



## Donna Lynn Elenbaas

April 28, 1967 - February 3, 2014

Donna Lynn Elenbaas of Cadillac passed away February 3, 2014 at St. Mary's Healthcare in Grand Rapids after a valiant battle with cancer. She was 46. She was born April 28, 1967 in Trenton, Michigan to Philip M. and Linda M. (Schwartz) Biebesheimer.

Donna graduated from Cadillac High School and had spent most her life in the Cadillac area. In 1992 Donna began waitressing at the Big Boy Restaurant in Cadillac. She worked there for 22 years and loved taking care of her customers and developing close relationships with them. She was a member of the Cadillac Motorcycle Club and the 4-H K9 Krew. She was an avid skier and cyclist. Donna attended First Baptist Church in Cadillac. She was the very best wife, mother, sister and daughter a family could ask for.

On May 16, 1987 at the Independent Bible Church in Cadillac Donna married Anthony "Tony" Elenbaas and he survives her along with their children, Daniel Elenbaas and Sarah Elenbaas both of Cadillac; her father, Philip Biebesheimer; three sisters, Denise (Gary) Delancey of Kingsley, Darlene (Vicky Trotter) Biebesheimer of Nashville, Tennessee and Dana Biebesheimer of Cadillac and six nieces and nephews: Philip, Katy, Jake, Jessy, Elijah and Shelby.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Linda; grandparents, and mother in

law, Margaret Elenbaas.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 6, 2014 at the First Baptist Church in Cadillac with Reverend David L. McMahon officiating. Friends may meet the family Wednesday (today) from 6-8 p.m. at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

RT

“ I went to school and graduated with Donna in 1985. I remember her as friendly. So sorry to hear about her passing.

Rich (Mark) Telgenhoff - April 13, 2020 at 03:14 PM

JG

“ Donna will be greatly missed, she was a great person that you could talk to when you had a problem. So sorry for your loss, RIP Donna

Jodi Mathews Goulder - February 11, 2014 at 11:50 PM

WI

“ I was so surprised and saddened to hear about Donna. There goes my main reason for visiting Cadillac's Big Boy... :-( My condolences to her family and friends.

William - February 08, 2014 at 08:44 PM

AB

“ Donna will be greatly missed by all of us. She was always ready to help or give a welcome smile. Love and prayers to all of the family.

Aunt Bernita - February 07, 2014 at 08:43 AM

CT

“ Tony, Daniel and Sarah,  
My prayers and thoughts are with you guys at this time.

Chris Trill - February 06, 2014 at 09:44 PM

AA

“ I will always miss my bubbly niece. Her cheerful, positive outlook was an example to us all. Larry & I send condolences to my brother and her family.

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**Aunt Mary Alice** - February 06, 2014 at 03:35 PM

PM

“ God Bless Donna, one of earth's angels. She always had such a sweet face and welcoming demeanor. She was so good to my mother, Paula Miller every day at the Big Boy; even visiting Mom when she was ill. God Bless Donna and her family.

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**Pati (Doyle-Miller) Moore** - February 06, 2014 at 01:42 PM

KE

“ Donna was one of the sweetest people I have ever met. I'm going to miss her very much. She had a very beautiful smile. She will be sadly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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**Karen Edgecomb** - February 06, 2014 at 01:28 PM

LS

“ With deep sympathy, love and prayers to the Ellenbaas and Biebesheimer families. Remembering family/cousins, Phil and Denise, Darlene, Dana, their families, remembering Donna and Linda now together in peace and praying for you all. Take care, Laurie (Schwartz) Smith

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**Laurie (Schwartz) Smith** - February 06, 2014 at 08:08 AM

LW

“ Donna will be missed by all who knew her. Her smile and the stories she shared about her family showed how much she loved them. May the Lord give you peace in your hearts. She is now a shining star in Heaven.

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**Lynn & Kathy Wright** - February 05, 2014 at 11:31 PM

KW

“ Donna was such a special person that loved and cared about so many, lots of love and our heart goes out to the entire family.

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**Klint & Amy Weaver** - February 05, 2014 at 09:05 PM

CH

“ Tony, My sincerest condolences to you and your family.

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**Charlie Harag** - February 05, 2014 at 08:22 PM

LH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Donna and I went to school together and shared many laughs. I'm always looked forward in catching up with how her family were doing. She always made you feel like you were the only one in the room. Your smile and caring heart will be missed.

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**Lisa Hopkins** - February 05, 2014 at 08:10 PM

ZH

“ The few times I spent time around Donna she always made me laugh and made sure that everyone was having a good time. She will be missed by many. I send my prayers to the Elenbaas family.

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**Zach Hiscock** - February 05, 2014 at 07:32 PM

LM

“*Sadly, I lost touch with Donna after high school. Her smile and love of life will always be remembered. My heartfelt sympathies and prayers to Donna's family.*

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**Lisa (Sikkema) McLeod** - February 05, 2014 at 06:55 PM

KM

“*I have such nice summer memories of playing with cousin Donna. Sending hugs and love at this time of great sadness*

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**Kim McManus** - February 05, 2014 at 05:43 PM

MM

“*Donna was a special person with enthusiasm and a wonderful, infectious smile. I enjoyed talking with her each time I visited the Big Boy. If more people were like her, the world would be a better place. Donna will be missed by many. Your family have my deepest sympathy.*

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**Ms. B. Matzen** - February 05, 2014 at 03:51 PM

TH

“*This is such a loss not only for the family and friends, but every person that had the pleasure to meet her. She is an amazing person that would help anyone in need. She will be greatly missed so sorry for this loss. Keep smiling down on us from "Paradise" in the heavens this is one very special angel that left this earth way to early.*

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**Theresa Hauserman** - February 05, 2014 at 03:50 PM

JC

“ We are out of town for the winter and received the news of Donna's passing. I know she will be terribly missed by her family. We always admired her positive attitude and wonderful smile. Praying for God's comfort as you go through these days.

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**Jim and Kris Clark** - February 05, 2014 at 03:37 PM

DN

“ So sorry for your loss Denise, keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Dianne Newman** - February 05, 2014 at 02:34 PM

E(

“ Praying for peace for the family! May God watch over your family, and give you closure. She was an amazing woman, and Heaven has received yet another beautiful angel. RIP Donna.

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**Erica Pickering (Smith)** - February 05, 2014 at 12:57 PM

RS

“ She is pain free and with Jesus in heaven now. ...Meet you at the gate, Donna!

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**Rod, Tami, Tiff, Steph** - February 05, 2014 at 12:50 PM

KG

“ Donna was a wonderful spirit that brought smiles to so many faces. I enjoyed to tales about her kids. Sarah and Daniel she was very proud to be your mother!! I will pray for your family.

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**Kathy Gabara** - February 05, 2014 at 11:23 AM

KA

“ Our monthly breakfast get together won't be the same without Donna. My heart goes out to her family. She was one very special lady.

Karen K Amidon - February 05, 2014 at 11:01 AM

CW

“ Sending prayers and hugs for you all. What a great friend and sister she was. I am so blessed to have shared some of her life.

Carol McKinley Waltman - February 05, 2014 at 10:42 AM

PS

“ Donna was such a special person, always so cheerful and full of joy. Whenever my parents would eat at Big Boy they would often happily report to me, " we talked to Donna today." My heart breaks for you Tony, Daniel and Sarah. I pray for God's peace and comfort for all of Donna's loved ones...

Peter Strom - February 05, 2014 at 10:28 AM

KP

“ You have our deepest sympathies. Praying that God brings you comfort and strength at this time. So sorry for your loss.

Karla & Jeff Pollington - February 05, 2014 at 09:33 AM

TS

“ I always love your smile and humor. I will remember Donna with great fondness. We will miss you. Sending prayers to the family.

Teresa Suurs-Fitzgerald - February 05, 2014 at 08:35 AM

DM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I will miss Donna's beautiful smile and kind personality. My prayers are with your family.

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**Dodie Moores** - February 05, 2014 at 08:28 AM

KF

“ Prayers to Tony, Daniel & Sarah, May god help you through this time of sorrow. Many prayers also to Phil,Dana,Denise, Darlene and the whole of the family!

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**Kathy Clothier& Family** - February 05, 2014 at 07:39 AM

JA

“ Donnas beautiful soul will be missed!

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**Juanita Avila** - February 05, 2014 at 07:12 AM

LS

“ Prayers to the family and friends. You will be greatly missed.

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**Lavina Sanderson** - February 05, 2014 at 06:50 AM

MS

“ Remembering the Elenbaas family in my prayers. You all have my deepest sympathy.

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**Mary Swanney** - February 05, 2014 at 06:36 AM

MH

“ I will be praying for your family to get through this rough time. You were a very special lady. Loved seeing you when we would come into the Big Boy. Do remember your daughter and Mike racing together. Great time. Love you and will miss you very much.

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**Mary Henry** - February 04, 2014 at 10:19 PM

SV

“ *What an amazing woman Donna was! Always optimistic and a fantastic smile that would light up the world. I have many fond memories of my friend and my deepest sympathy goes out to the whole family. I loved her sweet spirit and her laugh too!*

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**Shelly Lehr Vandlen** - February 04, 2014 at 10:13 PM

BG

“ *Sending hugs and prayers your family way. I will miss seeing Donnas beautiful smile on Earth*

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**bonnie gravlin** - February 04, 2014 at 07:58 PM

RT

“ *I will miss Donna's smiling face when I come to Big Boy for the Christian Men's Breakfast every Friday morning. She always made the day special and fun. She was as much a part of the Breakfast as all the men. We all will remember her every Friday morning.*

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**Richard Tubis** - February 04, 2014 at 04:11 PM

TD

“ *Donna will be missed by many, her infectious laugh and gracious nature will not be forgotten.*

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**Theresa Durga** - February 04, 2014 at 03:14 PM

CM

“ *Prayers go to ALL FAMILY and friends of this wonderful women .She will be missed. sorry for your loss*

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**Carla Doan Moffit** - February 04, 2014 at 02:16 PM