



## Claudia Ann Koenig

July 23, 1949 - June 22, 2023

Claudia passed away at Bronson Hospital in Kalamazoo on June 22, 2023. She was the daughter of George and Alyce Koenig, born in Chicago, IL, on July 23, 1949. She lived in Chicago with her parents for 8 years until she moved with her mom and her siblings, Mark and Kimberly, in 1958 to Jericho Corners, Michigan. Her mom remarried Wayne Isom in 1958; Wayne was integral to Claudia's life. She graduated from Bangor High School, and after graduating, she went on to College at Western Michigan University. She worked many different jobs, starting as Chef at many restaurants for most of her life. She was a photographer and sports columnist for the South Haven Tribune for many years. When she wasn't working, she enjoyed spending time as Camp Fire Girl Leader and was the beloved coach for the South Haven Rams Varsity Baseball Team. Even though she never married, her cats were her children, and she was an avid sports fan, especially when it came to the Michigan Wolverines, The Detroit Tigers, and the Detroit Lions. She spent many hours cross-stitching, needlepoint, and crocheting when she wasn't watching sports or cooking. Her passion has been being active and in recovery at the Stepping Stones Association; she also led the group and was helping those in recovery.

She is survived by her two Brothers, Jimmy (Cheryl) Isom of South Haven and Jon (Mary) Isom of South Haven; her nieces and nephews, Mathew, Christian, Courtney, Lucas, Kalen, Marcy, Ryan, Jennnah, Michael, Charlene, and

Holden along with many other friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Mark Koenig, and a sister, Kim Koenig.

According to her wishes, cremation has taken place. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, from 11 am to 12 pm, where a memorial service will begin at noon, led by her little brother Jimmy. Inurnment will be in Monks Cemetery following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the family to assist with funeral costs. Arrangements for Claudia were entrusted to the Bangor Chapel Funeral of the D.L. Miller Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Monks Cemetery

21196 County Road 687  
Bangor, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

D.L. Miller Funeral Home, Inc. - Bangor  
258 West Monroe St.  
Bangor, MI 49013  
(269) 427-7551  
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## Memorial Service

JUN 28. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SH

“ I am saddened by Claudia's passing. She will be missed greatly.



Suz Hampton - July 28, 2023 at 10:05 AM

LE

“ Sorry for your loss. We are here for you if you need us.



Lisa Echols - June 26, 2023 at 04:57 PM

PH

“ Pablo Hernandez lit a candle in memory of Claudia Ann Koenig



Pablo Hernandez - June 25, 2023 at 03:14 PM

PH

Till we meet again, Rest in peace my friend ❤️🙏

Pablo Hernandez - June 25, 2023 at 03:17 PM

CH

“ Rest in Heaven friend.. 🙏❤️



Cherie - June 24, 2023 at 11:04 PM



“ Claudia was one of a kind. I will miss dearly.

Tammy Lamp - June 24, 2023 at 08:32 PM

MZ

“ She lives on in and through so many of us that are, for now, left behind. May she relish in the fullness of His light! -Melanie Thompson Zeiger

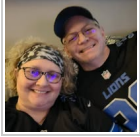
MelanieThompson Zeiger - June 24, 2023 at 09:59 AM

JF

“ Jim And Amy Ingraham Family lit a candle in memory of Claudia Ann Koenig



Jim and Amy Ingraham family - June 24, 2023 at 05:50 AM



“ Claudia wasn't just my buddy Mat's Aunt. She was also our coach. I will never forget how she taught us one particular game that we in fact needed our coach. She sat in the stands and let us run the team ourselves. We barely won. However we got her point. That year was the only year I ever played summer league baseball. Claudia made it fun just by her will alone. Not all lessons in life are game based. Like the above story, sometimes its about how you get there. And how you deal with life when adversary gets in your way. While not directly stated, sometimes the indirect is the best teacher. She did that. Rest easy coach. Love you.

Dale Bradford III - June 24, 2023 at 05:24 AM

JH

Thank you for that story! It completely encompasses who she was. As a matter of fact, she was taking about getting an adult league together this spring. She never stopped coaching 💜

Jennah Harper - June 24, 2023 at 08:38 PM

BE

RIP Claudia. May your laughter ring throughout heaven's gate.

Beverly - July 29, 2023 at 05:55 PM

JH

“ Holy smokes, I have so many!!!! More than I can count. This woman was a rock star! She lived a full life and she gave so much love to her community. She is loved. She will be missed. She will be remembered 💜👍👤



Jennah Harper - June 23, 2023 at 10:53 PM

MA

❤️my favorite is that one❤️I'm so glad we were both there🌈

Marcel - June 23, 2023 at 11:14 PM

MA

“ Few could match this lady when it came to story telling. And sure... maybe some sparkly embellishments were added with time, but this was her gift. She was a terrific writer, great cook, and most of all...a phenomenal baseball coach. She taught me everything I know, to this day, about the game. Never will I step foot on a field and not think of that woman. And every kid I coach gets a tiny piece of Auntie Claude. She will always be a source of confidence and strength for me, especially standing at that third base line. Get your arse up there and show those boys you're not scared when they take five steps forward as you step up to bat. Make 'em regret it. She had a full life, and while I wish I had spent more time with her, she was an independent lady. Quick to kick me out after we'd chatted for a half hour. And boy was she proud to be the oldest living Koenig. Step up to the plate, because she holds that record. I feel like right about here she'd raise a middle finger and tell me that's about enough. Time to go. Walk it off. Give my mama a hug, please, tell grandma I miss those iced blueberry cookies, and warm up that batter's box. I'll catch you for a game on the flip side❤️🌈★

Marcel - June 23, 2023 at 10:46 PM

JH

That's awesome!!! Her token move was to kick everyone out or off the phone. My sister and I were just talking about it. Once you got to 20-30 minutes, you knew she was about to shoo you off💜💜

Jannah Harper - June 24, 2023 at 09:16 PM