



## Georgetta "Cheech" Erazma Jefferson

September 25, 1944 - October 13, 2020

Georgetta "Cheech" Jefferson, 76 of Traverse City died October 13, 2020 at Munson Medical Center with her family by her side.

Cheech was born on September 25, 1944 in Cedar to the late William and Joanne (Popa) Rosinski.

Cheech worked for Petertyl Drug for over 40 years. Her work family and all of the customers meant so much to her. She was well loved by all who entered their doors.

Cheech was a devoted member of St. Francis Catholic Church. She especially enjoyed singing in the choir. In her free time she enjoyed dancing in the Diamonds and Denim dance group, sewing and knitting. Even in recent months, she continued to sew and made masks for friends and family. She also loved everything about cherries, the fruit, the fabric, and cherry jewelry!

Above all else Cheech cherished her family, especially her grandbabies and great grandbabies. She will be greatly missed.

Cheech is survived by her children Kevin (Kim) Jefferson, Sheila Jefferson and Brenda (Tony Tharp) Jefferson; grandchildren Stephanie, Jesse and Nichole (fiancé Paul Quayle) Jefferson; great grandchildren Haley Rae Matthews, Elleigh Jayne Anne Quayle and Gretta Louise Quayle; and brothers Albin (Sue) Rosinski and George Rosinski.

Cheech was preceded in death by her parents William and Joanne Rosinski, her husband Robert, sister Theresa (Gerald) Fifarek and brother Gordon (Sylvia) Rosinski

Visitation will be held on Friday, October 16, 2020 from 5 to 7 pm at the Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home. The family will pray the Rosary at 7:00 pm and all are invited to join them.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday October 17, 2020 at 12 Noon at St.

Francis Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions in her honor may be directed to Catholic Human Services.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens**  
3575 Veterans Drive  
Traverse City, MI, 49684

**OCT  
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**Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home  
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

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**Rosary** 07:00PM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home  
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

**OCT  
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**Mass of Christian Burial** 12:00PM

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St. Francis Catholic Church  
1025 S. Union, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

# Comments

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“ Video Tribute



**Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - October 16 at 03:39 PM

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“ Last night, I was getting ready for bed, and a mass alert from St. Francis came up on my cell phone. Not unusual, but it was after 11:00 on Sunday night, which was highly unusual, it was Cheech's funeral mass. I saw the casket, had no idea who it was, then I heard Fr. Don say her name. I was crushed, I didn't know she had passed. Cheech is gone? Her funeral was this Saturday?!? NO!

I play clarinet with the Choir, but due to Corona I haven't seen Cheech since this pandemic started. I was shocked and saddened to learn of her passing. Being a transplant to Northern Michigan, and a transfer from IC I didn't really know anyone at St. Francis or the choir other than our old trumpet player Louie. Being kinda shy and an introvert I felt a bit awkward when I started playing with the choir. Cheech made it a point to say hello, and made me feel welcome, always. I'd often makes mistakes transposing music, and I'd let out a few choice Polish curses under my breath...nothing awful but when she heard me, OH BOY did she light up, "What did you just say?! You are so BUSTED" and she'd laugh. We'd talk about being Polish, our favorite recipes, and generally joke around. She had a wicked sense of humor, and delighted in being playful and kinda naughty. If there was a joke, disturbance or laughter during rehearsal, even mass for for that matter, chances are she was responsible. I'd often "give her a look" with the "I'm watching you, behave yourself" which was ridiculous, it made her giggle, and had a look of delight on her face when "caught her". She helped make the Choir and St Francis a special place for me and I am forever grateful.

So as I write this I think a random "alert" at an odd hour of the night, was probably not so random, but Cheech pointing to her eyes and giving me the "I'm watching you, behave yourself".

When we return to making music again at mass I will miss her very much, it won't be the same.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.



Bradley J Lowran - October 19 at 11:26 AM

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“ She was so fun and kind!!! I will miss her very much--I am so sorry for all at this sad time, HUGGSSESS AND LOVE, LUV, Loretta Ludka

Loretta Ludka and family - October 18 at 01:13 PM

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“ To Cheech's family,  
May our loving Lord wrap His arms of comfort, love, and strength around you. Such a wonderful woman Cheech was. I always enjoyed seeing and talking w/Cheech when she was at Petertyl's. Which was for a long time. Last time I talked w/Cheech was after Mass and she was gathering up her friends that she gave rides to and from church. I will keep those memories of Cheech always. You all are in my prayers, for she loved all of you so.... much. RIP dear Cheech.

Darlene Miller



Darlene A. Miller - October 16 at 11:49 PM

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“ Debbie Tithof-Wooters lit a candle in memory of Georgetta "Cheech" Erazma Jefferson



Debbie Tithof-Wooters - October 16 at 08:45 PM

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“ Suzann Coombe lit a candle in memory of Georgetta "Cheech" Erazma Jefferson



Suzann Coombe - October 16 at 03:15 PM

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“ So sorry for the loss of my cousin Cheech. She loved her family fiercely. Whenever I made a trip to my hometown of Traverse City from Florida I always stopped into Petertyl Drugs to say hi to Cheech. She was the most loving and sincere person I have ever known. I will miss you cuz and I can't believe you are not on this earth now. Please say hello to Everyone up there and I will see you again someday

Suzann Coombe - October 16 at 02:57 PM

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“ My other mom "Cheech " she always made me feel like I was one of her own . She was an amazing woman! She was so thoughtful, caring, talented, smart and very funny . And she also made the best cheesecake and monkey bread ever! I'm going to miss her so much .... and will treasure her memories forever!

Kim Jefferson - October 16 at 10:32 AM

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“ Cheech was truly an angel on earth, she had this amazing energy about her that just radiated love . The minute I first met her she extended the grandmotherly love that she was filled with and always made it a point to make sure to check in on my family and shower them with so much love as well. I think one of the most amazing and inspirational qualities that she held was the love that she had for her family. When she spoke of them or was around them she beamed with so much love and pride. It was very evident that her family meant the world to her and she meant the world to them. I feel So very blessed to have had the time that I did get to have with cheech. And I will forever cherish those moments . Sending so much love to family and friends

sherry ekins - October 15 at 10:55 PM

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“ Kevin, Sheila, Brenda and all extended family members,

I was so sorry to hear the news that your mom had been given a short time left to live and then finally the news of her passing. I know the last couple of months have been difficult for you all but hopefully it has allowed you all to experience a new sense of bonding as you walked through it all. Praying for you to experience the reality of Jesus' love and the comforting presence of the Holy Spirit through it all.

Aunt Cheech will always hold a special place in my heart. She seemed to be so full of joy and of course we all know she had a level of spunk about her!! She will be dearly missed, for sure, but never forgotten. Sorry I am so far away to attend her funeral but I will be thinking of you all and praying for you in the days to come.

Love,

Chuck Rosinski

**Chuck Rosinski** - October 15 at 09:42 PM

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“ I worked with Cheech for five years at Petertyl Drug, and she was such a lovely, kind lady with a wonderful sense of humor. She will be missed.

**Linda Jo Decker** - October 15 at 05:01 PM

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“ My condolences Sheila, and to the rest of your family and friends as well. May she rest in eternal peace. Praying for you.



**Christina Baldonado** - October 15 at 01:23 PM

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“ Cheechie was one of my most all time favorite people ever! Kind, funny, and just a delight to be around. I have so many fond memories of my years working with her at Petertyl Drug. She taught me a lot. I hope she knew how much I loved her. I didn't get to see her nearly enough over the last few years, but we kept in touch! I talked to her for sure every May 1st ! May she Rest In Paradise now... til we meet again!  
Love and hugs to the family

**Lauren Leitner** - October 14 at 07:09 PM