



Christie Marie DenBesten

December 4, 1970 - February 2, 2020

Christie M. DenBesten

age 49

of Bangor

passed away Sunday, February 2, 2020 at her home. Christie was born December 4, 1970, in South Haven, the daughter of Gil and Jane DenBesten, and has lived in the Bangor area for the past 20 years. She loved her work taking care of other people, and her family. She loved the sun, spending time at the beach, and gardening. Surviving are her daughter, Ashley (Caleb) Wesaw of Watervliet; 2 sons, Alex Ely of Bangor, Tyler Ely of Bangor; 2 grandchildren, Amari and Casen Wesaw; father, Gil DenBesten; brother, Joe (Wendy) DenBesten of Fresno, CA; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her mother, Jane. The family will meet friends 11AM until 1PM Friday, February 7, 2020 at the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home where there will be sharing of memories at 1:00 PM. According to her wishes cremation has taken place.

Cemetery Details

Cremation

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Chapel
258 West Monroe Street
Bangor, MI

Memorial Service

FEB 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CM

“ *Claudia Maddox lit a candle in memory of
Christie Marie DenBesten*



Claudia Maddox - March 08, 2020 at 01:46 AM

CM

“ *Gil and family members
So very sad about your loss*

Claudia Maddox - March 08, 2020 at 01:45 AM

MY

“ *Margaret York lit a candle in memory of
Christie Marie DenBesten*



Margaret york - February 14, 2020 at 11:14 PM

AM

“ *April & Malcolm lit a candle in memory of
Christie Marie DenBesten*



April & Malcolm - February 10, 2020 at 10:32 AM

KK

“ *Kristine Kahne lit a candle in memory of
Christie Marie DenBesten*



Kristine Kahne - February 08, 2020 at 06:14 PM

CO

“ *Charlan Otto lit a candle in memory of
Christie Marie DenBesten*



Charlan Otto - February 07, 2020 at 01:22 PM

CB

“ My name is Colleen Runyan Bethea, and I am Al Rice's granddaughter, and daughter of Roberta (Robin) Rice (Runyan). We used to visit your family during family reunions when we were youngsters. Once, one of my 3 siblings (can't remember if it was Laura, Claudia or Chuck), and I spent the night with Gil and Jane and the kids. I remember it clearly because their cat woke me up in the middle of the night to have kittens on my bed.

My funniest memory was when Jane was feeding us all at the dinner table and Gil drove his truck into the driveway - arriving home from work. Little Christie, who was no more than a toddler at the time, stood up in her chair and yelled at the top of her voice, "Sonofabitch...daddy's home!" I'll never forget it.

I haven't seen any of you since way back then. I am deeply saddened by this loss. I wish I would have stayed in touch.

*Colleen Runyan Bethea
cbetheasinger@yahoo.com*

Colleen Bethea - February 06, 2020 at 03:36 PM

SW

“ So sorry for your loss.

Stephanie Mccloughan Walker - February 06, 2020 at 01:39 PM

LP

“ Our sincerest condolences. Although it's been years since we've spent time with Christie, we'll always remember her beautiful smile, laughter, and how much she loved her family. Rest in peace, Christie.

Lisa and Paul - February 06, 2020 at 11:54 AM

DP

“ Dawn Price lit a candle in memory of Christie Marie DenBesten



Dawn Price - February 05, 2020 at 07:49 PM

RB

“ My thoughts, prayers and most sincere condolences.

Raceen Buck - February 05, 2020 at 09:24 AM

MC

“ Christie you always had a kind word and a smile! You had a kind heart! You will be missed!



Melissa Crim - February 04, 2020 at 11:40 PM

CW

“ Crystal Williams lit a candle in memory of Christie Marie DenBesten



Crystal Williams - February 04, 2020 at 10:23 PM

DQ

“ Doug And Sandra Quinn lit a candle in memory of Christie Marie DenBesten



Doug and Sandra Quinn - February 04, 2020 at 10:09 PM

RE

“ Christie are hearts are broken that your gone. You were loved and cared for by us. Your strong will to provide and care for your family ment so much to us. You were there when they needed attention and someone to care for them. You was and always will be apart of our family. We have shared alot of memories over the year's with you which we will always remember and cherish. We love and miss you Christie. Forever in our hearts and thoughts.

Richard and Sandra Ely - February 04, 2020 at 08:37 PM

AL

“ Andrea Love lit a candle in memory of Christie Marie DenBesten



Andrea Love - February 04, 2020 at 08:25 PM

MM

“ Mary Morgan lit a candle in memory of Christie Marie DenBesten



mary morgan - February 04, 2020 at 07:55 PM

KF

“ Kelly Forstner lit a candle in memory of
Christie Marie DenBesten



Kelly Forstner - February 04, 2020 at 07:30 PM

KF

Your Sista's will miss you my Friend. Love you Christie ❤️😭

Kelly Forstner - February 04, 2020 at 07:35 PM

DB

Gil, we are so sad to hear of your loss. We didn't know about until today. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We are living in Las Vegas now. planning on going to Michigan for the summer. It depends on this unbelievable virus. You and Lois are welcome anytime you'd like to visit. Unfortunately now is not the time to travel Please keep in touch.

Dave& Rita Butler - March 17, 2020 at 02:18 AM

BO

“ Bobbie lit a candle in memory of Christie
Marie DenBesten



Bobbie - February 04, 2020 at 06:49 PM

GK

“ Gary Kent lit a candle in memory of Christie Marie DenBesten



Gary Kent - February 04, 2020 at 06:31 PM

LH

“ Christie and I worked together for a number of years. She always amazed me with how upbeat and cheerful she was even though she worked many long hours each week doing very difficult work. She was able to make others smile and feel better just by being around them. My heart goes out to her children and grand children. She will be sadly missed.

Lisa Harden - February 04, 2020 at 06:26 PM

TH

“ I have so many childhood memories of hanging out at Christie's house in the country! Sliding down on the cow troughs, playing out in the woods, pretending we were all grown up sunbathing as we got older (while Jane indulged us 😊). She had the most contagious laugh- I will carry that with me always ❤️

Tashia Tranker Honcharenko - February 04, 2020 at 06:11 PM

LI

“ *My sincerest condolences to the family. Especially her kids and grand babies. She was good friend of mine from school to our kids in Bangor. We stayed in touch for a while and then loss contact after a while. I ran into her within the past recent months we chatted and both went out ways to work. She will truly be missed.*



Linda - February 04, 2020 at 04:50 PM

MB

“ *Maggie Brook lit a candle in memory of Christie Marie DenBesten*



maggie Brook - February 04, 2020 at 02:54 PM

TW

“ *Theresa Whittker lit a candle in memory of Christie Marie DenBesten*



Theresa Whittker - February 04, 2020 at 02:41 PM

TW

Worked with Christine and she always made, you laugh. You will be missed, but never forgotten...

Theresa Whittker - February 04, 2020 at 02:43 PM

KB

“ We have grown together n became best friends in the last few years. Working together, cooking together, living together and helping one another out. People know me know my ♡ aches for this and your family BUT GOD take care of her and dang it Christie it's your roll at dice. I LOVE YOU girl till I c u again



Kathy Brown - February 04, 2020 at 02:00 PM

EH

“ Eric Honcharenko lit a candle in memory of Christie Marie DenBesten



eric honcharenko - February 04, 2020 at 01:53 PM

EH

Rest in peace Christie.

eric honcharenko - February 04, 2020 at 01:54 PM

KK

“ Kathy Kent lit a candle in memory of Christie Marie DenBesten



Kathy Kent - February 04, 2020 at 01:40 PM

ME

“ *Michelle Ewing lit a candle in memory of Christie Marie DenBesten*



Michelle Ewing - February 04, 2020 at 01:29 PM

BB

“ *So sorry to hear this. Rest In Peace* 🙏



Bobbie Benton - February 04, 2020 at 01:15 PM

AR

“ *Annette Riston lit a candle in memory of Christie Marie DenBesten*



Annette Riston - February 04, 2020 at 12:49 PM

TH

“ *Toni Severinghaus Hocevar lit a candle in memory of Christie Marie DenBesten*



Toni Severinghaus Hocevar - February 04, 2020 at 12:06 PM

JJ

“ I worked with Christie for many years. She was not just a co-worker but a friend. She was always smiling and laughing. She had an amazing personality and was always fun to be around. She will be greatly missed.

JoDee Johnson - February 04, 2020 at 11:54 AM

PH

“ I loved working with Christie. She had so many talents and showed so much love for others even when her own world was crashing down on her. I admired her energy and ability to make things happen. I will miss running into her at the store for those few minutes of catching up and a quick hug. I pray she finally finds the peace she so deserves.

Peggy Harden - February 04, 2020 at 11:42 AM

RC

“ Rex Coombe lit a candle in memory of Christie Marie DenBesten



Rex Coombe - February 04, 2020 at 10:11 AM

RC

I'll always remember the family Christmas shopping in Holland when you were bitty.
Carrying you on my shoulders made us both feel so grownup.

Rex Coombe - February 04, 2020 at 10:12 AM

AW

“ *Andy Wines lit a candle in memory of Christie Marie DenBesten*



Andy Wines - February 04, 2020 at 09:56 AM

TC

“ *Tom And Sandy Capps lit a candle in memory of Christie Marie DenBesten*



Tom and Sandy Capps - February 04, 2020 at 09:20 AM

JP

“ *Most of my memories are from our childhood. I loved going to Christie's house and having slumber parties and dance parties!! We would stay up as late as we could and watch TV and eat all the snacks in the house. We never were allowed to sit next to each other in school because we talked too much! We lost touch with each other after high school. I'm so sorry to hear she has passed away. Rest in heaven Christie!*



johnnie phillips - February 04, 2020 at 09:16 AM

CL

“ *Carrie Love lit a candle in memory of Christie Marie DenBesten*



Carrie Love - February 04, 2020 at 08:21 AM

CL

Bless your sweet heart. Fly high baby cousin. ❤️🌿

Carrie Love - February 04, 2020 at 08:22 AM

AM

“ *Ashlee Matteo lit a candle in memory of Christie Marie DenBesten*



Ashlee Matteo - February 04, 2020 at 08:00 AM

GM

“ *Gina Mason lit a candle in memory of Christie Marie DenBesten*



Gina Mason - February 04, 2020 at 07:51 AM

LT

“ *Leah Tenbrink lit a candle in memory of Christie Marie DenBesten*



Leah Tenbrink - February 04, 2020 at 06:38 AM

LT

“ *Christie was not only my friend, she was family. She had a place in all of our hearts. Fly high my friend, see you on the other side*

Leah Tenbrink - February 04, 2020 at 06:37 AM

KR

“ *Christie was a inspiration to the many people she worked with. She always had a smile and a caring attitude toward the people we served. Christie was a person I really admired for her ability to to make others feel good about themselves.*

Ken Ratzlaff - February 03, 2020 at 08:03 PM

MM

“ *I worked with Christie for 10 years and was very impressed as she cared for folks with disabilities. She was as always ready to accept new challenges and responsibilities. She and I would talk about her children and grandchildren, who were the light of her life. She also showed great concern about my physical issues, and as always tried to help. We talked occasionally after I was no longer working, and I wish it had been more often. Though she had her struggles, the world was a better place with her in it. She will be greatly missed.*

Margaret McCabe - February 03, 2020 at 07:43 PM

EL

“ I was Christie's counselor at VBYC and I loved that little girl. She was sweet and smart and beautiful. During our interactions as adults, I would catch glimpses of that wonderful girl and her light would come shining through. It gave me such hope. I am so sad she has passed, and though we didn't see each other frequently, I will miss her. Too young. Too soon...

Elizabeth - February 03, 2020 at 07:19 PM