



Sarah Jane Nelson

July 23, 1945 - December 21, 2020

Sarah Jane Nelson of Petoskey formerly of Cadillac passed away Monday afternoon, December 21, 2020 at Riverside Nursing & Rehabilitation in Grand Haven. She was 75. Sarah was born on July 23, 1945 in Norfolk, Virginia to Norman J. & Priscilla (O'Rourke) Petersen and they preceded her in death.

Early in her life the family moved to Cadillac and she graduated from Cadillac High School. On May 16, 1964 in Cadillac she married Orlo Richard Nelson and he preceded her in death on November 6, 2013.

Sarah was an active mother while raising their children; she participated and supported all the sports or activities they were involved in. She was team mother numerous times and thoroughly enjoyed spending time with her children. In her younger years Sarah enjoyed bowling.

Survivors include her children: Tom (Michelle) Nelson of Spring Lake, Tim (Rebecca) Nelson of Traverse City, and Mary (Dave) vanZon of Rosendale, Wisconsin; 13 grandchildren: David (Cherielle), Kali (Tyler) , Olivia, Sarah, Holland, Daven, Maryn, Samantha, Owen, Taylor and Reid; 3 sisters: Darlene (Daniel) Williams of Manton, Donna Follett of Traverse City, and Suzanne (Johnny D.) Ensing of McBain; and many nieces and nephews.

Private graveside services will take place at Mount Carmel Cemetery in

Cadillac. A celebration of life will take place at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Michigan Parkinson Foundation. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

BL

“ *Bob and I were sorry to hear of Sarah's passing. Your mother was always so warm and welcoming...we will cherish the memories of our visits with Sarah and Dick at Fife Lake, Petoskey, and family gatherings. Sending our love and sympathies to Sarah's family and friends.*

Bob and Mary LeFevre - December 28, 2020 at 02:45 PM

MF

“ *I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Your families are a great legacy to your mom and dad. You all are very much in my thoughts and prayers.*

Mark Fralick - December 26, 2020 at 04:39 AM

RH

“ *My deepest sympathy to the whole family. Your mom and dad will always be two of my favorite people of all time. I was always made to feel like I was apart of the family. I'll never forget your mom for the wonderful and caring person she was.*

Roy Harvey - December 25, 2020 at 11:02 AM

BM

“ *Sorry to hear of Sarah's passing.*

Ben Miltner - December 25, 2020 at 09:19 AM

SM

“ Sorry for the loss of your mother. She was a great cousin and I always enjoyed seeing her when we visited the family occasionally at Fife Lake or when they came down to Detroit to see Great Grandpa O' Rourke. She was a beautiful caring woman and will be missed.

Steven Martin - December 24, 2020 at 11:30 AM

DC

“ May God celebrate Sarah's life through you and bless your family.

Daniel Cullen - December 24, 2020 at 09:39 AM

TF

“ I am so sorry to read that Sarah passed away. We were classmates at CHS and she was a beautiful, bright, friendly young woman. Memories walk by our side, like a friend, and comfort us. My sincerest condolences to her children, grandchildren and siblings. Wishing you a softer tomorrow.

Theresa \"Terry\" Fike - December 24, 2020 at 07:45 AM

EM

“ Sarah was a very sweet and kind classmate. To her family, my deepest sympathy. Sounds like she was a treasure and totally devoted to her family. We all knew she would marry Dick. They were a sweet, loving couple. Blessings and Peace to each of you.

ELSIE L MOORE - December 24, 2020 at 05:33 AM