



Melinda Ruth Hamstra

October 31, 1959 - September 7, 2016

Melinda Ruth Hamstra, aged 56, passed into the presence of her Heavenly Father on September 7, 2016, following a 5-year journey with cancer. Melinda was a Zeelander all her life, born to Alan and Donna Sytsma on Halloween in 1959. Melinda graduated from Zeeland High School in 1977 and married the love of her life, Stephen, on August 24, 1978. While Steve studied at Michigan State, Melinda worked for Capital Savings and Loan. After college they returned to Zeeland and started a family. Melinda worked as an Administrative Assistant at Zeeland Public Schools and Peace Reformed Church for many years. Melinda is survived by her husband; Stephen, children; Chris & Caitlin Hamstra, Alison & Chris Major, and Sean & Katelyn Hamstra. She adored her 5 grandchildren; Eleanor Hamstra, Ewan & Gwyneth Major, Wyatt & Annabel Hamstra. She is survived by her mother-in-law; JoAnn Hamstra, and siblings Diane & David Hansen and Jack & Mardee Sytsma, in-law siblings; Sandra Hamstra, Pam & Skip Leeson, Barbara & Ashok Thanki, as well as several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Melinda was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Steven Sytsma and father-in-law; Calvin Hamstra. Visitation with the Hamstra Family will be from 1-3 pm & 6-9 pm Thursday, September 15, at Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State Street, Zeeland 49464. A service to honor the faith and life of Melinda Hamstra will be held at 11:00 am, Friday, September 16, 2016, at Grace Chapel by the Lakeshore, 9530 Woodbridge, Zeeland 49464. Memorial donations may be made to the Ride for the Relay - American Cancer Society, 63 East Central Park Plaza,

Jacksonville, Illinois 62650.

Tribute Wall



“ *Melinda Ruth Hamstra*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Our prayers go out to her family , we know how much pain there family is going through. She is now resting in gods hands."*

David - September 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Praying for comfort an peace for your family. I'm so sorry for your loss. Rejoicing that she is in the arms of Jesus."*

Renee Formsma - September 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Dear Steve and Family,What a wonderful tribute video to honor Melinda's life. To see her smiling in the photos, surrounded by family and friends--each of whom added joy and gladness for her as well as those who know her. My heart goes out to each of you in this time of sadness and remembrance."*

Lorie Wild - September 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Our deepest sympathies to your family. Sorry for your loss. I remember her as a sweet girl in grade school. Always kind and happy."*

Brenda Boes Jones - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KF

“We send our deepest sympathies to Steve and the Hamstra and Systma families. We keep you in our prayers. We are so very sorry for your loss. She was a very special lady and will be missed by many.”

Ken and Patti Bing and Family - September 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PB

“We are thankful to God for Melinda's life and witness and pray for comfort and peace for the family.”

Peter and Judith Boogaart - September 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CS

“I am a loss for adequate words to express my sadness for you. I know heaven just received one of the most special angels. All of you are a reflection of your mom in the way you treat people with respect and love. I am so sorry for your loss.”

cathy sytsma - September 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BD

“May God give you comfort and peace in your loss of Melinda. Our deep sympathy to you Steve and family as well as the Sytsma families.”

Bob and Bertha Drew - September 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM