



## Sherry Kay Arends

June 15, 1942 - May 4, 2014

Sherry Kay Arends, 71, of Charlotte, died peacefully on Sunday, May 4, 2014 surrounded by her family and friends. Sherry was born in LaPorte, Indiana on June 15, 1942 and grew up in Coopersville, MI, graduating from high school there in 1963. In 1965, she married Herman Arends in Marne, MI and the two moved to the Lansing area to raise their children. Sherry loved children, working as a preschool teacher at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Lansing in the early 1980s. She was known to light up around children, even in the last few years with her illness. She looked forward to each summer when they would host a retreat for the Starfish Learning Center, a latch-key program for inner city Chicago children. She and her husband moved to Charlotte in 1993, where they have been very active in the community, volunteering in many activities and organizations. She was a very faithful member of the First Lutheran Church in Charlotte. Sherry is survived by her husband of 48 years, Herm Arends; daughter, Monique Carey of Dimondale, MI, and son, Jon (Kelli) Arends of Potterville, MI; three grandchildren, Kyle and Bailey Arends and Grace Carey; brothers, David (Dorothy) Kamont of New Era, and Michael of Florida; sister, Alice (Otto) Smeed of Paw Paw; foster-sisters, Michele (Mike) Ripka of Grand Haven, and Aelise Little of Grand Rapids; foster-brother Norman (Cheryl) Vanderlaan of Ravenna; sister-in-law Dot Kalsbeck of Muskegon, and brother-in-law, Jim Gannon of Ravenna. Sherry was predeceased by her brothers, Jack McKinnon and Robert Kalsbeck and her sister, Margy Gannon. Funeral services will be held Friday May 9, 2014, at

11:00 AM at First Lutheran Church in Charlotte with Rev. Timothy Olsen officiating. Interment will take place in Gresham Cemetery. The family will receive guests during visitation at the Pray Funeral Home from 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm on Thursday May 8, 2014. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Starfish Learning Center, 1543 Howard Street, Chicago, IL 60626. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Sherry Kay Arends*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - May 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Dear Herm and family I just learned of Sherry's passing from this life and I send my deepest sympathy , thoughts, and prayers. Herm when I last saw you you told me Sherry just wanted to go home and it touched me deeply. I know you take great comfort in knowing she is truly home and is in the presence of The Lord and in perfect health now. I will keep all of you in my prayers. Sincerely Mark Haubert*

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**Mark** - May 10, 2014 at 09:21 AM

MH

“ *Dear Herm, My thoughts are with you and your family at this time. I am sure that Sherry is singing with all the angles of heaven.*

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**Mary Jo Huver** - May 07, 2014 at 02:45 PM

RS

“ Dear Herm and family, There are people that God brings into our lives that are a special gift of His goodness. Sherry was one of those people. Our time spent with your family during our years at OSL in Lansing brings forth many joy filled memories. Sherry was my (Darlene's ) teacher assistant as we taught kindergarten together. Her outpouring of love to the children each day as well as her encouragement to me was a great blessing. Sherry had such a giving spirit and lived her life to glorify The Lord as His servant. May the memories you have and the faith she so encouraged comfort you in this difficult time. My soul finds rest in God alone; he is my fortress. Ps.62

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**Ross and Darlene Stuebet** - May 07, 2014 at 11:50 AM

HF

“ May God give you His peace during this difficult time. Sherry will always be remembered with kindness and respect. She did so much for so many and had such a generous heart!

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**Haworth Family** - May 07, 2014 at 08:48 AM

DM

“ Herm and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Hold on to the wonderful memories you shared. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Diane Marshall** - May 06, 2014 at 02:17 PM

PF

“ Herm, We extend our heart felt thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Phil and Sylvia

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**Phil & Sylvia Frederickson** - May 06, 2014 at 01:34 PM

JT

“ Herm & Family, So sorry to hear of your wife's passing. We will be out of town Thursday and Friday so will be unable to attend visitation or the funeral. You are in our prayers and we will have you and your family on our prayer list at Peace Lutheran. God bless you in this difficult time. John & Barb

John & Barb Thiel - May 06, 2014 at 01:02 PM

JH

“ Herm and family, We are so saddened to hear of Sherry's passing, but we know you are comforted with the assurance that she is with our heavenly Father. We are glad to have known Sherry and we will continue to pray for comfort and peace for you all.

Jeff and Sally Harrold - May 06, 2014 at 09:17 AM

BH

“ Herm, We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Sherry. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family. May your many memories that the two of you had help you in this very sad time in your life.

Brenda & Joe Hennenfent - May 06, 2014 at 08:36 AM

KK

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Herm and the family during this difficult time. Knowing that Sherry is with the Lord now, at peace will bring you comfort in the days ahead. May God continue to watch over all of you, during this time of remembering the best of times with your dear loved one. She was a joy to meet on the Auto-Owners trips and we share in your loss today. Peace be with you.

Kraig and Diane Klopfenstein - May 06, 2014 at 08:26 AM

JC

“ *Herm - So sorry to hear of your wife's passing. I will be thinking and praying for you and your family during this difficult time. Take care.*  
*Jeff Cole, Pittsburgh, Pa*

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**Jeff Cole** - May 06, 2014 at 07:56 AM

BM

“ *RIP Sherry. Thank you for all your volunteer work. Condolences to family and friends.*

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**Bill & Joyce Welch, Olivet MI** - May 05, 2014 at 06:27 PM