



## Charlene Kae Merrick

January 22, 1958 - January 2, 2014

Charlene Kae Merrick, 55, of Eaton Rapids, passed away on January 2, 2014 in Lansing, following a lengthy illness.

She was born on January 22, 1958 to Charles and Judith (Chapin) Hinline in Lansing, MI. She attended Lansing Eastern High School, graduating in 1976 and earned an Associate's Degree from Lansing Community College. On October 1, 1999 she married Terence in Charlotte, MI.

Charlene worked as an Executive Assistant in the office of the Superintendent in the Department of Education for the State of Michigan.

Charlene enjoyed "Stamping", designing cards for friends and family around the world. She was highly recognized within the hobby as one of the top twelve members of the international stamping organization known as the Splitcoast Stampers. Charlene will always be remembered as a person people could depend on. She had a kind heart for everyone. Her friends and family always regarded her as a wise and talented woman they could look to for advice.

Charlene is survived by her husband Terence; three step sons, James Todd Merrick, Jeffery Dean Merrick and Jesse Allan Merrick; three step-grandchildren; her parents, Charles and Judith Hinline; two sisters - Kay McCrackin, of Ocean Shores WA, Wendy Easterbrook of Holt, MI; and two

brothers - Russell Hine, of Los Lunos, NM, and David Hine, of Lansing, MI.

Visitation will be held Sunday, January 05, 2014, 2:00 to 4:00 pm and 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, Michigan.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2014, 11:00 am at the Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, Michigan, with Rev. Phil Hobson officiating.

Burial will take place in Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, MI.

The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Family and friends are encouraged to share remembrances and condolences online in Charlene's Book of Memories at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Candle From: Aubree & Barb Jones and Family*



*Message to the Family: Aubree says she'll always remember when she was little that Char's smile made her feel nice & she was like a pretty fairy to her. She's so glad Char got to see her again while she's in high school, and happy she got to see Char! I have so many great memories of us; shopping in Marshall, our mutual love of bracelets, picnics & barbeques with FAMILY, the backyard fire pit chats & our Tennessee trips. But the BEST was the SMILE on her face when she not only saw PENQUINS but was taken into the Aquarium VIP room to actually HOLD one! Oh, the JOY on her face was worth a million dollars! Every talented card she ever made for me, I have...FOREVER...just like my love for my "adopted sis." Terry, Chuck, Judy & (ALL the FAMILY MEMBERS), words cannot express feelings like this. I know your hearts hurt and I can only PRAY that GOD helps you to bear it. She's touched so many lives in such a POSITIVE way that no one could EVER forget her!*

*Love & Prayers, Barb*

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“ *Candle From: Your Friends on American League*

*Message to the Family: Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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