



## Lori Ann Briggs

January 12, 1962 - October 14, 2024

Lori Ann (Rockafellow) Briggs, an extraordinary warrior in the fight against cancer for the last three years, left the pain of her earthly body and went to be with her Lord and Savior on October 14, 2024. Lori was born January 12, 1962 in Eaton Rapids, MI to Donald and Paula (Pattenaude) Rockafellow. She was such a positive person and always drew people to her with her amazing attitude and beautiful smile, even from a very young age. After ten years of dating, in May of 1997 Lori married Jason Briggs and they had lots of fun and adventures as a family together with the children that Lori had with Philip Branch. She loved being a mom and was very proud of her children, and was very excited when she became a grandma, a title she cherished which gave her more chance to show her love for her family.

Working at Hayes Green Beach Hospital in the dietary department for 27 years, Lori touched many lives from patients to co-workers. She volunteered for numerous committees, helped plan events, and was honored for her dedicated service with several awards over the years. A talented person in many ways, Lori enjoyed crafting, making greeting cards, scrapbooking, and tending to her flower garden. Cardinals held a special meaning for Lori, and she enjoyed watching them and knew they were visitors from Heaven. A proud member of the First United Methodist Church in Eaton Rapids, Lori knew that while her time on earth was coming to an end, her soul would be at rest.

Lori is survived by her husband, Jason; children, Stephanie (Michael) Terpstra and Greg (Amanda) Branch; grandchildren, Summer, Kevin, Brennan, Cameron, Delia, Frankie, and Axel; siblings, Cathy (Don) DeGraffenreid, Ron (Cathy) Rockafellow, Don Rockafellow, and David (Rachel) Rockafellow; and many extended family members. She was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Larry Rockafellow.

Family and friends are encouraged to share with one another the wonderful person that Lori was by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). Visitation is Thursday, October 17, 6-8:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. Funeral services are Friday, October 18, 11:00 AM at First United Methodist Church 600 S Main St., in Eaton Rapids with Pastor Melany Chalker officiating. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com), click on Lori's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

801 Tully Brown Rd.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W Seminary St  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Funeral

OCT 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church Eaton Rapids  
600 S. Main St.  
Eaton Rapids, MI 48827

## Burial

OCT 18 (ET)

Maple Hill Cemetery  
801 Tully Brown Rd.  
Charlotte, MI 48813



# Tribute Wall



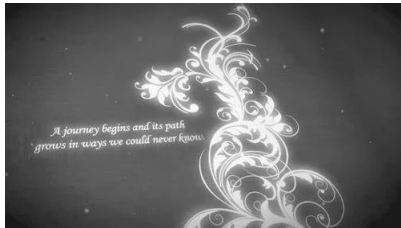
“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Lori Ann Briggs



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - October 18, 2024 at 01:51 PM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Lori Ann Briggs



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - October 16, 2024 at 08:02 PM

ML

*This was a beautiful video of Lori and her family, I want to thank Jake, Greg and Stephanie for letting me spend time with her last week, in my heart she knew I was there, Lori thanks for letting me be your friend will always remember our HGB beach days*

Marjorie link - October 16, 2024 at 06:32 PM

SB

*Such a beautiful video thank you for sharing.* □

Shannon Briggs - October 16, 2024 at 07:18 PM

BT

“ Bill Grunert and the Osmose Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lori Ann Briggs.

Bill Grunert and the Osmose Team - October 18, 2024 at 12:09 PM

BT

“ Bill Grunert and the Osmose Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lori Ann Briggs.



Bill Grunert and the Osmose Team - October 18, 2024 at 12:09 PM

EZ

“ Erica Z. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lori Ann Briggs.

Erica Z. - October 17, 2024 at 04:45 PM

SE

“ Shannon, Christi, and Emily purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lori Ann Briggs.



Shannon, Christi, and Emily - October 17, 2024 at 09:41 AM

BS

“ Brian & Shari Slusser planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lori Ann Briggs.

Brian & Shari Slusser - October 17, 2024 at 07:49 AM

BS

“ Brian & Shari Slusser purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Lori Ann Briggs.



Brian & Shari Slusser - October 17, 2024 at 07:49 AM

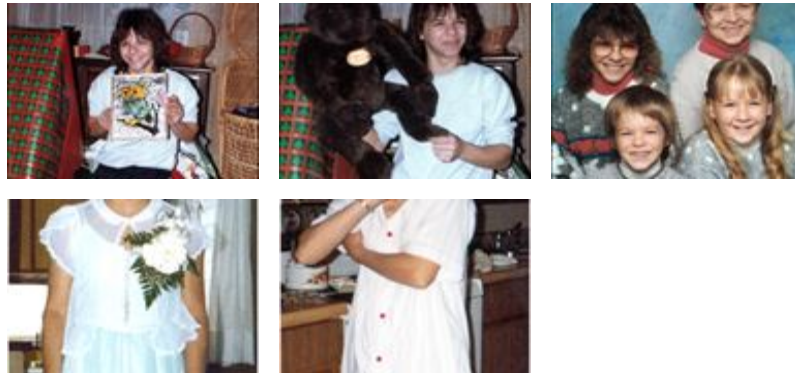
TL

“ Jason and family so sorry to hear the loss of Lori, My thoughts and prayers with you during these difficult times. Lori was very special and nice person.

Todd Lahr - October 16, 2024 at 07:30 PM



“ 43 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - October 16, 2024 at 03:57 PM

SB

“ Shannon B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lori Briggs.

Shannon B. - October 16, 2024 at 12:36 PM

SB

“Lori is one of those rare people you meet in a lifetime. Her ability to reach out and touch you with a smile lands in the deepest part of everyone's heart. I remember the very first time that Jake come over to my house when I lived on Avalon to introduce me to Lori and Steph and Greg. I could see that there was a connection then between her and Jake and he was so proud to introduce her to me and I loved her right away. Over the years even when I moved away to Georgia and would come back home to Michigan to visit her greeting and a hug was so sincere and it felt like I hadn't been gone as long as I had been. I thank God everyday for my moving back to Michigan and reconnecting with family. During a really difficult time even though she was not well she invited me into her home and gave me love and encouragement until I was able to find a place of my own. And I'll never forget that act of kindness and sacrifice she made but as I read through all the comments she's touched everybody's lives in much the same way. She has been my angel and I will miss her greatly.

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**Shannon Briggs** - October 16, 2024 at 12:26 PM

JK

“My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Lori was such a beam of happiness. Even when she was struggling through treatment, she never gave up. Her smile was beautiful and it showed that she cared and loved everyone she knew. God got a beautiful person in heaven and she will be missed by all of us down here. I am blessed I got to be her friend. Joy Ketchum Eaton Rapids

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**Joy L Ketchum** - October 16, 2024 at 11:18 AM

TF

“ *The Wiley/Plemons Family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Lori Ann Briggs.*



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**The Wiley/Plemons Family** - October 16, 2024 at 04:14 AM

CZ

“ *Lori was such an amazing grandma. So full of fun, laughter and good humor. She enjoyed every single thing about her grandkids, That is certainly reflected in how much she is loved by all of them. Her laughter of the silly things they have done over the years will always be remembered. Lori made everyone she met feel like they were important to her. Her love and influence will live on forever.*

*Because of the day she accepted Jesus as her Savior she is living eternally with him. She made sure to pass that joy around. You can't do better than that.*

*We will miss you Lori*

*Love Cheryl and Dan Zeiger*

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**Cheryl Zeiger** - October 15, 2024 at 11:41 PM

GF

“ *God Bless You! Cheryl Zeiger's family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lori Briggs.*

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**God Bless You! Cheryl Zeiger's family** - October 15, 2024 at 09:25 PM

GF

“ God Bless You! Cheryl Zeiger's family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Lori Ann Briggs.



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**God Bless You! Cheryl Zeiger's family** - October 15, 2024 at 09:25 PM

JT

“ John Trumley lit a candle in memory of Lori Ann Briggs



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**John Trumley** - October 15, 2024 at 09:21 PM

VF

“ Vining/Massey family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lori Briggs.

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**Vining/Massey family** - October 15, 2024 at 07:20 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lori Ann Briggs.



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October 15, 2024 at 07:20 PM

CO

“ Our little neighbor girl on Blake St. in Eaton Rapids from 1964 till our family moved to Knight St in 1971 and then soon after her family moved to Knight St to my daughters delight as Lori and Chris were more sisters than friends. Thru the years we have stayed connected in one way or another. I will never be able to watch the Young and The Restless with out thinking of this smiling, sweet little girl. Rest in peace, you are and will always be loved by the Oliver Family.

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**Carol Oliver** - October 15, 2024 at 07:11 PM

CT

“ Chris Smith & Samsara Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lori Briggs.

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**Chris Smith & Samsara Team** - October 15, 2024 at 06:53 PM

CT

“ Chris Smith & Samsara Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lori Ann Briggs.



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**Chris Smith & Samsara Team** - October 15, 2024 at 06:53 PM