



Cynthia Ann Harris

January 19, 1962 - December 24, 2015

Cynthia Ann Harris, 53, of Charlotte, passed away unexpectedly on December 24, 2015 at the family home in Charlotte, MI. She was born on January 19, 1962 to John and Judy (Ludwig) Locke in Charlotte, MI. She was a 1980 Graduate of Charlotte High School. Following high school she earned her bachelors from Olivet College. She married Roger Harris on May 18, 1985, and started their homestead on Benton Road, now known as Harris Hog Farm.

Growing up as the oldest of four children she often took on the role of "Mom." Her personality was definitely one that would not take "No" for an answer. She would always find a way to get things done. That was one of many traits that led her to become the first woman President of the Charlotte FFA Chapter in 1979.

Cynthia was a phlebotomist at St. Lawrence Hospital for a short time; followed by being an Underwriter for Auto Owners Insurance Company. She was known as the "Mother Hen" of the office in keeping with the fact that she was often the unofficial "mom" to many who knew her.

She was always involved with her church; teaching Sunday School at Crossroads United Brethren Church and later at Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church. Cynthia's life revolved around her involvement with her

children and the Benton Variety 4-H Club. She became the club's administrative leader, as well as the 4-H Livestock Judging Superintendent. She was often the first to be called with a question on 4-H and always the first to respond when asked.

Cynthia enjoyed the talents that she had learned as a 4-H student in her youth. Cake Decorating and sewing were among her favorites. Above all she enjoyed the love of family. As the family grew, she lovingly accepted sons and daughter in laws, and was looking forward to the next family wedding and becoming a grandmother.

Cynthia is survived by her husband Roger; their children, Jesse (Natalie) Harris of Marshall, Elizabeth (T.J.) Smith of Oregon, Sarah Harris and her fiancé, Christopher Johnston of Kansas; her siblings John (Kristine) Locke, Jeff (Angie) Locke both of Charlotte, and Lisa Heikes of Minnesota; and her parents John and Judy Locke.

Visitation will be held Sunday, December 27, from 2-4 and 6-8 PM at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI. Funeral services will be held on Monday December 28, 2015 at 1:00 PM at the Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church, with Pastor Gary Wales officiating. Interment will take place in Benton Township Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Benton Variety 4-H Club. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Family and friends are encouraged to share remembrances and condolences online in Cynthia's Tribute page at www.prayfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Funeral Ceremony

DEC 28. 1:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence Ave. United Methodist Church
210 E. Lawrence Ave.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Cynthia Ann Harris*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 26, 2015 at 05:13 PM

NB

“ *Dear Roger and family, we are so sorry for your loss. What a shock this has been. We will miss seeing Cindy's smiling face at 4-H meetings and at the fair. She was a truly beautiful person.*

Nancy Bowers & Ted Lynch.

Nancy Bowers - January 04, 2016 at 05:03 PM

KH

“ For the past 7.5 years of my Auto-Owners career, I have worked in the same department as Cindy. We have shared lots of experiences and I have asked her tons of off-the-wall questions! We have come very close to colliding several times (can't see her above the cubicle walls). I have so many fond memories and my last time seeing her was when she was leaving from her last working day before Christmas. She smiled and we wished each other a wonderful holiday. I am glad I had that last moment with her. I will miss Cindy's quick wit and smile, as will so many others at Auto-Owners.

Best wishes to the Harris family and to all of her family and friends who miss her.

Kasey Henderson

Kasey Henderson - December 28, 2015 at 07:32 PM



“ Roger & Family ~ Thinking of you all at this very difficult time. I was fortunate enough to work at Auto-Owners with Cindy over the years as well as work with her through the 4H program for many years. She was always willing to help my kids & I out with whatever we needed when prepping each year for fair & for that we are truly grateful! Her wealth of knowledge & helping hand will be missed so very much!



Tj, Levi, & Morgan Greenman

Tj Greenman - December 28, 2015 at 06:37 PM

BB

“ I had the pleasure of working with Cindy in Lansing. She was such a joy to be around and truly made my time working with her enjoyable and meaningful. She will truly be missed by all of her fellow associates at A-O.

I am so sorry for your loss and your family will continue to be in my prayers.

Bailey Belcher

Bailey Belcher - December 28, 2015 at 02:01 PM

EF

“ Roger, Jerry and I are so saddened by your loss of Cindy. We pray you will get through this as best you can. It has been a pleasure knowing both of you. We connected on one of the Auto-Owners trips and I know you and Jerry have a lot in common. Take care.

Jerry & Eileen Fhaner

eileen fhaner - December 28, 2015 at 08:22 AM

BL

“ Thoughts and prayers to your family, Cndy was a very special person to everyone!!

In our prayers, Gary, Brl'dget and Taylor Lilly

Bridget Lilly - December 27, 2015 at 11:22 AM

JH

“ My thoughts and prayers have been with the family since hearing of Cindy's passing. Cindy and I would often arrive at A-O at the same time in the morning and walk in together. She always had a smile on her face and loved to talk about her family.

Julie Hopkins - December 27, 2015 at 10:37 AM

TH

“ Dear Roger,

From a friendship many year ago, I would like to express my condolences for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Troy Hawkins - December 27, 2015 at 06:29 AM



Troy,
It is great to hear from you. I have been looking for a way to contact you for a long time.
Roger

Roger Cindy Harris - December 28, 2015 at 06:44 PM



*Dear Roger and family
so sorry too hear the loss of Cindy my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family,*

Rick Brown - December 29, 2015 at 10:40 AM

DF

“ John and Judy and the Harris Family. I'm very sorry for the loss of your daughter. My heart and prayers go out to you and your family.

David Fosket - December 27, 2015 at 06:18 AM

CN

“ *very sorry to hear of the loss of Cindy she was a very wonderful friend to 4-H*

*Walton Wonders 4-H club
Klm Smith, Carla Nighbert, Brenda Hall*

Carla Nighbert - December 26, 2015 at 08:49 PM

KT

“ *Jesse and family,
We are so sorry for your loss. Just wanted to express how deeply we care for you. All of you are in our thoughts.
The Thornton Family*

kim thornton - December 26, 2015 at 05:50 PM

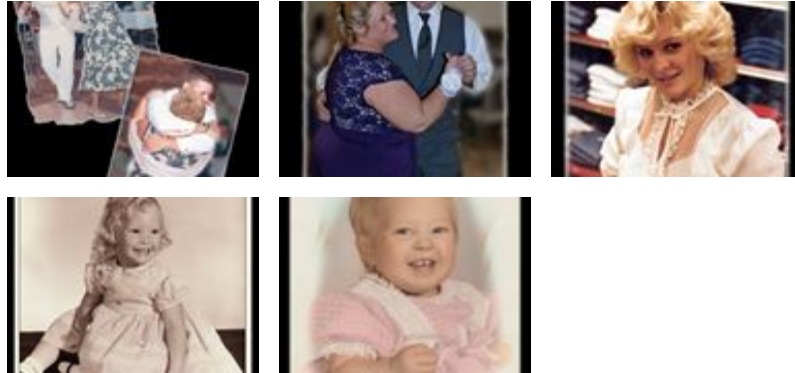
MK

“ *John, Judy, and family, so sorry to hear of Cindy's passing. I always remember her smile, as a little girl, and later when I would run in to her at family events and around town. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Dave and Monica Karr*

Monica Karr - December 26, 2015 at 05:32 PM



“ 36 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 26, 2015 at 05:05 PM

JB

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Cindy's sudden passing. I worked with her for many years when I worked at Auto-Owners. She was always very helpful. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.*

Jane Barnes

jane barnes - December 26, 2015 at 03:32 PM

AP

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of a real sweet person. I knew Cindy while I was working at Auto-Owners Insurance Co. I always found her to be very friendly. She was a real bright person as she grew in the ranks while she worked there. No one knows why God takes someone so young and calls them home, but during the time that Cindy was with us she was a true blessing to everyone that she touched. She will be greatly missed but will always be remembered.*

Audrey Perkins - December 26, 2015 at 02:27 PM

DS

“ I remember one of the first times I saw her. I was young but still old enough to play kick the can at Grandma Harris old house on 11 1/2 mile. She was never without a smile. And wether it was kick the can, baseball, or the family football game. She was always there. To me she was just kind, sweet and gentle. Someone who'd be there with a hug if you saw her. I am so glad I got to see her one last time this summer.. it had been to long. I will miss your smile Cindy but your kindness will always be in my heart.

Sending prayers to my family. Love you guys.

Dawn Sibal (Harris) and family.

Dawn sibal - December 26, 2015 at 02:25 PM

LO

“ I worked with Cindy in two different departments at Auto-Owners. She was always such a positive influence. I will miss her. My condolences go out to her family.

Lynne Olson

Lynne Olson - December 26, 2015 at 12:17 PM

BH

“ About 35 years ago I arrived at a family holiday gathering where the football game was just getting started. I joined in and on the first play this audacious girl tackled me and we both landed next to the burning barrel. She immediately won my heart as she did the rest of this rambunctious family, She went on to marry my closest nephew and together they created a wonderful family. What a caring and gracious heart. So down-to-earth, centered and gentle soul. She raised her family with love and a nurturing spirit. I know that Roger, Jesse, Beth and Sarah need our prayers right now, but I also know that Cindy's love and guidance will never leave them. I am grateful that I was able to go to family reunion this summer and realize that even though we are miles apart, there is still a connection. Sending healing strength and loving thoughts your way.
Uncle Bill (Ken)

Bill Harris - December 26, 2015 at 11:44 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cynthia Ann Harris .



December 26, 2015 at 11:39 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cynthia Ann Harris .



December 26, 2015 at 11:27 AM

TF

“ Cindy was one of the most caring people I have ever met. Always, willing to help anyone in need. Get eyes lit up for children, and, she, loved them all and enjoyed sharing her passion for life and 4H with them. A truly amazing person, I will always remember her and miss her dearly at fair.



Tiffany Rich & family - December 26, 2015 at 10:57 AM

SG

“ So sorry for your loss of such a beautiful person.

Shirley Goad

Shirley Goad - December 26, 2015 at 09:14 AM

LG

“ Cindy always had that big smile on her face. The family and community has lost a beautiful loving person that had a huge heart and was full of kindness. My prayers and my heart goes out to the family.

Lorinda Gidner - December 25, 2015 at 10:32 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cynthia Ann Harris .



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“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cynthia Ann Harris .*



December 25, 2015 at 07:07 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Cynthia Ann Harris .*

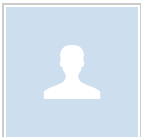


December 25, 2015 at 06:28 PM



“ *I met Cindy when I was in junior high school. She was so full of life, fun loving and happy. She will be greatly missed.*

Jana Nicol - December 25, 2015 at 04:47 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cynthia Ann Harris .*



December 25, 2015 at 12:39 PM

TL

“ Mrs. Harris was a wonderfully kind and hard working lady. Because of her hard work and dedication to our 4-H club, I was able to have wonderful childhood memories in 4-H. My heart goes out to Roger and their children. May they find comfort in the fact that she was able to touch so many lives in a positive way.

Travis Laengood - December 25, 2015 at 11:04 AM

TL

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“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Cynthia Ann Harris .



December 25, 2015 at 10:39 AM

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“ Uncle Bill (Ken) purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Cynthia Ann Harris .



Uncle Bill (Ken) - December 25, 2015 at 09:22 AM

DR

“ Debra Roscoe Rohde lit a candle in memory of Cynthia Ann Harris



Debra Roscoe Rohde - December 25, 2015 at 09:04 AM

PS

“ Paul And Karen Stevens lit a candle in memory of Cynthia Ann Harris



Paul and Karen Stevens - December 25, 2015 at 08:05 AM

JH

“ Julie Harris lit a candle in memory of Cynthia Ann Harris



Julie Harris - December 25, 2015 at 07:41 AM

JH

Roger and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Cindy as always having a smile on her face and always welcoming to everyone she met. Rest in Peace Cindy...

Julie Harris - December 25, 2015 at 07:46 AM

NN

Cindy will be missed. She was always friendly and helpful at work. A pleasure to know her.

nancy Noaker - December 25, 2015 at 08:22 AM

KB

“ I remember Cindy as someone who always had a smile on her face and was willing to help no matter what. I am shocked by her passing. Rest in peace my friend.

Kevin Berg - December 25, 2015 at 07:29 AM

SS

“ Our prayers and condolences go out to you, Roger, Jesse, Elizabeth and Sarah and the extended family. Cindy always had a wonderful smile for everyone and was such a kind and caring and loving person. I remember our kids, Autumn and Nathan, used to love to have Cindy come and babysit for them because she would play with them and always would interact with them and one time decided to go down the slide with them and got stuck! I know all three of them had a great time of laughter that time! It was always such a treat to spend time with the Locke/Harris clan. Many good memories of youth group when Cindy was in there! The all night parties and just seeing her laugh and smile. She is in the arms of Jesus right now and Spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this Year.

Marv and Silver

Silver Spitzley - December 25, 2015 at 07:25 AM

PR

“ Cindy and Roger were more than just being members at Charlotte UB Church. They were family. It was my honor to perform their wedding. It was also an honor to call them our friends. Ruth and I want Roger to know that we will be praying for him and the entire family. We love you!

Pastor Mark E Ralph - December 25, 2015 at 06:33 AM

EF

“ Ed and Mona Ellard, Courtney Quinn and Kyle Ellard families purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Cynthia Ann Harris .



Ed and Mona Ellard, Courtney Quinn and Kyle Ellard families
- December 25, 2015 at 03:02 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cynthia Ann Harris .



December 25, 2015 at 12:47 AM

HC

“ I used to work with Roger at Mid Michigan snow and we bought several pigs from him. This is a super family and ,my heart goes out to them!
Heather Carr

Heather Carr - December 25, 2015 at 12:08 AM

 Staci Ruff

“ Cindy always had the brightest smile on her face and was so vibrant. She was so loving and welcoming to everyone she met. I will always remember her warm hugs. Roger, Jesse, Beth and Sarah my heart is heavy for you. You are all in my prayers. I love you all.

Staci Ruff - December 24, 2015 at 10:14 PM



Michelle
Smith

“ *What a wonderful woman our community and the world has lost. I'll miss her smile and laughter.*

Michelle Smith - December 24, 2015 at 10:11 PM

LB

“ *How can someone so full of life and important to so many people leave us so quickly? I am reminded of something my father and her grandfather used to say, " The good die young." Isn't that the truth? I look at your beautiful face and the tears come. Love you forever. Your Aunt Leone and Uncle Don.*

Leone Bust - December 24, 2015 at 09:50 PM

ND

“ *Roger and kids!! I am so sorry to hear of Cindy's passing. We love you and let me know if I can do anything for you!!*

Nikki DeLong - December 24, 2015 at 09:40 PM

JH

“ *John And Barb Harris lit a candle in memory of Cynthia Ann Harris*



John and Barb Harris - December 24, 2015 at 08:13 PM

JH

Rog and family...our prayers are with all of you.

John and Barb Harris - December 24, 2015 at 08:14 PM

SM

Roger & Family you are all held in our thoughts & prayers. Cindy was a radiant light wherever she was. What a beautiful role model to all through her service & her love of family.

Sam & Greta McDaniel - December 24, 2015 at 10:05 PM

PA

We couldn't have hoped for a better mother in law for our daughter. What a wonderful woman and role model for our Natalie. Nate and Peggy Anderson

Peggy Anderson - December 25, 2015 at 07:20 AM

JH

It is sad but true that any of us can leave this earth at a moments notice and be unprepared for the event.. I pray that you trust God to give you comfort and know that even though Cindy left us way to young she is in the fathers loving arms. The church of Lawrene Ave. will be praying for your family in the days to come. Jeanne Hudson

jeanne hudson - December 25, 2015 at 09:16 AM

RW

John & Judy I am so sorry to hear of your loss of your Daughter. May God be with all the Family in this time of Sorrow. Rose Woodbury

Rose Woodbury - December 28, 2015 at 02:26 PM

DH

John/Judy, Roger, Jesse, Beth and Sarah, John Jr., Jeff, and Lisa: I am still awestruck to think that Cindy was called Home so soon. Dan & I have been in prayer for all of you at this time and the days and months to come as you deal with this tremendous loss. I have so many fond memories of Cindy and the Locke/Harris Family. I couldn't begin to tell you of all of my memories (and probably you will be glad that some are not in print). I am so sorry that my health issues prevented me from being able to attend her services, but my heart was there with all of you. I will always be grateful that Cindy (and the girls) made our wedding cake with all the different flavored layers just as planned and every bit as scrumptious as anticipated. I'm kinda thinkin' that she arrived in Heaven soon enough to make the Birthday Cake for the Celebration of Jesus' birthday 2015 and all our family members who were waiting for Cindy, all remembered just how good her cakes were. Cindy, congrats on your Homegoing. We will see you again, hopefully sooner rather than later, as we wait with great anticipation for the Rapture of the Church and to be Home for all Eternity. Dawn & Dan Hoffman.

Dawn & Dan Hoffman - January 01, 2016 at 04:13 PM