



Theodora Keith

August 16, 1951 - October 3, 2019

Theodora “Teddy” Keith, age 68 of Traverse City, Michigan died at her favorite flower filled sanctuary, her home on Bellows Lake, on October 3rd, 2019. She was surrounded by her family and friends as she made the next step in her life, after a courageous battle with cancer. Teddy was a woman of strength and determination in all that she tackled during her life, in return cancer received from her, the same. She will be greatly missed.

Teddy’s life was filled with numerous joys. The joy of raising her son Travis and her nephew Eddy Beyne, after the death of his father. The joy of spending 30 years with her husband Tom Keith at their home on Bellows Lake, where endless hours were spent on the lake, tending her numerous gardens, and swimming with her grandsons. The passionate joy of her career in nursing which included Munson Hospital Surgical Center, Traverse City Regional Psychiatric Hospital and Great Lakes Community Mental Health. Many individuals were impacted by Teddy because of her influence, monitoring, and guiding them through their lives. Her joy of reading, she was a voracious reader. Her routine included a weekly trip to the library, returning with four or five books at a time. Another joy, but not the least, were Teddy and Tom’s travels across the United States in their RV. After all of their traveling, they picked Dauphin Island off the mouth of Mobile Bay. They spent the last six years wintering there, making many wonderful lifetime friends.

Teddy is survived by her husband Tom Keith; son Travis Cosens; nephew Eddy Beyne; stepson Troy (Kirsten) Keith; brother Russell (Maxine); sisters Elizabeth (Arthur) Bartlett; Melinda (Walter) Spencley; grandsons Toren Keith and Dylan Keith; nieces and nephews.

Teddy was preceded in death by her parents Russell and Iva Mae Beyne; brother Jon Beyne and her beloved dogs, Chester, Muggs, Spuds and Buddy.

A celebration of her life will be held Tuesday, October 22, 2019, 1PM at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1050 Peninsula Drive, Traverse City, MI 49686. Teddy’s wish for any contributions is to ask that you “pay it forward” to help in any fashion you choose.

Teddy and her family are being cared for by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and

Comments



“ Tom...my deepest sympathies to you and your families. Teddy was a true friend to me and she helped me through the loss of my precious son. My life will suffer her loss as well. I will cherish our days at Dauphin Island and the many laughs we had camping in your back yard the rest of my life.

Sincerely,
Diana

Diana Reynolds - October 22, 2019 at 11:16 AM



“ I love you Aunt Teddy and will never forget all the amazing memories we shared. I will cherish them forever.



Derek & Elizabeth Nelson - October 21, 2019 at 06:17 PM



“ Tom, my prayers to you and your family. I am so sorry for your loss.

Sally Downer - October 15, 2019 at 08:41 AM



“ Teddy had a great heart, boundless love, and did not suffer fools quietly. She was one of a kind, a great and good person. I miss you, Teddy! Love, Mary Myer

Mary Myer - October 09, 2019 at 10:04 AM



“ Teddy had a great sense of humor that always had us laughing and smiling. She played a huge role in our lives from childhood into adulthood and she will be missed so much. Love ya Teddy.

Lucas Craig - October 09, 2019 at 07:46 AM



“ Rick And Sheila Wood lit a candle in memory of Theodora Keith



Rick and Sheila Wood - October 09, 2019 at 01:19 AM



“ Patricia A Hauger lit a candle in memory of Theodora Keith



Patricia A Hauger - October 08, 2019 at 09:27 PM



“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Teddy was a special lady.

Patricia A Hauger - October 08, 2019 at 09:27 PM



“ Dancing at Liz’s wedding. I was a brand new 2nd Lt. She was very proud.



Eddy Beyne - October 08, 2019 at 07:11 PM



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Tom Keith - October 07, 2019 at 07:23 PM



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Tom Keith - October 07, 2019 at 07:22 PM