



Betsy Lee Taylor

March 18, 1958 - January 8, 2022

Betsy Lee Taylor of Cadillac passed away Saturday, January 8, 2022 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. She was 63.

Betsy was born on March 18, 1958 in Cadillac to Vincent J “Bob” and Kay L. (Masten) Nicholas.

She graduated from Cadillac High School in 1976 where she made many lifelong friendships.

Betsy worked for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Michigan Department of Transportation for over 40 years. She was active with the, “Becoming an Outdoors Woman Michigan” program and was an, “M-DOT Adopt-A-Highway” program coordinator. She loved being outdoors and could often be found on a river trout fishing, snowshoeing or cross country skiing. Betsy also enjoyed basket weaving and formed beautiful friendships within her weaving group. Above all, Betsy cherished time with her sons, Regan and Spencer and adored her grandsons Hunter, Easton and Sayre. Her love for the outdoors will live on through her sons and grandchildren who were regularly reminded to live life to the fullest and, “don’t worry be happy.”

She is survived by her sons: Regan (Heather) Taylor of Holland, MI and Spencer Taylor of Coeur d’ Alene, ID; grandsons, Hunter and Easton Taylor of Coeur d’ Alene, ID and Sayre Taylor of Holland, MI; her mother, Kay Nicholas of Cadillac; sisters: Amy (Phil) Graham of Kawkawlin, MI, Julie (David) McCall and Jennifer (Daniel) Marshall both of Cadillac.

Betsy was preceded in death by her father, Vincent “Bob” Nicholas.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 AM Friday, February 4, 2022 at Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac. Friends may meet the family one hour prior to the service. Her final resting place will be the Meauwataka Cemetery in Colfax Township.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Michigan Trout Unlimited. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Events

FEB **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Peterson Funeral Home
205 E. Cass St., Cadillac, MI, US, 49601

FEB **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Betsy's family and friends. Betsy was a true friend to so many people. Betsy was a kind, fun loving person who had the best smile. We extend our sincere sympathy and wish you comfort and peace.

John & Linda Coffell - February 04 at 08:04 AM



“ To all of Betsy's Family, Friends and fellow Classmates of 1976, sending Prayers and Strength in this most difficult time, keep Betsy in your hearts.



Jay Schemmel - February 03 at 08:54 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Betsy Lee Taylor.



February 03 at 09:54 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betsy Lee Taylor.



February 02 at 09:09 AM



“ Betsy was one of those people that you always remember. I grew up with her and although we did not keep in touch over the years, she always had a smile when by chance we should meet. My memories of her are very sweet. Kay, Amy, Julie and Jennifer, I send my condolences and pray you are finding comfort in the arms of Jesus. I remember you all well. With hugs and sympathy, Kathy Sanderson Fila.

Kathy Sanderson Fila - February 01 at 11:13 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betsy Lee Taylor.



January 30 at 11:58 AM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betsy Lee Taylor.



January 27 at 01:42 PM



“ Well, I was finally able to gather some courage and read through your obituary. Not doing so until now maybe made it all seem “less real”.

This has been such an emotional, unimaginable , heartbreaking time.

My heart hurts for your family; for your boys Spence and Regan, and for Hunter, Easton and Sayre. For your sisters; Amy, Julie and Jennifer, and for your mom; a parent should never have to bury a child, it's just not the natural order of things. I am praying daily for strength and comfort for all of them, Bets.

We made a lifetime of memories throughout our 55+ years of friendship. We shared our hopes and dreams. We felt each other's joys and sorrows. We shared secrets. We even shared the exact same taste in clothes and furniture way back in the day, (inside joke, lol). And if I remember correctly, didn't your mom and dad eventually install a “teen line”, because of us; our hours and hours spent talking on the phone, even though we only lived one block away? We laughed until we cried, and we cried until we could laugh again.

Since we first met, back when my family moved to Hersey St., when we were in 4th grade, it's always been Shelly and Betsy, or Betsy and Shelly, best friends forever.

I am so grateful for our 4 days together this past fall when you drove up, and also for our week together in Florida, last year.

I have been blessed to have you as my best friend. Thank you for being “my person”. I love you. I am going to miss you...forever.



Shelly (Cederberg) Taff - January 27 at 09:30 AM



“ Betsy was my sister and I am truly blessed to have had her in my life. She was my friend, constant source of love and support and one you could turn to when you needed someone. We ran races together, walked and talked the section and enjoyed working on projects together. So many memories - I'll cherish each and every one. I miss her with all my heart, but know she is with our dad and at peace. Love you sis, and I will see you again.

Julie Nicholas McCall - January 24 at 05:37 PM



“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Betsy. Betsy was my secretary in the Law Enforcement Division of The DNR in Lansing from the time that she transferred from the Cadillac office until she moved back to Cadillac with the Department of Transportation. Betsy was always a pleasant team player and a competent professional employee. Please accept our sincere sympathy and best regards to Regan, Spencer, and family. Betsy will be missed. Roger Wood, and Tina

Roger Wood - January 23 at 10:01 PM



“ Bets was my friend, my confidant, my sister. She always had a smile and an awesome hug It's really hard to not see her next door everyday. I miss her sweet soul. I miss her smile. I miss her heart. But I have peace in knowing she is with God and dad. We shared so many memories growing up together and I'll cherish each one everyday. Especially our trip to NYC! That was as such a blast sis. I'll see you again soon Bets. Love you always and forever

Jennifer Nicholas Marshall - January 23 at 02:50 PM



“ I have not seen her since our 25th reunion
I absolutely loved her as a friend in high-school. What I remember the most is her kindness and smile
I believe she was a true friend to all
So sorry to her family she will always be remembered

Barb Jabczenski Valevich - January 22 at 12:24 PM



“ Betsy babysat for our 2 little girls in the 1970s when the family lived just up the street from us. She was our FAVORITE babysitter...beautiful smile and very caring and capable. So sorry for the loss. In deepest sympathy, Dick and Diana Heydenberk (and Heather and Kristin)

Dick and Diana Heydenberk - January 20 at 01:26 PM



“ Betsy - coworker, running buddy, walking buddy, and most of all, friend. Your passing has left a hole in my heart. Too soon my friend, too soon.

To Betsy's family, my heart breaks for you, because as much as I will miss her, I know you will feel the loss deeper than anyone else.

My prayers are with you all.



Margaret Widrig - January 19 at 09:14 PM



“ I always adored Betsy!!! My sister bestie!! <3 Rest High on that Mt. Betsy!!



Lori - January 15 at 07:03 PM



“ In Loving care, We are saddened to hear the news of Betsys passing, I am grateful to have know her and seen her recently, She will be missed by all. Love you cuz,

Kay and Family, May we find Peace and Joy, in her life and Great memories we all have of her, Love always, Duane.Masten.

Duane Masten - January 15 at 04:54 PM



“ Spencer, Regan, grandkids and family we are so sorry to hear this news. Loved being neighbors with your mom and you boys in our old neighborhood. So happy that she left you all with the love of the outdoors. She will be missed by many. Prayers for you all!

Rich & Liz Eastway - January 15 at 04:11 PM



“ My thoughts and Prayers are with you all.

Marcy VanHulst - January 15 at 07:10 AM



“ Prayers for you and your family.

Kathy E Parsons - January 14 at 04:57 PM



“ Kay and Family - I am so very sorry to hear this news. Thinking of you all. Ann (Greenfield) Clous

Ann Clous - January 14 at 04:48 PM



“ Miss Kay, I am so shocked to see this news, we had just talked at mom's service in september. I'm so sorry for your loss, our prayers go out to you and the boy's, sisters. May peace be with you 'all and may Betsy rest in peace.

Karl Fisher - January 14 at 04:36 PM