



Katherine Thomason

August 18, 1956 - September 21, 2011

Katherine F. Thomason of Cadillac passed away Wednesday morning, September 21, 2011 at Mercy Hospital in Cadillac. She was 55. She was born August 18, 1956 in Grand Rapids to Frank W. & Mary P. (Lazar) Lipar and they preceded her in death.

Kathy was a 1974 graduate of Mesick High School and went to work at K-Mart from 1974 until 1996 when she opened a Daycare Center at her home in Meauwataka. She then went to work at the Little Red School House in Cadillac for 5 years. Kathy also worked at Peebles in Cadillac and then went back to owning the Fun-A-Torium Daycare and also was a partner and bookkeeper for Mike's Country Craft Woodshop. Kathy was a longtime member of St. Ann Catholic Church in Cadillac.

Survivors include her children: Kyle and Alex Thomason of Cadillac and Sarra (Chris) Williams of Mesick; grandchildren: Lyric and Isaac Ervin and DeJuan Williams; brothers: Gregory (Penny) Lipar and Steve Lipar all of Harrietta; sister: Mary Jo (Wes) Freeman of Harrietta; many Nieces, Nephews, Aunts, Uncles and Cousins; special friends: Mike Thomason and Charlie (Kim) Benz of Cadillac; foster brothers and sisters: Shelly (Dohms) Myers, Tom Mannor and Bruce Winkleman. She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter: Elizabeth Stark; foster brother: Kenny Dohms and a sister-in-law Tammy Lipar.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:00 AM Saturday, September 24, 2011 at St. Ann Catholic Church in Cadillac with Reverend Fr. Francis J. Murphy as celebrant. Burial will be at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Cadillac. Friends may meet the family from 4-7 PM Friday at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac. Memorial contributions may be made to Northwestern Bank for Kyle and Alex's educations. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

ME

“ *My deepest sympathies go out to Kathy' family. I had thr joy of working with Kathy at K-Mart and Little Red Schoolhouse. She always had a nice word about everything, very loving person. God be with the family*

Mary Edly - September 25, 2011 at 08:41 PM

TL

“ *I am sorry for your loss. Your family has endured and become stronger for it. I hope you all find peace.*

Tracy Palicki Lenzini - September 25, 2011 at 01:09 AM

EM

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Kathy. I also worked at Kmart the same time Kathy did. However I was only there for a year Kathy was full of energy and always smiling. I did get to talk to her in August. So sorry for your lost.*

Ellen McCarthy - September 24, 2011 at 11:10 AM

CJ

“ *So sorry for your loss. She will be missed.*

Corey Jackson - September 24, 2011 at 08:35 AM

EM

“ I had the privilege of working with Kathy at Kmart. After that, I was able to see her on days when I dropped my kids off at The Little Red Schoolhouse. My kids had a hard time adjusting to daycare and Kathy's kind heart helped them get through their days. My kids loved "Miss Kathy" and I always felt better knowing I was leaving them in her caring hands. My heart goes out to her family. We have all lost a wonderful woman.

Eileen Mist - September 23, 2011 at 09:50 PM

LS

“ So sorry to hear about Kathy. My sympathies to the family.

Linda Arquilla Starring - September 23, 2011 at 08:58 PM

RN

“ My deepest heart felt sympathies go out to all who loved Kathy. God Bless...

Rennie Niemi - September 23, 2011 at 05:24 PM

DA

“ It;s hard to think of Kathy as gone,the world is certinally a lesser place without her.My heartfelt condolences go out to her family and friends.

Dick Arquilla - September 23, 2011 at 03:28 PM

RV

“ Our deepest symphathy goes to Kathy's family. She was a pleasant person. God bless her family.

Roseann Vranish - September 23, 2011 at 01:08 PM

TF

“ Kathy was a delightful and warm person who always had a bright smile and kind words to share. We extend our deepest sympathy and heartfelt prayers to Kathy's children and extended family.

Teresa (Kerzich) Meehan & Family - September 23, 2011 at 10:16 AM

VM

“ I am saddened by the news of Kathy's passing. Kathy had a beautiful soul. huge heart and was always so sweet, always smiling. I worked with Kathy at Kmart for many years. Her children were her life, and she gave her all. R.I.P sweet Kathy.

Valerie Myers - September 22, 2011 at 09:04 PM

DC

“ You are going to be missed so much. If you were not my cousin i would want you to be. Rest in Peace i know u are. My heart goes out to u kyle and Alex, you have your mother's heart and smile. God Bless you both.

Deborah Clifford - September 22, 2011 at 06:38 PM

RR

“ Kathy I will miss your smiling face at church. I was blessed to know you and your beautiful boys. Your time on this earth was to short but I will look forward to seeing you in heaven. May God keep and protect those who you have held dear, your spirit will live forever in our hearts and memories.

Ruth Reddy - September 22, 2011 at 06:05 PM

JF

“ Thank you for being a comforting and smiling face for me when I needed you most. Thank you for being such a warm, nurturing friend for me in my first days of life. I like that I could make you smile.

Jax Fowler - September 22, 2011 at 03:23 PM

RA

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Kathy's family. She was a wonderful person who will be greatly missed by all who were blessed to know her.

Rebecca Augustat - September 22, 2011 at 12:07 PM

SS

“ I have know Kathy for most of my life. From pre-school to my first communion, my high school graduation and wedding. It wasn't until she began taking care of my daughter when Brooklyn was 6 weeks old, that I saw every day what a beatiful person she was inside and out. She cared for Brook every day for the first year and a half of her life. Kathy taught Brook about the importance of paiting your toenails, making sure your hair was always done, that accessories do matter, and mostly about SHOES.. and to always SMILE... She turned my baby girl into the little " fashionista" she is today... Kathys beautiful life impacted ours so much...we will miss her... We are all so very lucky to have known her.

Stacey Staffin - September 22, 2011 at 12:02 PM

LB

“ We had the pleasure of working with Kathy at the Little Red School House. Kathy's sons and the children at the daycare were blessed by her warm and friendly nature. Kathy was a beautiful person, she possessed inner strength and courage; she didn't allow her battles with cancer to get the best of her. Our thoughts and prayers are with her sons Kyle and Alex. Kathy will be missed by many.

Linda Payne and Lauri Brautigam - September 22, 2011 at 11:09 AM

MM

“ My deepest sympathy to Kathy's sons and those she loved. Kathy taught me more about courage than any friend I've had. She was kind and generous and a wonderful example of how to live with grace.

Meribeth Mattson - September 22, 2011 at 09:44 AM

MR

“ My deepest condolences to Kathy's family.

Megan Ryno - September 22, 2011 at 09:03 AM

PR

“ What a sad loss for all. Our deepest sympathies to all our Lipar family and friends. Kathy was always such a nice person to talk with.

Paul and Kae Ryno - September 22, 2011 at 08:40 AM

CA

“ *A beautiful friend throughout our childhood and adulthood. We will sadly miss that inner beauty with that warm and hearty smile. May God bless the family in this time of need.*

Cora and James Abraham - September 22, 2011 at 08:25 AM

CF

“ *Our deepest sympathies go out to Kathy's family. We remember Kathy as a sweet, kind and beautiful lady.*

Caroline (Kerzich) Wunderlich family - September 21, 2011 at 07:18 PM

AM

“ *Kathy was a wonderful caregiver for my children in her home daycare. She will be greatly missed by my family.*

Ashlee McCormick - September 21, 2011 at 04:02 PM