



Cathy Jo Harms-Wood

February 24, 1957 - October 18, 2016

Cathy Harms-Wood, 59, of Kankakee passed away on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at her home. She was born on February 24, 1957 in Kankakee, the daughter of Clyde and Mary (Legg) Hertz. Cathy married Robert Wood on September 10, 2006 in the garden of their backyard in Kankakee.

Cathy was a graduate of the 1975 class at Eastridge High School. She loved her job and co-workers at Riverside Medical Center, where she worked for 20 years. Cathy had so much compassion in her heart for others above herself -- starting Santa's Workshop at Bradley East, being active in Relay for Life and being a supporter and protector for her family. Working beside her husband, she enjoyed remodeling, spending time outside in her backyard in the garden, going to car shows and garden walks and traveling with the Softball Teams. Above all else, she enjoyed spending time with her family, grandsons and newest granddaughter, Aubrey and going to her grandsons sporting events.

She is survived by her husband Robert Wood of Kankakee; one son Tony (Candace) Harms of Wilmington; one daughter Laura Harms of Bradley; her mother Mary Hertz of Kankakee; one sister Nanette Hertz of Minnesota; two brothers Rollie (Jane) Hertz of Kankakee and Donnie (Claudia) Hertz of Bradley; four grandchildren Wesley, Dylan, Austin and Aubrey Harms; mother-in-law Eugene Wood of Kankakee; her very very best friend Julie (Brian) Luedtke of St. Anne; and many nieces, nephews and friends. She was

preceded in death by her father.

Visitation will be held on Friday, October 21, 2016 from 3-8pm at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee. Funeral service will be 11am on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee, with additional visitation starting at 9am. Burial will follow at Kankakee Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Rev. Karl Koeppen will officiate the service. Memorials may be made to Relay for Life, Hospice of Kankakee Valley or the Bishop McNamara High School Softball Program.

Please sign her guestbook at www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 South 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **21**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation

OCT **22**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
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Funeral Service

OCT **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Cathy Jo Harms-Wood*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *So very sorry to hear. Prayers for your family!*

Rhonda Bouchard

Rhonda Bouchard - October 22, 2016 at 05:03 AM



“ *I remember meeting Cathy years ago to do a couple Relay for Life events together. At that first event, I remember thinking how much I was in awe at how vivacious and positive she was - and just plain FUN to be around! I adored her instantly....who couldn't?!? It was impossible to have a frown on your face if you were in her presence for more than 5 minutes. □ For anyone who was fortunate enough to know her for a lifetime, or even to have known her for a just moment, was truly blessed. I don't doubt that when she delivered that big smile up above it made Heaven an even better place for us to all join one day. Rest in Peace Cathy – you will be greatly missed.*

Michelle Anderson-Wiza - October 21, 2016 at 02:02 PM



“ *Her beautiful smile and loving heart will surely light up heaven.*

Sandy Marshall - October 21, 2016 at 11:34 AM

DT

“ *Cathy was a mentor to my daughter at Riverside and in turn became my friend as well. May Cathy have the peace that eluded her at the end.* ”



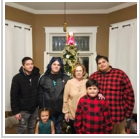
Denise Thomas - October 21, 2016 at 09:58 AM

MT

“ *So sorry for your loss. Your mom was a beautiful lady. Our thoughts and praying are with you and your families.* ”



Mark and Ruthann Lawson Todd - October 21, 2016 at 07:46 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the family.* ”



Joanna Mitchell - October 20, 2016 at 08:37 PM

DB

Our deepest sympathy for the loss of your mother. May God Bless you all and cradle you in his arms.

Dawn and Gary Bufford - October 20, 2016 at 10:48 PM

KK

“ Laura, So sorry for the loss of your mother. I worked with her at Riverside and she was such a great co worker, always a smile on her face and a cheerful attitude. Indeed a great loss.

Karen Keller - October 20, 2016 at 08:32 PM

CC

“ My heart has been breaking since she took a turn for bad. We shared so many good times together with our shared grandkids. Bob, Laura , Tony we love you all. When someone is larger than life the hole that is left in our hearts is so big you wonder if we can ever get past it. I know tonight she is resting in Gods arms and there is no more pain. You will be missed by so many. What a beautiful tribute you guys all gave her by keeping vigil at her side during her last week. Love, Ed & Cheryl Cadle



cheryl cadle - October 20, 2016 at 08:11 PM

VD

“ Vern & Carolyn Dumas lit a candle in memory of Cathy Jo Harms-Wood



Vern & Carolyn Dumas - October 20, 2016 at 07:49 PM

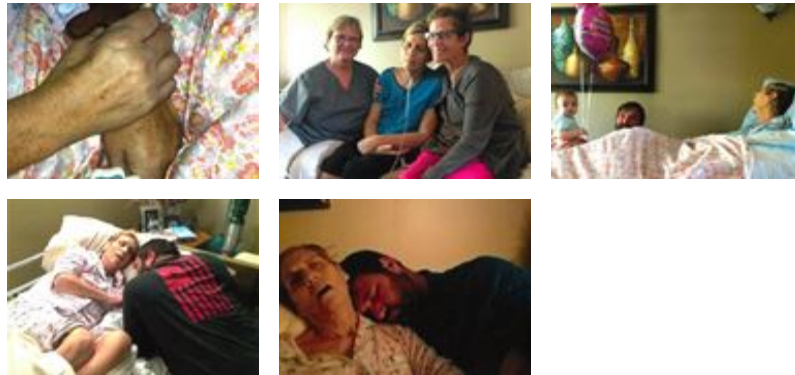
WS

“ Prayers of comfort to Laura and the rest of the family. So sorry for your loss. Keep those good memories in your heart, from the Wayne Sneed family.

Wayne Sneed - October 20, 2016 at 07:31 PM



“ 100 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Schreffler Funeral Home - October 20, 2016 at 03:31 PM

KG

“ *Rob, Laura, Tony & Candace & the rest of Cathy's family & friends.....What a beautiful lady Cathy was, inside and out. I can't say anything about what a great person and friend she was, that hasn't already been said. My heart aches but I can only imagine what you are all going through. Please accept my deepest condolences and know that I will continue to pray for all of you. Rob, I've been there, so if you ever need to talk, I'll always have a free ear! She was really a remarkable lady....One of a kind.*

Kathy Grevenstuk - October 20, 2016 at 02:23 PM

KG

“ *Kathy Grevenstuk lit a candle in memory of Cathy Jo Harms-Wood*



Kathy Grevenstuk - October 20, 2016 at 02:08 PM

K,

“ I would like to send My condolences and sympathy to the Family of Cathy Harms-Wood. My Prayers are with You Rob and Family. I remember the beautiful day Sept.10,2006 when I performed Your wedding to Cathy.I was so happy for You both and honored to perform the wedding of two great Friends who truly loved one another. Cathy will be missed but remembered by everyone that knew Her. I am deeply saddened by Her passing,but I know that God has prepared a place in Heaven for Her where She will suffer no more and be at peace.I pray for Healing and Comfort for all those that knew Her. I am out of State right now with Family and wont be able to attend the Services as I just found out this morning of Her passing and wish I could be there for Her and Family. When God calls us, then we will be united with Her in Heaven. God Be with You All and Bless You, Amen



Kenneth L.Ramsey ,Pastor - October 20, 2016 at 01:10 PM

MW

“ Cathy,
it is very hard for me to wrap my mind around the fact that you are no longer with us here. You were always a good friend and my memories of you will sustain me until we meet again.
I thank God for the opportunity to have known you and I pray He wraps his loving arms around you and your family and friends at this time.
Our love to all,
Mark and Michele Wegner

Mark Wegner - October 20, 2016 at 11:50 AM

LH

“ *Everyone knows what a beautiful person Cathy was. She is going to be missed by many, many people!. Love & prayers to all that love and touched by Cathy.*

Lorraine Harms - October 20, 2016 at 10:46 AM

NF

“ *Sympathies & prayers to the family. Cathy was a joy to know & will remember her fondly*



Nita Foockle - October 20, 2016 at 09:39 AM

MW

“ *Deepest sympathy for your loss. I know she is at peace with God resting in his presence. I will always remember her sweet laugh as it was so unique and cheerful. When I think of her I clearly see her smile.*

mary Ann West - October 20, 2016 at 09:29 AM