



## Deanna Lynn Yats

July 10, 1961 - February 9, 2015

Deanna Lynn Yats, age 53 of Farwell, passed away following a courageous battle with Cancer on Monday, February 9, 2015 surrounded by her loving family. Deanna was born the daughter of Max and Evelyn (Richmond) Shull on July 10, 1961 in Clare. She was united in marriage to Kirk Yats on June 23, 1984. Dee had been a bookstore Clerk at MidMichigan Community College and was a member of the Clare United Methodist Church. Dee was was a devoted wife and mother who enjoyed volunteering, gardening and attending her children's activities.

Deanna is survived by her husband, Kirk, sons, Benjamin and Daniel; daughter, Amanda, her parents Max and Evelyn Shull of Clare, her brother, Joel (Christine) Shull of St. Joseph; a nephew, Jack and a niece, Nora; her parents; an aunt, Ruth Ann Richmond of Clare and an uncle Lewis Richmond of Gladwin. Deanna was predeceased by her grandparents Clifford and Vera Richmond and Ralph and Artie Shull; uncle Don and aunt Betty Richmond and aunt Verna Richmond.

Visitation will take place on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 P.M. Memorial services will be held at the Clare Church of the Nazarene on Friday at 11:00 A.M. with Pastor Jim Young officiating. Burial will take place in the Cherry Grove Cemetery in Clare. Memorial contributions may be made to the Clare

Public School. On-line guestbook at [www.stephenson-wyman.com](http://www.stephenson-wyman.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Cherry Grove Cemetery

1000 Cedar St.  
Clare, MI 48617

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 12. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)  
1005 North McEwan St.  
Clare, MI 48617  
(989) 386-7451  
wymanhf@chartermi.net  
<https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/>

## Visitation

FEB 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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FEB **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Clare Church of the Nazarene  
10160 S. Grant Avenue  
Clare, MI 48617

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ Many are so touched by having known her. "The soul would have no rainbow, had the eyes no tears..." Praying for the family to find comfort in your memories.

*Melanie & Trevor and the Dairy Phil Staff*

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**Melanie Muir** - February 12, 2015 at 01:20 PM

MO

“ Kirk and family We are so very sorry for your loss of your beloved wife and mom. Dee was always a very sweet and wonderful person. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Sending our love Rob, Martha , Nick and Rachel Ohler

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**Martha Ohler** - February 12, 2015 at 01:02 PM

SS

“ Sheryl Spivey purchased the Simply Elegant Spa thiphyllum for the family of Deanna Lynn Yats.



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**Sheryl Spivey** - February 12, 2015 at 12:59 PM

JC

“ We will miss Dee at Mid. Working around her over the years; she never did complain, always brought joy to all and was diligent at Harrison's campus store. May God's presence surround your family at this time.

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**Jeremy Carrier** - February 12, 2015 at 07:22 AM

KA

“ We are so sorry for your loss of Dee. She was a very special lady. Even though I do not live in Clare any more, whenever I visited and saw her at church she made a special point to say hello and make me feel like I was home again. Dee is now cancer free in her new home in heaven. She will continue to watch over her family and keep you safe. We send our prayers for you all.  
Love,  
Karen Denton

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**Karen** - February 11, 2015 at 09:35 PM

ED

“ Dee was a warm & lovely young lady with a contagious smile. It was a pleasure to be around her. Wish we could be there during this trying time. We send love and prayers, from FL for her and her family. May God wrap his arms around her loved ones. RIP Dee. You will always be remembered.



Foresr & Elaine Densmore

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**Elaine Densmore** - February 11, 2015 at 07:34 PM

JA

“ Very sorry to hear this news. I worked around Dee some at MMCC and just thought she was the most pleasant person to talk to. She will be missed. My condolences to the family.

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**Joe Affholder** - February 11, 2015 at 07:33 PM

SM

“ *Dee was a wonderful person and that is apparent by the number of lives she touched.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you Kirk and family during this sad time. May your wonderful memories help you through.*

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**Sue Murawski** - February 11, 2015 at 04:00 PM

KH

“ *Kirk, Dan, Ben, Amanda and family, Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. Dee will forever be in our hearts as she has touched so many. Sincerely, Kristi Hitchcock*

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**Kristi Hitchcock** - February 11, 2015 at 01:37 PM

NM

“ *We would like to extend our sympathy to Kirk and family, on behalf of the Northwood University Financial Aid Office. - Nick Messing*

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**Nick Messing** - February 11, 2015 at 11:33 AM

JC

“ *I didn't know Dee that well because we worked in different departments at the college but that didn't stop her from helping me out. When the bookstore didn't have any cheater glasses for me to buy, without hesitation she offered me the use of her extra pair. I certainly didn't expect her to go out of her way to help me, but she did. You don't know what that small act of kindness meant to me. I think it characterized what a genuinely kind and thoughtful person she was and I'm sure that she touched the lives of many people in that same generous and giving way. She will be greatly missed. My deepest and heartfelt condolences and sympathies to your family. Jennifer Cooper*

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**Jennifer Cooper** - February 11, 2015 at 11:00 AM



“ *Dee was such a lovely person. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family as they say goodbye to her presence in their lives, and hold tight to the memories in their hearts. The Robinsons*

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**Amy Robinson** - February 11, 2015 at 10:04 AM

KF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all....Dee was a wonderful person..with a beautiful smile. Sincerely, John and Kim Fleming & Family*

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**Kim Fleming** - February 11, 2015 at 09:56 AM

JG

“ *Condolences to all of you, Kirk.*

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**John Garcia** - February 11, 2015 at 09:04 AM

DL

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Yats family and Dee & Kirk's extended families. May God surround you with His love, peace, and strength.*

*Love,  
Jim and Denise Laboe*

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**Denise Laboe** - February 10, 2015 at 10:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Deanna Lynn Yats.*



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February 10, 2015 at 09:55 PM

CG

“ Norm and I send our thoughts and prayers to Kirk and the entire family. We will always remember her kindness, and that wonderful smile!

Sincerely,  
Carol and Norm Gage

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**Carol and Norm Gage** - February 10, 2015 at 07:53 PM

DB

“ I was heart broken to learn of Dee's passing. I will always remember her cheerful smile and her support as I served as her pastor. She is one of those who made my stay in Clare joyful and productive. Kirk and family, you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Pastor Dennis Bromley

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**Dennis Bromley** - February 10, 2015 at 07:41 PM

BH

“ You are all in our hearts during this trying time. When the pain of missing her lessens you will always remember her smiles, her hugs and her wisdoms.

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**Bruce Hales** - February 10, 2015 at 07:35 PM

CS

“ Sincere sympathy to Kirk and family. We are in Texas and wish we were there to share in these tough times. It will help to remember good times shared together. Prayers and hugs to all. Carl & Connie

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**Carl & Connie Strouse** - February 10, 2015 at 07:12 PM

CN

“Kirk and family, Peg & Jim, Ev & Max, You all are in my prayers daily, please know how special Dee was to our family. We will always cherish the good times our families had together. God Bless you all. She was a very special gal.

*Carron Nevill & Family*

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**Carron Nevill** - February 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM

DJ

*Kirk and family, We are lifting you up in our prayers and asking our Heavenly Father to give you comfort and strength in the days, weeks and months ahead. Dee was a kind, thoughtful and giving person and made Clare a nicer place to live while she was with us.*

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**Don & Cathy Jones** - February 12, 2015 at 07:32 PM

KB

*Kirk: So sorry for your loss. Praying for your strength in this difficult time.*

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**Kevin Ballou** - February 13, 2015 at 07:50 AM