



Merrilynn G. Roycraft

January 3, 1959 - October 6, 2025

Merrilynn G. Roycraft, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away unexpectedly on October 6, 2025, at age 66. She was born January 3, 1959, as the second daughter of Robert Earl and Nancy Daneen Sheats.

Merri lived a life centered around love, family, and community. In her twenties, she became a proud mother and later opened her heart and home to countless children through her daycare, one of the most loved in the area during the 1990s. To be cared for by Merri was to be part of her family — and if you were ever one of hers, you will forever be hers.

She had a natural gift for making everyone feel seen and loved. Her laughter filled every room, her advice came from the heart, and her door was always open. She found peace in nature, especially near the water, and joy in the simple moments shared with family and friends.

Merri is survived by her devoted husband, Philip R. Roycraft; her children and grandchildren, Jamie (Jake) Nyberg, Christopher & Jakob Reynolds, Corry Sisson, Paxton & Koralei Sisson, William (Abigail) Roycraft, and Evan Roycraft. She also leaves behind many others she lovingly “claimed as her own,” whose lives were forever changed by her warmth and care.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, and her sister.

Merri 's legacy lives on in the generations she nurtured, the laughter she shared, and the love she gave so freely.

Her heart was her home, and there will always be room for you there.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at the Revival Center of Cadillac with Pastor Will Markham officiating. Burial will be at Haring Township Cemetery in Wexford County. Visitation will be Monday from 5-7 PM at Peterson Funeral & Cremation Services in Cadillac. Memorial contributions may be made to the Community Food Pantry at the Revival Center. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Haring Township Cemetery

Wexford County, MI 49601

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **13**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Peterson Funeral Home
205 E. Cass St.
Cadillac, MI 49601
(231) 775-3411
info@petersonfh.com
<http://www.petersonfh.com>

Funeral Service

OCT **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Revival Center of Cadillac
5676 M-55
Cadillac, MI 49601
(231) 775-2662

Tribute Wall

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“ RIP at least she is feeling no pain raest in peace



Cole reamer - November 09, 2025 at 04:22 PM

LL

“ Phil, thinking of you with heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your dear Merrilynn. May her warmth and love continue to shine in your and your family’s heart always. May cherished memories of Merrilynn bring you comfort and peace during this difficult time and in all the days to come.

Lonnie C. Lee - October 13, 2025 at 12:58 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Merrilynn G. Roycraft.



October 13, 2025 at 09:03 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Merrilynn G. Roycraft.



October 13, 2025 at 08:00 AM

DH

“ My heart goes out to your family. May the memories you have help carry you thru your grief. She will be missed.

Deana Holley - October 12, 2025 at 11:48 AM

AA

“ I didn't know Merrilynn, however, just reading around you can tell that she was very loved by everyone.

Aaron - October 09, 2025 at 09:22 PM

MP

“ Phil, I am so sorry to hear this news. My heart goes out to you and your family.

Mark Petrie

Mark Petrie - October 09, 2025 at 11:43 AM

CH

“ To Phil and Family, I am so sorry to hear of Merrilynn's passing. I hope you find comfort in your memories of her and what she meant to you. Carrie Hardigan

Carrie Hardigan - October 09, 2025 at 10:21 AM

KB

Please accept my deepest condolences on your wife's passing. Her love and companionship were a beautiful chapter in your life's story. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you find your way through this difficult journey. Ken Burda

kenneth Burda - October 11, 2025 at 10:12 AM

RR

Phil and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May memories be a blessing as time heals your pain and sorrow. Randy Rothe

Randy Rothe - October 13, 2025 at 09:49 AM

PD

Prayers for you in this time of need, Pat and Sandee

Pat Donovan - October 13, 2025 at 10:08 AM