



Amy Jo Lipke

December 31, 1969 - January 14, 2021

Amy Lipke, 51, of Mesick, closed her eyes on January 14, 2021 knowing that her struggle was now over. She fought like a warrior until the end against cancer, with the love and devotion and support of her husband Robert Spoor and her children; Thomas, Jenee` and Evan.

Amy was born in Traverse City to Thomas and Susan (Andrews) Lipke. From a very young age, the world knew she had a true gift. That gift is now her legacy. She is without hesitation, even with her own humble acknowledgement one of the most caring, giving and selfless people you would meet.

What began as a simple meeting in sixth grade, budded into romance during their sophomore year and thus begins the journey of unforgettable sunsets, many a holiday where the home was decorated like a photograph from a magazine and the combo of two people who cared so much not only for their family but for the community as a whole.

Amy held several different jobs during her time here from waitressing at Pizza hut to working with her husband buying standing hardwood timber and logs throughout Northern Michigan. Most recently she was employed by Munson home health in Traverse city as a hospice aid. Her work there was very special to her and she excelled at it and she would constantly receive cards and letters of thanks from the families of the people she cared for. She had a true gift for what she did and many people called her their "Angel".

Amy, better known as the "football mom", spearheaded a pop warner program for football in Mesick. By doing this, she opened up the door of opportunity so much more for the youth. Not only was her drive for the program a motivating factor in the community, so was the annual beautification project with flowers in front of the sports concession stand. She also served for 20+ years on the Mesick High School board of education. Amy enjoyed sunsets on lake michigan, exploring the many waterfalls and ice caves in the upper peninsula, fishing on her pontoon and had recently added kayaking. She loved doing anything that involved and allowed her to be with her children.

Amy is survived and missed dearly by Robert Spoor (husband) her son Thomas Robert Spoor of Traverse city, daughter Jenee Joelle Spoor of Harrietta and son Evan Eric Spoor of Harrietta. Parents Thomas (Susan) Lipke of Harrietta, her dear sister JoEl (Randy) Linna of Bradenton FL, her one and only very special nephew Tyler Linna of Bradenton FL,

her dear brother Nathan (Kellie) Lipke of Harrietta. Her precious goats, Howard, Todd, Timothy and Gregory and her faithful german shepard Frank.

She is preceded in death by Grandparents William and Audrey Lipke, Uncle Paul Lipke, and her special cousin Andrew Hacker.

The family will be celebrating Amy's life the way she wishes for when it is safer to gather. Please continue checking in to <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com> for updates.

For those wishing an expression of sympathy and gratitude for all Amy has done, please consider a donation in her name to the Mesick Consolidated Schools where a scholarship program has been established.

Amy and her family are being cared for by the Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Comments



“ I and my Husband were blessed to become acquainted with Amy in 2020. As a hospice caregiver she began coming to our house twice a week to help my Husband Bob who was battling cancer for his 6th year.

Amy's arrival in the house was like a ray of sunshine and happiness. She breezed in and brightened our day with smiles, funny stories, and laughter. Always had a story to share about her kids, goats or that troublesome rooster El-Chapo.

She fit into this house almost immediately like an old friend or treasured family member.

I just today learned of her death and I am so sorry.

I only knew her for a short time, but she is someone I will never forget.

This is hard. My prayers and warm thoughts to Robert and family members.

Esther DeLong -Thornton - March 25 at 07:50 PM



“ There are no words to describe the feelings I have...My memories of Amy are endless. Even though I have lived at a distance from her for quite sometime, we remained extremely close and relied upon each other quite a bit. Growing up as kids we went through phases where we fought and hated each other. Looking back now- we wasted precious time on frivolous things that really didn't matter, but that is what siblings do growing up. As adults, our relationship matured and we were closer than we ever had been-taking it for granted at times thinking she'd be here forever. Even though we talked/texted often, we didn't see each other as much as we should have. Our conversations were frequent-whether it was to talk about ideas she or I had, my next visit to Michigan, or our careers in healthcare and the pandemic (good and bad) and everything in between. One thing (there are many) that makes me laugh and I will miss-If Amy knew I was coming to Michigan, she planned my weekend for me-when/where/what I would be doing and what she or Robert would be cooking the entire weekend. She took care of me and I didn't have to worry about a thing. Amy had a fun and adventurous spirit about life. I will miss the pontoon boat rides with her on the river at sunset, our shopping trips, our annual Cherry festival weekends where her and I shopped and Randy and Robert went bar hopping before the airshow, sitting around in the garage with the Linna boys, friends and family, listening to music, reminiscing about the good times we all shared, and plans her and I had for my next visit to Michigan.

The last few months for Amy were extremely tough. She was one of the strongest and most courageous people I know and she met her challenges head on. Her fight, drive and determination to beat those challenges will remain with me forever. I love you Amy and miss you terribly.



JoEl Linna - January 20 at 07:32 AM



“ I worked with Amy in the Senior Support program at Northern Lakes CMH. She was a hard worker, leader and so trusted and loved by our Seniors. She always just got things done without even needing to be asked. She made me laugh and was an awesome lady! The last time I saw Amy was over a year ago at one of our homes she was providing Hospice services to. Because it was pre COVID I was able to give her a big hug and catch up with her.. what a gift. One of my favorite memories of Amy includes her life size cutout of Jeff Gordon that stood next to her desk. She was so sad when she said he got caught in the rain when she took him camping with her family. I also remember our Seniors having a baby shower for her when she had Her daughter Jenee and her bringing all three of her kids to work for the seniors to enjoy. Amy had such a big, sassy, funny and wonderful personality and she will be so missed. I will continue to keep her beautiful family in my thoughts and prayers!
Love, Marybeth Kyro

Marybeth Kyro - January 17 at 04:27 PM



“ I stood on the sidelines at a football game in our sophomore year of high school with Amy. She said to me “I’m going to marry that guy one day.” I looked up and Robert was running like the wind past us. I said to her “Robert?” She laughed so hard and she says “yep, that’s the one.” We became friends in 1st grade. Dancing to the village people playing on a record at her house with JoEl, and Nathan being a little red headed guy running around. She lived life to the fullest and will be forever missed.

Connie (Webber) Sturdee - January 17 at 03:48 PM



“ I loved hanging out in the garage with Amy. Robert, and the family. Having a drink, listening to music, and sharing stories. My favorite part was when I would have a funny story going that would make any laugh...not chuckle, but full-on belly laugh, where your head goes back with your mouth wide open. Ill miss the sound of that!

Kevin Linna - January 17 at 03:03 PM