



## Deanne Mulligan

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Deanne Kay Mulligan of Holland, MI passed away on Tuesday the 29th of October, 2013 at Hospice of Holland. The cause of death was breast cancer which had spread. Deanne is survived by her husband of 30 years, Bill Mulligan of Holland; son, Ryan of West Olive; parents, Rod and Faye Latzig of IL; and many aunts, uncles and cousins and their families. Deanne was preceded in death by a son, Brady, in 2012.

Deanne was born in Rockford, IL to Rod and Faye Latzig (Muschinske). After high school she obtained a two year degree and worked in the accounting field. In 1983 she and Bill were wed and moved to Arizona before moving back to Illinois. Brady was born there in 1987 and Ryan in 1991. In 1995 the family moved to Holland, MI. Deanne was a devoted stay at home mom and later was employed as a Teacher's Aide in the West Ottawa school system. Although at first somewhat reluctant to leave Illinois Deanne quickly fell in love with the Holland area and was very pleased to raise a family here.

Deanne was a naturally happy and contented person who took great joy in her family, friends, co-workers and the world around her. She radiated that joy to all who knew her. Deanne could have easily done many things but the simple pleasures in life and the happiness of her loved ones were reward

enough for her. A bowl of ice cream or a piece of water melon, working in the yard or organizing a closet, a quiet walk or leisurely bike ride was enough to make a day complete. Deanne was a homebody but always enjoyed traveling with Bill and her fascination with new places was a pleasure to see. As a Teacher's Aide her interest in learning inspired many students to achieve.

Deanne was compassionate, loving and sensitive but she was also very tough and brave. Her three year war with cancer included three major surgeries plus two more hospitalizations and untold numbers of office visits, tests, scans, chemotherapy sessions and radiation treatments. Deanne diligently adhered to all of the treatment regimens. Although she was unable to work and eventually was unable to do many of the things that gave her great joy she never complained, she never felt sorry for herself and she never gave up trying. Through it all she was as nice, as sweet and as in love with life as ever before. Deanne's life, and death, should inspire us all.

Visitation will be Monday the 4th of November from 6 to 8 pm at the Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 East 16th St, Holland. Funeral services will be at the same location on Tuesday the 5th of November at 1 pm with a time of fellowship following. Interment will follow at 3 pm at Lakewood Cemetery on Lakewood Blvd west of 168th Ave, Holland. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in Deanne's name to the Tulip Tree fund of Hospice of Holland so that others may benefit from the truly extraordinary services provided there.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Deanne Mulligan*

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August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *You are missed, Deanne. As the fall/Halloween season arrives every year, I think of our boys, Ryan and Jake, costumed up, roaming the neighborhood with the hoards of other trick-or-treaters, and I remember the many games we cheered, standing side-by-side on the sidelines. Proud Mamas. Tempus fugit, my friend, pax vobiscum.*

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**Mary Graham - Hamilton, MI - friend** - October 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was out of town last fall and did not know of Deanne's passing until quite recently. I am so very sorry to hear of her passing- she was always, warm, gracious, kind and hospitable. She will always be remembered as an important presence in the life of our neighborhood. Blessings to Bill and Ryan.*

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**A friend** - May 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CI

“ Our hearts are heavy with tears of sorrow from the passing of a beautiful woman, a beautiful person we had the pleasure of knowing since the mid-sixties while neighbors with the Latzig family. Deanne was a lovable person even as a child and became a charming, exquisite and loving woman. We are even more saddened to learn of the passing of her son, Brady. A tremendous burden to bear when one is well, overpowering while struggling for her own health. Our deepest sympathy to Bill, Ryan, Faye and Rod, Tom and Wendy and all their loved ones. I will keep close to my heart all the wonderful memories of Deanne.

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**Charles & Janet Strait - Rockford, IL** - November 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ We were so saddened to hear of your tragic loss. Thank you for sharing Deanne's journey in the Rockford newspaper. She was truly an inspiration and a treasure in everyone's life! Since learning of her passing, Donna and I have reminisced about what great times we had during our younger years in Rockford and beyond. It has been many years since we have connected, but it seems like just yesterday our families were visiting whenever we could. May God grant you the strength to endure Deanne's passing and provide you peace within your fond memories. We will always be here for you. Many blessings !Dave & Donna Pritchett [dleep54@gmail.com](mailto:dleep54@gmail.com) 815-979-7308

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**David & Donna Pritchett - Rockford, IL** - November 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ I like everyone else will remember her smiling face, even to the very end. My fondest memories is her at our Holland Steelheaders' meetings, always supportive of Bill who was a former Steelheader President and current board member. We will always remember De as being one of the luckiest people we knew, always cleaning up at the raffle tables. I made it a habit to step right in line with with her at the raffle table hoping that some of her luck would rub off on to me. I do have to say that it worked in more ways than one. Miss you already.

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**Stephen A. Beumer - Holland, MI - Friends** - November 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

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**David & Donna Pritchett - Winnebago, IL - Friends** - November 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Our hearts are broken for you and your family. Whenever we think of all the fun times we had together, we just smile. We didn't know Brady and that is our loss. I am sure he had a lot of personality taking after his Mom and Dad. Deanne was such a delight to be around and her smile was radiant. To battle breast cancer for 3 years and not win is devastating news. We can't imagine the loss you are feeling but you are in our thoughts. We would love to talk to you when the time is right, please call.

All our love,  
Cher and Phil Kaufman  
720.398.4752

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**Cher and Phil Kaufman - South Beloit .... But m, IL - Long lost friends -**  
November 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ I am so sorry to hear such news. I was a flower girl at Deanne's wedding. She comes from such a loving and wonderful family. My prayers go out to all the family and friends. I'll remember her beauty and charm.

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**Kimberly Preston Dennis - Hoffman Estates, IL - Family friend -** November 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Bill, Ryan and family: We are so saddened by the death of Deanne. We were unaware that you lost Brady recently too.*

*I cannot begin to imagine your grief at this time. I have been thinking of both of them all day long since I read the obituary this morning. I have so many awesome memories of my time with them when you lived on Beaver Valley Road. Even though Deanne and I had not kept in touch recently I am so glad we were friends at such an important time in our lives with raising young children. We would get together at least weekly at the park or at each others homes. I have always felt a special connection with Deanne. We actually met at Lamaze classes. I still make recipes that she gave me. My heart is heavy. She was such a genuine and nice person. I am thinking of all of you and hope you can be there for each other.*

*Love,  
Julie and Mike Fiori*

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**Julie Fiori - Rockford, IL - friend** - November 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Bill and Ryan,  
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Even though out of touch for the last few years, have fond memories Deannes warm and kind presence. You are in our thoughts.*

*Bruce, Sue and Adam Keen*

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**Bruce and Sue Keen - Holland, MI - friends** - November 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM