



Michelle R. "Shelly" Hilts

May 21, 1964 - May 18, 2025

Michelle Renee "Shelly" Hilts of Cadillac passed away Sunday, May 18, 2025 at home. She was 60. Shelly was born May 21, 1964 to Darvin and Karyn (Grames) Sawmiller.

She moved to Cadillac when she was 13 and later graduated from Cadillac High School. Shelly was employed at Hutchinson for over 10 years. Shelly enjoyed: gardening, ceramics, making candles, playing Nintendo and watching cartoons. She loved spending time with her fur babies and most importantly with her family. Shelly also enjoyed going thrifting and watching her grandsons in football and band.

Shelly is survived by her children: Karyn (Tony) Cochrane of Cadillac, Jacob Hilts (Ruthann Kramer) Lake City; grandsons, Quentin "Bubba" Miller, Kaleb "Boo" Cochrane (Cameron Burton), siblings: Shawn Baird of McBain, Duane (Lorraine) Sawmiller of McBain, Tonia Stepke of Traverse City; many nieces and nephews and her fiancé, John Lunn.

She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant brother, Darvin Sawmiller in 1962, brother-in-law, Gail Baird, Jr.; two grandchildren, Sophia Hilts and Wyatt Thomas Hilts and brother-in-law, Shoon Hilts.

Cremation has taken place and no services will be held at this time. An online

guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

KC

“ *Mama, we love and miss you so much. Thank you for everything. For all the unconditional love and understanding. Thank you for being our guiding light during dark times. For being a shoulder to cry and hug on. For having listening ears for when we were overwhelmed and excited. For teaching us that it is ok to be ourselves and that we all are equal and we deserve to be treated as so. Thank you for teaching us that it is ok to slow down and live in the moment, that everything doesn't have to be done right away. Thank you for teaching us strength during difficult times. Thank you for teaching us to see good in everyone and accept them for who they are and help man and animal kind. Thank you for teaching us that it is ok to ask for help because we are human. Thank you for teaching us kindness, compassion, empathy, respect, morals and most of unconditional love. There is no greater love than a mothers love and we were blessed to have one of the best. My promise to you mama is that I will continue to show everything you have taught me every day in everything I do. Until I see you again I will hug you every night in my dreams. Love your daughter dear 🥹💕💔👉*

Karyn Cochrane - May 22, 2025 at 02:23 PM

KW

“ *Aunt Shelly, Im very saddened we lost you. Hope your smiling that beautiful infectious smile. Thank you for being a loving Aunt and always there when anyone was hurt. I remember when I fell and the wind was knocked out of me. She ran to the school to see me and help. RIP Aunt Shell and please say Hi to my Dad for me. Love Krystal*

Krystal Watrous - May 20, 2025 at 03:26 PM

VC

My thoughts and Prayer's 🙏 go out to Michelle's Family and Friends, she was a very sweet Lady I work 2nd shift at Hutchinson and would talk to her at shift change. I will miss seeing her. RIP Michelle

Vona Chachulski - May 21, 2025 at 09:04 AM