



Carrie Elizabeth Clifford

June 6, 1961 - January 22, 2018

Carrie Elizabeth Clifford, 56, of Suttons Bay, MI passed away Sunday, January 21, 2018 at Munson Medical Center after a brief illness.

Carrie was born June 6, 1961 to Loren Clifford and Nancy Clifford in Torrance, CA. She attended Mount Pleasant High School and moved to Keystone, CO after high school where she worked at a ski resort. At different times of her life she called California, Michigan, Colorado and Arizona home. Carrie moved back to Michigan in her 20s and attended Michigan State University where she studied botany.

Carrie was a kind spirit. She was smart, fun-loving, unconventional and brought beauty and fun to everything she did. Carrie was an awarded and recognized artist and especially enjoyed working on her art. She enjoyed spending time with her wide network of friends, downhill skiing, fuchsia lipstick and the care of plants and numerous pets that she tended throughout the years.

Carrie is survived by her mother Nancy Clifford; father Loren Clifford; sister Catherine Clifford; brother Christopher (Camille Bratkowski) Clifford; sister Jane Clifford; sister Emily (Ali Kamal) White; and nieces and nephews Angelina Born, Maxim Born, Hanna Kamal, Zakaria Kamal and Noah Kamal.

A celebration of life will be held at a date to be announced later, tentatively set for June 2018.

Those wishing an expression of sympathy are encouraged to direct contributions to Cherryland Humane Society, 1750 Ahlberg Road, Traverse City, MI 49696.

Comments



“ While we lost touch over the years, Carrie, you are still so dear to my heart. And I know I speak for hundreds when I say: I'm a better person, my life more full, for having known you.

You were a lover, your heart so big and true - to creatures of all shapes and sizes (including the tiny mouse that lived in your houseplant who you named Nester!). While others would try to exterminate a rodent, you embraced the little guy, fed him, kept him safe and even carefully moved him to your next home. That's the kind of person you are.

I treasure our times of creating our art together or listening to the Grateful Dead over a box (not bottles) of wine, while sharing stories and inspirations, hopes and dreams...all the while laughing. With you it was all about seeing the ridiculousness and humor in every situation. You knew how to make life light and fun, a celebration every day. I remember you now with that gorgeous pink smile, gold hair and kind eyes, the beauty that you are and will always be.

So darling,

"Fare you well, fare you well, I love you more than words can tell."

Rest in peace, dear friend

Aimee Burda Smith

Aimee Smith - February 18, 2018 at 04:02 PM



“ Os meus sentimentos a toda família!!!!

Alzira da Silva - January 28, 2018 at 04:02 PM



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On my birthday with just the two of us, she bought party favors, a Happy Birthday banner, rhinestone tiaras, stick-on mustaches and Walmart jewelry. She knitted a purple sweater for my little dog and decorated it with glass beads. She loved watching "episodes" on NetFlix and especially liked to watch certain movies over and over - Bridget Jones' Baby was one of those. Carrie would rescue plants and bring them in. She could hand sew a sumptuous long skirt from a shower curtain. She loved lipstick. She would state the Latin names for plant families while we gardened. She saved sentimental oddities like a broken brick from a walk years ago and she'd carry it in her car. She loved cottage cheese. Goats were her favorite - she wrote a book about a little goat she had loved who had died and she would cry if she read it aloud. She made beautiful art objects from gourds - her final project was for a friend's new baby - a crib mobile with little painted birds made from tiny gourds and feathers - "they all face the same direction when the wind blows" she would say and then she would act it out flapping her arms. She was a gifted humorist with an unsurpassed sense of timing and wit. She stayed true to her personal sense of style which was individualistic, bohemian, and rugged. Her friendships were everything to her. I will always miss you, Carrie. You brought me so much happiness.

Jackie Freeman - January 28, 2018 at 03:14 PM



“ I am a better person for having crossed paths with Carrie in my life. It is times like this that I hope there is a Heaven because if anyone deserves to be there, it is Carrie. Gentle soul, caring, loving, all the attributes I aspire to. A part of me is gone. May this next journey bring peace to you Carrie.

Sam

Sam Tesseine - January 28, 2018 at 08:48 AM



“ She was a gentle beauty with brains, style and class.

Heather - January 27, 2018 at 10:28 PM



“ Carrie was such a lovely creative person, from her gourd purses and grandpa's animals to her beautiful story telling. I wish the world could hear her wonderful children's stories. I cherish my time getting to know her and appreciate her lovely sense of humor. You will be remembered my friend.

Linda VanWormer

Linda L. VanWormer - January 26, 2018 at 10:00 AM



“ I was privileged to know Carrie during her last year. Through numerous visits and phone conversations, she shared vivid and interesting stories of her beloved family and very numerous friends. I felt I had glimpsed the essential Carrie when she allowed herself a few small boasts: "I was a strong skier" , "I had a motorcycle license", "when I was younger I was quite a dish".

No woman ever wore lipstick more beautifully than she.

On behalf of the many animals she rescued and cared so much for I say

Carry on, dearest Carrie - the Rescue Patrol always needs strong skiers.

Warren Raftshol - January 24, 2018 at 11:04 PM



“ When I met Carrie in grade school it was like some magical chemical reaction occurred. I finally found a friend that would complement me perfectly! Off we went on our great adventures, catching frogs and snakes; searching for fairies in the pine trees and coming in last place in the Mt. Pleasant canoe race. One day we were dressing up in Bobby socks and dancing to 50's music on the sidewalk and the next day we were hosting the infamous Turtle Races in the back yard, taking bets from the neighborhood kids. Together we made memories that both of our families still cherish.

Carrie had everything: athletic ability, intelligence, a great sense of humor, artistic talent, a big heart for animals, tons of confidence and a million freckles. Carrie was brave. I know she suffered the wrath after I ran my finger around Nan's freshly frosted cake. And she was the most genuine person I ever knew. She couldn't be "fake" around one group of people or another. Carrie was Carrie no matter where she went.

Everyone describes Carrie as a "free spirit." I believe that for the first time since she was a little girl her spirit is once again free.

Mitzi Curi - January 24, 2018 at 09:07 PM



“ Carrie was such a sweet person. A long time ago we both lived in Augusta Georgia and would spend hours sitting on the apartment stairs talking about what we would do when we grew up. Her smile, laugh, and great sense of humor were qualities that I remember fondly. Prayers and thoughts go out to her family and friends, I can not imagine how heavy your hearts are. Even though it was one summer in 1975, she had a special place in my heart. So young and so sweet. Soar with the angels my friend, you certainly were one.

Joe Miksch

Joe Miksch - January 24, 2018 at 06:13 PM



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Jackie Freeman - January 24, 2018 at 03:40 PM



“ Knowing your family and calling you all friends has been a happiness for me. I care about each of you - Catherine, Nancy, Chris/Camille and Angelina and Max. Words never serve me well in expressing condolences or sorrow at a loss. I want you to know how much Carrie's light, energy, humor and artistic talent touched me. Fortunatley I have some Carrie-art (thank you Catherine) that I'll always treasure. My heart goes out to each of you... I'll see you soon with many hugs.



Miriam - January 24, 2018 at 01:44 PM



“ I didn't know her well, but Carrie made the most beautiful purse I have ever owned. it is the only one that I have consistently held onto through the years. The world has lost a talented individual! My thoughts are with her family. --Siggi

Siggi Holmgren - January 24, 2018 at 01:31 PM



“ I loved Carrie and have many great memories of her. She was such a kind soul and had the ability to make everyone around her feel good. I will always smile when I think of her. She made me laugh whenever we were together. Also Carrie and Mitzi are the most creative talented people I have ever been around. I was always in awe of her talent.

Love and prayers to her family, this earth lost a true gentle soul.

Cindy Fabiano xoxo

Cindy Brink - January 24, 2018 at 01:08 PM