



Charlene Valletta

May 9, 1989 - September 15, 2013

Charlene was born in Florida and the family moved to Farwell in 1990. She attended Farwell Schools until 2001 when we moved to Clare and there she finished middle and high school.

Charlene's life revolved around animals, art and reading. She was a member of 4H and in her last year of showing rabbits at the fair she won best of show. She won many ribbons and trophies from different rabbit shows.

When she was a little older, she became the owner of a Basenji dog named Zumi. He was her pride and joy. For several months they traveled around to different dog shows to show Zumi. They did very well together. She also volunteered over 40 hours of her time to help bring the Gateway Imagination Park in Clare a reality. She put a lot of work into the little grey elephant slide. Charlene moved to the Detroit area and found work as a groomer at two grooming businesses. She made some wonderful friends at both jobs. As a groomer at Fuzzy Friends, one of her jobs was to groom Mac a therapy dog from St. John Providence hospital. That is the same hospital that Charlene was taken to.

Charlene is survived by her mother Beth Valletta of Clare – her sister Sherry Snowden and Eric of Royal Oak – Her sister Jeanette DeWulf and Todd of Farwell, and her 3 nieces Hannah, Sarah, and Leah. Her Brother Adam Valletta of Gladwin, Half sister Amber Valletta, and several Aunts, Uncles, and cousins from out of state. Also survived by a special family friend Dena Schaar and many wonderful friends downstate, her best friend Jamie Hipkins

from Clare, and a very special friend of Charlene's and now also to our family is TJ Cetanyan of St. Clair Shores who is now taking care of Zumi.

Charlene's zest for life and feistiness will be missed by all. As her neice Hannah age 8 said, "Have fun grooming all the dogs in heaven."

A memorial service will be held on October 19th at 11:00 am at Trinity Baptist Church 600 W. Main St. Farwell, MI 48622

Her family and friends would like to remind everyone to please wear a helmet when riding a motorcycle.

Previous Events

Service

OCT **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Baptist Church
600 W. Main Street
Farwell, MI 48622

Tribute Wall

BR

“ I Just learned of this Tragic accident today. We were online friends and talked about a lot over a few years but never actually met in person. Charlene was a very caring and sweet person. It is a shame when the life of such a young beautiful person is taken at such a young age. Charlene.. one day we will finally meet but until then you will be in my thoughts.. See you on the other side good friend.

Brian - October 16, 2013 at 12:46 AM

RC

“ Ron Corkum lit a candle in memory of Charlene Valletta



Ron Corkum - October 15, 2013 at 12:44 AM

FG

“ Fuzzy Friends Grooming lit a candle in memory of Charlene Valletta



Fuzzy Friends Grooming - October 09, 2013 at 11:07 AM

SO

“ I'm so overwhelmingly saddened by the loss of Charlene. She was one of the most talented young groomers and would have continued to learn and expand her skills. Myself and everyone at Shores Grooming misses her (and her feistiness!) and will for a very long time. I chose the pink candle because it reminded me of her grooming apron. Im sure that the passing of such a beautiful and vibrant young woman has saddened the hearts of all that knew her. My deepest and most heartfelt sympathy to her Mother and family.

Sue Osterland - September 28, 2013 at 08:27 PM

SO

“ Sue Osterland lit a candle in memory of Charlene Valletta



Sue Osterland - September 28, 2013 at 07:49 PM



“ Cindy Damoth Brewer lit a candle in memory of Charlene Valletta



Cindy Damoth Brewer - September 25, 2013 at 05:31 PM

SL

“ Oh, this is so sad, Mrs. Valletta my heart goes out to you. I could not imagine loosing Stacey. Charlene was such a diligent worker and great 4-H showman. Glad to hear she had a wonderful life with her dog, became a groomer and continued to work with animals. You must be so proud of her accomplishments. Keep cherrishing the time you had with her. She is missed!

Sherry Landon
4-H parent

Sherry Landon - September 24, 2013 at 04:45 PM

JE

“ Jess lit a candle in memory of Charlene Valletta



Jess - September 23, 2013 at 01:10 PM

JE

I met Char when she moved to California three years ago. I took her for her first mani/pedi, (she never went again ahaha) We took her to the West Hollywood Halloween Carnival for Halloween. That was a night I will never forget. We had a great time, I especially enjoyed the look on her face when she saw the costumes.. that was priceless. Char had a great heart, I am sorry I lost touch with her when she moved back home. I will miss her dearly. RIP Char.

Jess - September 23, 2013 at 01:18 PM



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Katherine Zielinski - September 19, 2013 at 08:13 PM



“ Char,

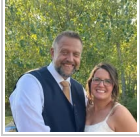
Oh man! I don't where to begin, lol. In the short two year we've known each other, I felt kinda like a sister sometimes! We could be at each others throats one moment, and then drinking coffee and laughing about whatever it was the next... Like when I painted that flower on my wall with the Thoreau quote, and I spelled "destination" wrong, you immediately told me and I refused to believe you. It's funny thinking about it, we argued for a good five minutes until you showed me the picture I sent you of it and zoomed in.

I loved getting Starbucks with you everyday, and then dragging you to the mall with me too. We were able to hangout and talk about our lives, we could be each others shoulder to lean on in some more chaotic moments, and even though you're just a year older than me, I felt like I learned so much from you!

You're one of most loyal, honest, hard-working, affectionate, and stubborn people I've had the pleasure to meet... and you thought me something I'll always remember, it's important to forgive. Forgive others, but more importantly to forgive yourself. Thanks, girl. I'm going to miss you, but I'll always remember you. Love you.

"And you'll always miss her. But she'll always be with you, as long as you remember the things she taught you. In the way, you'll never really be apart, for you're still a part of each other." (Rooter, Land Before Time, 1988)

Katherine Zielinski - September 19, 2013 at 08:07 PM



“ Hey sister. one of my favorite memories of you are when we were very young and mom took us to the laundry mat. We were just listening to a song by Diamond Rio called "Now I know how the River Feels." When we were doing laundry you started singing that song and you got the word wrong and sang "Now I know how your LIVER feels, when it reaches the sea." Mom and i were laughing so hard and singing that song all day. I wish I could hear you laugh again. miss you girl. O and Hannah says she hopes you have fun grooming dogs in heaven :)

Jeanette DeWulf - September 19, 2013 at 08:30 AM



“ Charlene I remember coming up to visit you all in Claire. I'd get a hotel room at the Dougherty Hotel and the whole family would come there to swim in the pool. As children you all fun. I remember that really big smile. On one visit we all went up to Mackinac Island that was a great trip you actually swam in that cold water. I'll always remember that vacation. God bless you I know you are in a better place now.

Donna Hale - September 19, 2013 at 06:45 AM