned over 30 years.

Dana was a dedicated wife, stepmother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend. She was known for being a giving, kind and loving person who often put the needs of others ahead of her own. Dana loved nature and all flowers (roses were her favorite), animals (especially her beloved Augie and Tiggy), spending time outdoors and at the beach. "The Cottage" on Hammond Bay in Ocqueoc Township was her home away from home and her heaven on Earth. There she created many special memories with her family and friends, new and old. She will forever be known as "The Princess of Ocqueoc". No one ever left Dana without a "drive safe" or "let me know when you get home" as she stood and waved until you were out of sight. As Dana leaves us, we stand and wave. We love you, Dana, "with all our hearts".

She will be forever missed by her husband, Dan Clay; stepdaughters, Sandra (Luke Zielinski) Clay and Brooke (Adam Tithof) Clay; grandson, Maxwell Zielinski; parents, James and Elaine Young; brother, Mark (Amy) Young; nieces, Olivia and Elizabeth Young; many extended family members, special

friends and co-workers at Delta Dental.

A Celebration of Dana's Life will be held Saturday, September, 24, 2022 from 2-5:00 PM at the Grand Ledge Opera House. Memorial contributions in Dana's name may be given to the Capital Area Humane Society, 7095 W. Grand River Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48906 (https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=cahsad&id=23_). Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Share your memories and condolences online at www.holihanatkin.com

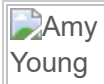
Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **24.** 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Grand Ledge Opera House
121 South Bridge Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Tribute Wall

 Amy Young

“ *I thank the universe for sending you. You are the best of us. We love you ALWAYS.* ”



Amy Young - September 27, 2022 at 10:28 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dana R. Young.* ”



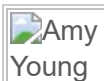
September 19, 2022 at 07:08 AM



“ *Tracey Andrews lit a candle in memory of Dana R. Young* ”



Tracey Andrews - September 15, 2022 at 09:53 AM

 Amy Young

“ *WE LOVE YOU* ”



Amy Young - September 08, 2022 at 09:14 AM

Amy
Young

“ Dana truly is one of a kind! I say "is", knowing love like that never leaves! We became sisters over 30 years ago, when I married her wonderful brother Mark. We always laughed about our first time meeting, let's say she is very protective of him. The bond they share is rare and beautiful to witness. The love she has for our girls is not measurable, they are blessed by her in every way! I am realizing moment by moment how much more she gave, which I thought was impossible, Dana represents what true love, true friendship and loyalty really means. I am honored to call her my sister, my friend. Our family will forever be changed and our hearts forever hurting 💔 we will do our best to carry on-for her. 🌹

Amy Young - September 08, 2022 at 09:12 AM

SP

“ Sherry Pickering lit a candle in memory of Dana R. Young



Sherry Pickering - September 06, 2022 at 11:57 PM

SP

“ My heartfelt condolences to family, friends and colleagues at Delta as we remember Dana. Working together for 28 years provides many fond memories of her kind and gentle spirit. Dana has left a loving lasting impression in my heart.

Sherry Pickering - September 06, 2022 at 11:52 PM

VK

“ Dana had a truly beautiful soul, so loyal and kind. Dana you will live on forever as my special friend. In my heart and in my mind. Our friendship has spanned decades, we made so many memories together whether they were at work or in our travels. I will cherish them all forever.

As someone said:

Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.

I will miss dear friend, Vickie

Victoria Kirby - September 06, 2022 at 08:19 PM

BC

“ If I could have picked a partner for my Dad, it would have been you, Dana. You were the glue. You healed bonds between my Dad and his daughters. You were such a kind and loving stepmother. I feel blessed that you were in my life, even if it wasn't long enough. I'm thankful I had the opportunity to tell you that before you passed away, but Dana, I know you're here and when I have something more to tell you, you will hear it. Love endures. ~ Brooke

Brooke Clay - September 06, 2022 at 01:29 PM

SP

“ My comforting thoughts & prayers go out to the families of Dana. I knew Dana through Delta Dental—her quiet demeanor & snarky sense of humor was priceless. You could not ask for a more calm & easy going spirit. She was fun and wonderful soul. Be at peace sweet Dana. Heaven received one of the best.....🙏

sandy Pecinovsky - September 06, 2022 at 01:18 PM

MB

“ *Mary Bogle lit a candle in memory of Dana R. Young*



mary bogle - September 05, 2022 at 12:07 PM

SM

“ When we talked, we’d go on for hours with months in-between.
The ups and downs of life we’d share along with hopes and dreams.

I’ll always remember, her beautiful long hair, her smile and gentle hug. Her graceful, long fingers and the way she cut a rug.

I’ll miss her beautiful handwriting; her words deliberate and caring. Mmm, and her wonderful, scalloped potatoes and ham. Always enough for sharing.

*She was always, always thinking of others. Even on her own birthday,
Dana celebrated her mother.*

Oh, and Halloween. Once a sixteen-foot spider on her roof, she adored a fright-filled scene.

Dana didn’t take things or people for granted; I couldn’t say the same.

Her grace was given freely; she would rarely place blame.

She loved the simple things. No technology or Facebook Wall. It was too impersonal, not her nature at all.

She preferred to set a table and cook just for you. To use her phone to call and actually talk and laugh too.

I regret not seeing Dana on her beloved beach. Although we talked of it, life made different plans. Old memories will have to do, instead of new ones, toes in sand. Memories of us listening to music in her garden. Talking while basking in the sun. Eating homecooked meals. Dancing and having fun.

I’ll try to be more present, a better friend to those still here. To honor our Sweet Dana, and the friendships I hold dear. ~ Stacey Meuché

Stacey Meuche - September 05, 2022 at 03:05 AM

BC

Stacey, this is beautiful.

Brooke Clay - September 06, 2022 at 01:22 PM

SA

“ I met Dana about 31 years ago when she hired in at Delta Dental. We became more than just work friends. We became lifelong friends. The kind that can talk everyday or go for months without talking but pick back up where we left off. She was always someone I could count on to share good times with or to listen when I was having a bad time. She was very special and I will miss her. My thoughts and prayers are with Dan and all of their family. Rest in Peace my friend.

Sherry Alberts - September 04, 2022 at 07:54 PM

DG

“ My prayers for Dana’s family. Dana was the kindest most selfless giving person to all she met. Work was an extended family and it was a pleasure knowing her for almost 30 years, she brought a smile and a bit of sarcasm too. I will always remember the Tarmac Story at Metro Airport!! Rest In Peace my friend 🙏❤️

Daniel Gamache - September 03, 2022 at 12:05 PM

LC

“ My heart and prayers for comfort and love to my brother Dan, Sandra, Brooke. Dana's mom, dad and brother. All who were blessed to have her in life. Dana you will forever be missed and loved.



Laura Clay - September 02, 2022 at 04:28 PM

MB

Dana was such a great co- worker my heart goes out to her family at this time . She will forever be missed .

mary Bogke - September 04, 2022 at 09:52 AM