



## Cheryl Benthem

November 16, 1955 - May 25, 2012

Cheryl ("Cheri") Benthem, of McBain, passed away on Friday, May 25, 2012, at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit and is resting peacefully in the arms of her loving savior Jesus Christ. She was 56.

She was born in Grand Rapids on November 16, 1955, to Rich and Jeneva (Wiers) Kramer.

She married Mark Benthem on August 22, 1975, at the Vogel Center Christian Reformed Church. Cheri loved the Lord with all her heart and was a strong Christian example to all she met. She will be greatly missed. If anyone belongs to Christ, then he shall be made new, 2Cor.5:17

Cheri was a very active member of the Vogel Center Christian Reformed Church. She loved her grandchildren and most of her activities centered around her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Mark Benthem of McBain; children, Derek (Christy) Benthem of Klaipeda, Lithuania, Jodi (Randy) Oosterheert of Allendale, and Abby (Drew) Martin of Grand Rapids; grandchildren, Anika, Larson and Charlotte Benthem, and Rylan and Alyssa Oosterheert; parents, Rich and Jen Kramer of Vogel Center, siblings, Sandy (Terry) Lutke of Vogel Center, and Rick (Nancee) Kramer of Jenison; in-laws, Phyllis (Larry)

Vredevoogd of Cutlerville, Paul (Brenda) Benthem of McBain, Susan (Phil) Hathaway of Cascade, Edith (David) Bain of Eagan, Minn., Doug (Vonn) Benthem, Laura (Greg) Hesselink, and Bruce (Karen) Benthem, all of McBain; many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ed and Trena Benthem.

Services are 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 30, 2012, at the Vogel Center Christian Reformed Church, with the Rev. Duane Timmermans officiating. Burial will be in Lucas Cemetery.

Visitation is 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29, 2012, at the Burkholder Funeral Home in McBain and one hour prior to services on Wednesday at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Vogel Center Christian Reformed Church or the Northern Michigan Christian School.

An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ We express our deepest sympathy to the entire family. We will continue to pray for all of you as you go on with your lives, missing this important part of your family. Blessings to all of you!

Larry & Gayle Wiers - June 04, 2012 at 10:16 AM

JS

“ We were so sorry to learn of the loss of your spouse, mother and grandmother. May God be near to you all thru this very tough time and may His presence continue to be felt in the coming weeks and months ahead.

Jerry & Wilma Van Solkema - May 31, 2012 at 09:11 AM

BH

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Cheryl. May God grant you all His peace in this tough time.

Sincerely,  
Bob & Heather Hendriksen (co-worker of Rick, and our son Kyle was patient of Nancee).

Bob Hendriksen - May 30, 2012 at 04:17 PM

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“ We are very sorry to hear about your loss...we pray you will feel God's love around you.

Amanda Herndon (Agema) - May 30, 2012 at 11:11 AM

JV

“ *Our prayers are with you and your beautiful children & grandchildren. May God hold you near*

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**Jan & Jerry (Ellens) VanVeen** - May 29, 2012 at 11:50 PM

GD

“ *We are so sorry to learn of your loss. We pray God will grant the family peace and comfort in this time of sorrow and strength in the days, weeks and months ahead.*

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**Gary & Linda Doolittle** - May 29, 2012 at 10:03 AM