



Connie Lee Talsma

January 2, 1945 - June 23, 2017

Connie L. Talsma

Age 72

Lawrence

Passed away Friday, June 23, 2017 at Bronson Methodist Hospital. Connie was born January 2, 1945 in St. Joseph MI, the daughter of the late Ross and Evelyn Shetterly and had lived in Lawrence since 1973. Connie was an English teacher for 33 years at the Bloomingdale middle and high schools. She earned her masters degree in reading education from Western Michigan University. Connie also served as a yearbook advisor and taught adult Ed completion courses focusing on English. She retired in 2005 and enjoyed traveling to northern Michigan, especially the UP in the fall. Connie loved to garden and take care of her beloved dogs. She had served as the council president at the 1st Congregational Church in Bangor and also served on the board for the Lawrence Friends of the Library as well as being an active volunteer. Connie was also a member of the Lawrence Garden Club.

Surviving is her loving husband Steven; step daughter Jennifer Bernabei; 4 grandchildren; many cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, and daughter Nicole Ely. Following her wishes cremation has taken place. A memorial service will take place on Wednesday, July 5th, 3 PM at the 1st Congressional Church of Bangor with a luncheon to immediately follow. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Lawrence Friends of

The Library. Arrangements by, Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Cremation

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 5. 3:00 PM (ET)

First Congregational Church
12 Charles Street
Bangor, MI

Tribute Wall

CG

“ *Cathy Gillette lit a candle in memory of
Connie Lee Talsma*



Cathy Gillette - June 28, 2017 at 08:31 PM

CG

“ *I was a student of Mrs Talsma and at first she scared me, she was
very hard to read at first but after the first few weeks of school i got
to really respect her and liked her very much. She was a good
person and she will be missed. R.I.P sweet lady. Love and light
Cathy Gillette (Norman)*

Cathy Gillette - June 28, 2017 at 08:30 PM

SH

“ *I remember when i walked into class and you told me to take out my
"ghetto blasters"i didnt quite know how to interpret that....but ik what
u meant.
RIP You'll b missed by many !*

Sherdal - June 27, 2017 at 04:46 PM

KE

*I think looking back a lot of us students didn't give her the respect she
deserved. I know I didn't. Truth is we were blessed to have her, as well
as several other teachers at b'dale who honestly cared about us. I pray
she is in Heaven, and I pray for her family. She deserves much better
than us naughty kids gave her....*

Kelsey - June 27, 2017 at 07:27 PM