



Ursula Sylvia Thompson

November 8, 1965 - January 4, 2025

Celebrating the Life of Ursula Sylvia Thompson, a life of gentle compassion, November 8, 1965 - January 4, 2025. "I'm working on my tan."

It is with heartfelt sorrow that we announce the passing of Ursula Sylvia Thompson, a passionate advocate for animals and a cherished member of our community. Ursula passed away peacefully at her home in Charlotte on January 4th, 2025, after a long illness.

Born in Nuremburg, Germany on November 8, 1965, Ursula dedicated her life to the well-being of animals and the enrichment of those around her. Her passion for animal welfare was evident through her 18 years of devoted service at the Capital Area Humane Society, where she lovingly cared for countless cats and dogs. Always opening her heart and home, she often brought home strays to foster, embodying her generous and kind spirit. Her commitment to rescuing Border Collies earned her recognition from the Great Lakes Border Collie Rescue.

An outdoor enthusiast, Ursula cherished camping at the fairgrounds during the Eaton County 4-H Fair, where she was a supportive 4-H fair mom. She delighted in watching her children participate in local 4-H events and rodeos, often seen running the entrance gate for barrel racing. Her creativity shone brightly during the holidays, as she enthusiastically decorated for Halloween and Christmas, bringing joy to all who visited.

Ursula's love for music and culture enriched her life and those around her. A fan of Christmas music, bagpipes, and country tunes, she found joy in the

melodies that filled her home. Over two decades, she immersed herself in 17th-century pirate lore, becoming a fan of the Highland Festival Games, the Michigan Nordic Fire Festival, the "Pirates of the Caribbean" movie series, and the "Black Sails" TV series. Her passion culminated in the publication of her pirate novel, "Brothers of the Sun," showcasing her determination and creative spirit.

Creating cherished memories with her family was paramount to Ursula. She loved attending the Dog Bowl in Frankenmuth with her daughter over the last three years, always visiting Bavarian Inn. Her zest for life and warm personality left an indelible mark on all who knew her.

Ursula is survived by her loving spouse, Donald Thompson Jr.; her children: Kimberly Ignatoski, Duncan Thompson, and Cassidy Thompson; step-daughters; Teri Horton, Shannon Nolan; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was predeceased by her step-son, Donald (Buddy) Thompson. Ursula's determined, compassionate, and generous nature will forever be remembered by her family, friends, and the countless lives she touched.

A service to celebrate Ursula's life will be held on January 10, 2025. The family will welcome guests for visitation from 1:00 to 3:00 pm with refreshments, followed by a Celebration of Life memorial at 3:00 pm at Pray Funeral Home officiated by Pastor Charles Jenson.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Ursula's memory to the Capital Area Humane Society, continuing her legacy of compassion and support for animal welfare. Memories of Ursula can be shared on her tribute page at www.prayfuneral.com.

Ursula's life was a testament to kindness, creativity, and unwavering dedication to her community. She will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Celebration of Life

JAN 10. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



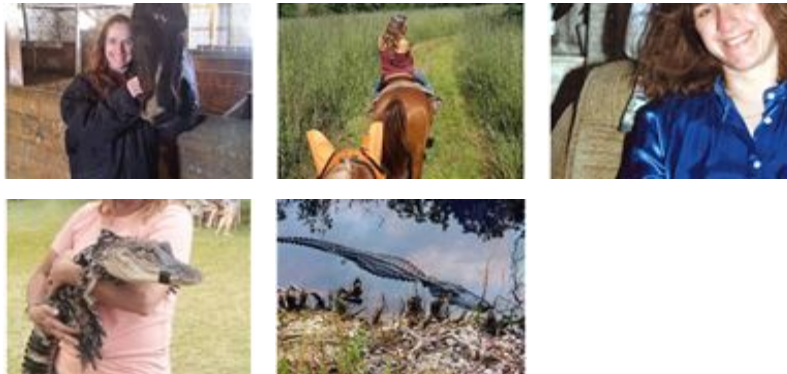
“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Ursula Sylvia Thompson



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 09, 2025 at 12:12 AM



“ 55 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 08, 2025 at 07:08 PM



“ Ursula was genuine, fearless, and an incredible advocate for the animals. I will never forget her.



Cheryl Rice - January 08, 2025 at 09:07 AM

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“ Ursula was my best friend at school sitting side by side. We spent much time together going out for a walk with her dog Bali, sharing her riding lessons, reading her first scripts of pirate stories, dance school, first love and all that girl problems we had that time. There is so much to remember. My heart belongs to her loved ones. In deep memory Erika



Erika Borkenstein - January 07, 2025 at 05:55 PM



“ So many memories from the years of 4H, fair week, and horse shows. She called me her Bday twinsy. Always, had a positive outlook on anything no matter how bad. Will always remember her smile. Prayers and condolences to her family. 🙏

Kim Lyon - January 06, 2025 at 05:41 PM



I must also add, I loved the way she would say my horse's name, Apachee Storm. I could listen to her say it all day long. Her accent made his name sound so unique.

Kim Lyon - January 06, 2025 at 05:55 PM



“ Ursula and I went to school together, she was always such a nice, smart and friendly girl. I wish the very best for her family in their sad lost. Wishes, Heike



Heike Reichel - January 06, 2025 at 02:40 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ursula Sylvia Thompson.* ”



January 06, 2025 at 02:06 PM