



Merrill "Cookie" Williams

April 13, 1949 - August 6, 2022

Merrill "Cookie" Amy Williams, a loving and supportive wife, mother and grandmother, died Saturday, August 6, 2022, surrounded by her loving family. Cookie 73, of Bellevue, was born April 13, 1949, in Grand Rapids, the daughter of Melvin and Mildred (Raterink) Barton. She obtained an Associate's Degree from The Lansing Business College. Cookie then began working for the U.S. Geological Survey. On May 6, 1972, Cookie married David Williams. Once they started a family she stayed at home with the children. She later started working for Signature Fundraising and later retired from Peckham Industries in 2012. Through all of her work Cookie was an exceptional short hand writer. Cookie enjoyed bowling in her younger years, sewing, reading, shopping, watching the birds especially hummingbirds, and most importantly Christmas. She made sure that the holidays were always a special time of the year. Each year she would buy a new Hallmark ornament for family members to add to their collection. Cookie herself started collecting ornaments and encouraged David to do the same. She was also an immaculate gift wrapper. Above all her biggest passion was her family.

Cookie is survived by her husband, David; children, Scott (Ronda Gaedert) Williams, Deanna (Joe) Miller; grandchildren, Madisen Williams, Jersey Gaedert, Simon Miller, and Nathanael Miller; brothers, Mike (Vickie) Barton, and Marc (Tracy) Barton; and dear friend, Gwen DePeel. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Cookie's family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Visitation is Monday, August 15, 2022, from 10-11:00 a.m. at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. 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, click on Cookie'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 the National Kidney Foundation. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Fort Custer National Cemetery

15501 Dickman Road
Augusta, MI 49012

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Merrill "Cookie" Williams



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 15, 2022 at 08:21 AM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Merrill "Cookie" Williams



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 13, 2022 at 11:40 PM

SS

“ Cookie and I hung out together in our younger years. My mom and dad really loved her. We used to talk about everything from boys to cooking to what we were going to wear to school. I had been trying to find Cookie for the last several years and never could find her. I sure missed our talks and now I'll miss her even more. Till we meet again Cookie. Love you. Shelley Smith

Shelley Smith - August 20, 2022 at 07:42 PM

HW

“ It's tough to know where to begin... but I guess I'll start off by saying that Cookie was one of my favorite people in the whole entire world. I waited with such excitement for her to arrive at our yearly Barton reunions. She was always positive, had a beautiful smile, and told amazing stories. We used to laugh together, give each other updates about our kids/grandkids, and exchange genealogy information. I would hang onto every word she spoke; her stories about days gone by were incredibly fascinating. She sent the BEST holiday cards, and I eagerly awaited their arrival each year. Cookie was such a warrior; she looked adversity in the eye and fought back like a champ. Her strength and determination will always be a big source of inspiration for me; I can honestly say that I'm a better human being because I knew her. To Dave, Scott, Deanna, Mike, Marc, and your families - I am very sorry for your loss. But I am comforted by the fact that Cookie is no longer in pain and she is finally reunited with her parents. She will be dearly missed by those who were blessed enough to know her, but she will certainly never be forgotten. Our love to you all.



Heather Woodard - August 15, 2022 at 10:19 PM



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Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 13, 2022 at 11:37 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Merrill "Cookie" Williams.*



August 10, 2022 at 06:13 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Merrill "Cookie" Williams.*



August 10, 2022 at 10:36 AM



“ *Cookie was always such a sweet gentle friend. I remember staying at her house as a kid. Fond memories. Praying for Dave and children and all who loved her. RIP Cookie*

Joan Terpening-Cranmore - August 10, 2022 at 09:24 AM



“ *I will miss singing to you, and sharing stories. I will miss your laughter, you were such a bright soul, you and Dave were like family. I will miss you, my prayers to all your loved ones ❤️*

Lacey Mitschke - August 09, 2022 at 08:31 PM

LL

“ My thoughts and prayers to all of Merrill's family. Was a beautiful classmate.

Linda Foster Lewis

Linda Foster Lewis - August 09, 2022 at 11:30 AM

DH

“ Our thoughts and prayers to all of Cookies family. Cookie was a very dear person with a bright smile. Sincerely Brinda and Dave Hawkins

David L Hawkins - August 08, 2022 at 08:01 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Merrill "Cookie" Williams.



August 08, 2022 at 05:33 PM

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Pray Funeral Home - August 08, 2022 at 05:06 PM