



Samantha "Sam" Empson

March 29, 1980 - November 17, 2018

Samantha "Sam" Empson, age 38 unexpectedly passed away on Saturday, November 17, 2018. Sam graduated from West Ottawa High School and received her Associates degree from Davenport University. She was employed by Meijer Corp. Pharmacy. She loved her family and spending time with them which made her a beloved aunt by her many nieces and nephews. She enjoyed crocheting, knitting, Dutch Dance, and camping. She enjoyed being a craftsman and engaging in her hobbies. She was a true – DIY person! She is survived by her mother, Sandy (Steve) Steggerda; father, James (Gwen) Empson; brother, Dan Empson; brother, Michael Empson; step-sister, Karen Steggerda; step-brother, Peter (Maude) Steggerda; step-sister, Bobbi (Gerry) Hamilton; step brother, Alan (Sara) Hamilton; grandmother, Flora Nies; grandmother, Jenea Empson; and many nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, and cousins. A Memorial service is planned for 2:00 pm on Friday, November 23, 2018 at Langeland Sterenberg Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th St. Holland, MI 49423 followed by a time of visitation with the family. Memorial contributions may be given in Sam's honor to your local animal rescue or shelter.

Tribute Wall



“ *Samantha "Sam" Empson*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Very sorry for your loss"*

Michelle Timmer - December 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *"My sincere sympathies to the family may your memories bring you much joy and your prayers to God will bring you much comfort and strength. Romans 12:12Ps"*

A friend - November 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Sandy and family so sorry for your loss, peace with with you all at this time. Bob and Kim Bain"*

Kim Bain - November 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LR

“I me Sam at Jefferson Elementary School. She was one of my best grade school friends. She accepted my disability and saw me as a friend no matter what limitations. We spent the night at each other's houses and our birthdays were only days a part. I remember one one specific birthday we exchanged gifts and both got the other a doll. I was so sad when her family moved. About 12 years ago we ran into one another at Panera. It was a huge blessing to go out to dinner with her and hear how life had gone during all those heads a part. Samantha always has a special place in my heart and will continue to do so. Her personality and spirit were so genuine. I'm so sorry for your loss. Sams impact on those she knew will always be remembered.”

Lucy Rios - November 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CM

“Mike, Dan, Jim and Sandy...and your families. Our hearts are breaking to know that Samantha is gone. She was so sweet to our family, when we were all neighbors on Valorie Lane in Midland. We have fun memories, like the day she got her drivers license! We know you are devastated. So sincerely sorry. You are in our hearts and our prayers. God Bless you all. Chuck and Carol Marston”

Chuck and Carol Marston - November 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CK

“Sam was my co-worker from Meijer we got along well and I will miss her a lot. I'm very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Christy Kamara”

Christy Kamara - November 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SR

“Sandy and Steve we are heartbroken to hear of Sams passing. We're keeping you in our thoughts and pray that God grants you the peace that only He can provide.”

Scott and Linda Rycenga - November 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PS

“I am sorry for the Empson/Steggerda family. I had the honor of working with Sam, Dan, and Mike during high school. What a loss for your family, the West Ottawa family, and our community. I enjoyed Sam and will miss her. Phil Spreitzer”

Phil Spreitzer - November 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MW

“34 years ago I first became friends with Sam, she was one of the most kindest souls I've ever met, always putting others first and showing her fierce love for her family and friends. Thank you for all the great memories we had together Sam, you'll be missed.”

Mike Werling - November 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GG

“I am so sorry for your loss.. Our loss, even though we don't see each other much.. Family is family.. Love to all of you.. Gayle Greenhut”

Gayle Greenhut - November 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

HS

“*Oh Sam. I have many great memories working with Sam at the hotel. She would replace me on 3rd shift but I would stay after my shift until 2am talking to her! I just recently reconnected with her at Meijer and starbucks. To her family, I am so very sorry. May Sam rest in peace and my prayers to you all.*”

Heather Schultz - November 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM