



## Shari Kaye Bednarick

December 1, 1953 - October 18, 2020

Shari Kaye (Devereaux) Bednarick of Manton, MI passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, October 18, 2020. She was 66. She was born December 1, 1953 in Battle Creek, MI to Richard Eugene Devereaux and MaryLou (Skidmore) Devereaux.

Shari graduated from Cadillac High School in 1972. She enjoyed her brief modeling career as a model for Milliken's store in Cadillac during her senior year of high school. She graduated at the top of her class from Flight Attendant School in Los Angeles, CA. She worked at Tribune Record, Kysor Central Staff, Noah's Ark Day Care and Wexford County Building and Zoning.

In 1974 she married her high school sweetheart, Gary Bednarick. They were best friends and enjoyed biking, skiing, kayaking, camping, and outdoor games together. Shari loved her family and friends but Gary was always first in her life.

She loved the Lord and her church and especially the praise music. She was kind, loving and giving. She enjoyed knitting slippers, hats, and scarves and gifting them to all of her family and friends. She loved going on sisters' trips and experiencing new adventures. She was the best Big Sister Ever! She was easy going, had a great sense of humor, and spoke kind of others. She was a great mom to her children, Andy and Darcy, and a wonderful Grandma to her

favorite and only granddaughter, Alexis Kaye Payne.

Shari is survived by her husband and best friend of 46 years, Gary; son, Andrew (Melissa) Bednarick of Fife Lake, MI; daughter, Darcy Bednarick of Ohio; granddaughter, Alexis Payne of Ohio; sister Leisa (Neal) Laybourne of Barre, VT; sister Lori (Delos) Loomis of Muskegon, MI; brother Brian (Carolyn) Devereaux of Plainwell, MI; sister Amy Finstrom of Cadillac, MI; brother Alan Devereaux of Cadillac, MI; many nieces, nephews; great nieces and nephews, along with her extended family and dear friends who love her and will miss her everyday.

A service is planned for Saturday, November 7, 2020 at 11 AM at Resurrection Life Church in Cadillac, MI. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of Shari Kaye's death. My twin sister Karen and I would come up to Cadillac as little kids to visit. My Dad, and your Dad were first cousins (Devereaux family through Aunt Ceil.) You probably don't know my sister passed away suddenly last January. It has been a sad year. Shari Kaye, Karen and I were only a few months apart in age. WOW. Prayers to all, and for all.

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**Sharon S Choate** - January 17, 2021 at 04:45 PM

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“ Thinking of you all and praying for you. Shari led an amazing life. She will be sorely missed.

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**Dick and Mary Ann Skidmore** - November 07, 2020 at 08:52 AM

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“ Condolences to all of my Cadillac cousins and their families. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during these difficult times.

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**Cary Blodgett (Skidmore)** - November 03, 2020 at 03:17 PM

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“ My deepest sympathies and condolences go out to Gary and the kids. This must be very difficult and we are all feeling a great sense of loss. I've been reflecting for about a week and many tears have flowed. I really only knew Shari when I was a kid. She was the eldest cousin and possibly the best teacher I had at the channel 3 clubhouse school for cousins. She looked and acted like a teacher to me and got respect from all of us. I can hear her voice like it was yesterday. There's that cocoa boy- with a rub of my buzz cut head. I loved being cocoa boy. Almost all my memories of her are tied to the cottage or magnolia street, two of my favorite places in all my life. What great times we had at little pine lake. Thank you grandma and grandpa Skidmore for creating such wonderful places and wonderful family. The sixties and seventies were turbulent times, but not for us. Much joy and togetherness we had at the lake. Waiting for the Cadillac kids to arrive was like waiting for ketchup to come out of the bottle. Anticipation is making me wait.- When the worlds largest station pulled in the driveway, towing the pop up camper, the party was about to start. Soon laughter echoed around the lake and love filled the property. We were so lucky to have all that. Sunshine swimming and NO RUNNING ON THE DOCK. Barefoot croquet in soggy grass and grandma's jacked up toes. The girls sunbathing and listening to Casey Kasim and America's top forty on a transistor radio. Grandpa listening to the Indy 500 so loud you could hear it on the other side of the lake. His radio was plugged in and sitting where so many blueberry pancakes were flipped on an electric griddle right by the picnic tables. We were a big family and we were all important. We had a drinking fountain! Who has a drinking fountain? We did by golly. My first experience with hummingbirds and now they bring me such joy feeding and watching them. Us kids were always playing games of some sort. Hangman in the clubhouse, twister inside or jarts that dangerous game of lawn darts. Rubber horseshoes, no fun. Jarts was very exciting and you better pay attention. When the adults got involved it was really a hoot. We played a lot of bingo on holidays at magnolia st. Shari was a special person to me from the get go. She had a face plate on the wall of fame there. She was older so she got adult privileges but still liked

*to teach, guide and play with us. She was our go-between. She was allowed to scold and I deserved some for doing dumb stuff like sending marbles and things through the vacuum tubes. Lamb cakes, turkey bone sleighs and the smell of coffee percolating the good old way. Fresca and refrigerated water in a glass jug. You kids go play in the basement.- When I think of Shari, I think of all these wonderful things and times we had. I remember her reading to me and me reading to her in the front room. She was nice and had time for everyone. Thank you Shari for the kindness and all the things you gave and will keep on giving. The memories I have are precious. Your guiding light still shines even though your heart has stopped beating. Much love to all the family.*

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**Jeff Skidmore** - October 28, 2020 at 09:14 AM

BW

“ *I'm so very sorry to hear of my Cadillac Cousin- Shari's passing. You are all in my thoughts and prayers Virtual hugs to all*

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**Beth Warner** - October 27, 2020 at 09:11 AM

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*Tom Hunt*

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**Tom Hunt** - October 24, 2020 at 12:36 PM

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Tom Hunt - October 24, 2020 at 12:34 PM

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“ Gary and Family,

We are very sorry for your loss. It was an honor to know Shari. Your GPAA family is thinking of you and offers sincere condolences.

Take care of yourself in this very trying time.

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Nick Straffon - October 24, 2020 at 10:45 AM

JL

“ I am saddened to learn of Shari's sudden passing. Kind thoughts and prayers to Gary and the Devereaux family. I graduated in 72 with Shari. She was always very kind, thoughtful and a pleasure to be around. So very sorry for your loss.

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Jerry Leavell - October 24, 2020 at 05:24 AM

MP

“ Shari was a friend of my sister Marty, and as usual little sisters sometimes hung around with them. She was a great friend and someone who enjoyed life.

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Mike & Sue Peterson - October 24, 2020 at 04:23 AM

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“ You will be greatly missed. You were an inspiration and encouraged all to be happy. Enjoy that praise music in heaven dear friend  
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**Budd & Tina Dewey** - October 24, 2020 at 12:29 AM