



Cindy Van Stratton

February 15, 1949 - May 10, 2021

Cynthia “Cindy” Kay Van Stratton passed away on Monday, May 10, 2021 from complications of cancer surgery.

Cindy was born February 15, 1949, in Kalamazoo, Michigan the daughter of Harm and Susie Oosterhouse. After graduation from Kalamazoo Central High School, she went on to become an LPN. As a nurse she worked in various positions in the medical field in Kalamazoo, Michigan and later in Battle Creek, Michigan.

In 1969, she married Michael Van Stratton. They were married for 52 years. In 1996, her family relocated to Kansas. Cindy is survived by her husband, Mike; daughter, Lisa (Kevin) Winer; two grandchildren, Jake and Holly; and son, Chris. Cindy’s grandchildren were her life. She would seldom miss a concert, soccer game, or baseball game if her grandchildren were involved. Rarely would she miss a Thursday afternoon bridge game with “The Gang of Eight” whom she dearly loved. They became her best friends, plus they learned a few new vocabulary words along the way.

Cindy’s parents preceded her in death. She is also survived by three brothers, Mark (Jan) Oosterhouse, Craig (Jane) Oosterhouse, Steve (Melinda) Oosterhouse and one sister Gwen (Frank) Della Costa and many nieces and nephews.

Cindy, at her request, was cremated. She also requested no funeral service. A Celebration of Life will be held later this summer in Michigan. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the American Cancer Society or Helping Hands Humane Society and sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Cindy Van Stratton*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Mike I am so deeply sorry about your loss. My sincere and deepest condolences to you and your family.*

*Pat Alspaugh
Battle Creek, MI*

Pat Alspaugh - May 18, 2021 at 07:34 AM



“ *Mike and family, so sorry to hear of Cindy's passing, my thoughts and prayers are with you all 🙏*

*Rick Denney BCPD
Edgewater, FL*

Rick Denney - May 17, 2021 at 02:51 PM



“ *Mike, We are so sorry to hear about the loss of Cindy. We think of you often and enjoyed our years working with you. Our deepest condolences to you and all of your family.*

Dave and Barb Walters - May 17, 2021 at 11:22 AM

JK

“ Dear Mike,

I was so sad to hear about Cincy passing and the terrible struggle she had fighting cancer. I remember the meals she would prepare when we were doubled up on the afternoon shift. Those family meals were so nice in a diet that consisted of fast food most of the time. I am so sad for your loss.

*Jeff Kruithoff
Springboro OH*

Jeff Kruithoff - May 17, 2021 at 10:51 AM

JB

“ Mike my prayers are with you brother! If there is something I can do reach out! Jeff Brandau

Jeffery John Brandau - May 14, 2021 at 09:34 PM

KO

“ Mike and family,

I am so sorry. I always enjoyed Cindy when she joined our work trips, and loved her "sauciness", and her laugh! She sure didn't like western Kansas wind and dust! Please know you are in my thoughts. May good memories help during this very sad time.

Karen Hamm Osborn - May 14, 2021 at 11:40 AM

TT

“ Mike, Lisa and Chris.

Jeanne and I were sorry to learn of Cindy's passing and the terrible battle she fought with those surgeries. We're not at all surprised that Cindy chose to fight that battle on her terms. I had to laugh when I read in the obituary about Cindy expanding the vocabulary of her bridge partners. She always had the ability to use plain language to clarify her views.

Still, it took a patient lady to put up with Mike along with his BCPD and duck hunting buddies. I am proud to have been both and Cindy was a lively participant in those goofy social groups.

Terry & Jeanne Tobias

Terry Tobias - May 14, 2021 at 10:48 AM

DS

“ Mike -

You and your family have my heartfelt condolences. Please know that your friends are with you.

David Sim

David Sim - May 14, 2021 at 08:34 AM

SD

“ Mike, Lisa and Chris,
We were so sorry to hear of Cindy's passing. I know she fought a good fight and struggled so muc. We (I, Tom, Beth, and Jack) can relate exactly to what you are going through and feeling. It is so hard and so painful, but slowly each day will get a bit better. May God wrap his loving arms around you and Hold you all in the Palm of His Hand. If there is some way we can help, please let us know.

Your neighbor and friend,
Sharon, Tom, Beth and Jack DeVore

Sharon G. DeVore - May 14, 2021 at 06:29 AM

ML

“ Chris and family,
I am very sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I hope that you can find some comfort knowing that she is at peace and is receiving her rewards in Heaven. I know the loss of my mother was one of the hardest of my life and I truly feel for you.

God bless , from
your friend and neighbor
Michael Lillie

Michael Lillie - May 13, 2021 at 04:31 PM