



## Denise Sigworth

December 19, 1952 - November 25, 2007

◆ Sigworth, Denise age 54 of Plymouth, Michigan, passed away November 25, 2007 at University Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Beloved wife of John. ◆ Dear mother of ◆ Katelyn R. and Courtney M. Dear daughter of Oliver and Eloise Gephart of Fort Wayne, Ind. Also leaves one sister Diane (Michael) Titus. She was born December 19, 1952, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the daughter of Oliver and Eloise Gephart. Denise graduated from North Side High School. She graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Criminal Justice, and went on to earn her Masters Degree. ◆ Denise and John Sigworth were married on November 3, 1973 in Fort Wayne, and then moved to Plymouth, Michigan. Denise was a teacher at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, instructing in statistics. In 1985 she became Executive Director of Grants and Research, before she moved into the position of Dean of Instruction. She is a member of First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth, as well as professional organizations such as: Michigan Association for Institutional Research, Michigan Community College Association of Development and Research. Denise was awarded the ◆ Presidential Award in 2001, and was a member of the Executive Board of the Michigan Occupational Deans Administrative Council. Visitation will be held Tues. 2-5 and 7-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 West Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 ◆ ◆ 734-459-2250. The body will lie in state Wed 12 noon until 1 PM Funeral Service at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church Street, Plymouth MI. Memorial contributions in memory of Denise

Sigworth may be made to Schoolcraft College Foundation, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia MI 48152 - 734-462-4463. To leave a message of condolence, please click on the Online Condolences link on this page. ♦♦

# Tribute Wall



“ *Denise Sigworth*

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December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Dear John, Katelyn, Courtney and Mr. and Mrs. Gephart  
I have grown up with Denise and attended school with her in Fort Wayne. We have shared a lot of good times. She was so very proud of all of you. I am sorry for your loss. She was a special lady. God be with you all.*

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**Pam Miller Pranger** - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM



“ *To John, Courtney, Katelyn, Bub, Eloise and Diane.  
I just found out about Denise's passing. You all have my deepest sympathy. Denise was my first best friend. We were so close when we were young. We did everything together for many years. I lost touch with her which I regret. We e-mailed for awhile. She sent me pictures of her beautiful daughters. She was so proud of them. I have so many wonderful memories of her. I will miss her. Now she is at peace and without pain. God bless you all.*

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**Karen Hoevel** - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

FS

“ Our deepest sympathies to the family in this most difficult of times. No words can express our sadness, but Denise and all of you are in our prayers. Please embrace and value what she brought to your lives. She was such a special person. I am currently out West preparing for my own treatment, and unable to attend.

*Frank and Sharon Schuch*

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**Frank and Sharon Schuch** - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

BD

“ To Denise's family,

*I am truly sorry to hear about Denise. My sister is Sarah (Dick) Sheets. She grew-up with Denise and Glenda and several other young ladies. I was a little girl, but loved to "hang-out" with the big girls.*

*I just wanted to send a heartfelt blessing to all of you. We all know she is now in the hands of the Lord. Please take this time to let your friends, family, and especially God surround you and love you. I know it is not easy on the ones left behind. But you will meet again someday. Sounds to me like she has left quite an impression on many hearts, so I know her memory will live on.*

*May God's peace and Grace comfort and surround you.*

*Bethany Dick (Fort Wayne)*

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**Bethany Dick** - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

RT

“ WE SEND OUR PRAYERS AND CARING  
TO BUB & ELOISE, YFFLIT, ROD

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**ROD & CAROL THOMAS** - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

MK

“ Dear Family:

Hello:

*I was sorry to read about the death of your loved one. I know how it hurts when a loved one dies, and my heart goes out to you in sympathy.*

*I have been comforted with the Bibles promises of those who are now asleep in death will wake up when God's son, Jesus Christ will use his power in the near future. The scripture at John 5:28, 29 records this promise:*

*“Do not marvel at this because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out.”*

*The Bibles' promise has aided many to cope during these stressful times and to have the confidence in the Bible based hope of a Paradise earth ...where death would be no more.”*

*{Revelation 21:3-5}*

*With much respect,*

*Mrs. N. Kerrigan*

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**Mrs. Norma Kerrigan** - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

RB

“ Was saddened to hear of your loss. Was so impressed at the strength Denise possessed. She didn't seem afraid to drink fully from the cup of life. She was gift to everyone that had a chance to be with her, my deepest condolences to the loss of your wife, your mother, your daughter, your sister, your colleague, your friend.

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**Rochelle Montour Ballard** - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

JA

“ To the Sigworth Family - it was with great sadness that I learned the news of Denise's death. She and I worked together in the institutional research community in Michigan and I admired and liked her very much. Her intelligence and integrity matched her sense of fun. The world is a lesser place for her passing.

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**Jacqueline Andrews** - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

JF

“ Dear Sigworths,  
I am so very sorry! I admired Denise so much... what a woman! I loved her smile, attitude, bravery and intelligence. You are in our prayers for peace and comfort at this time.  
Love, Jennifer, Tom, Spencer and Dylan

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**Jennifer Tobin and family** - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

NC

“ John my deepest sympathy to you and your family. We live in Kentucky now, heard about your loss from Debbie Botts. Many times in the kitchen(across from accounting) we would talk and you would always say the nicest things about the love of your life. She will be truly missed.  
My prayers are with you and your family.

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**Nancy Mares( Collins)** - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

RR

“ John, Katelyn and Courtney  
They teach us in nursing school to not get "too attached" to our patients. However, Denise was more than just a patient. She was so inspiring, gracious, classy, and kind. I felt a special kinship because our daughters were the same ages and their journeys were running parallel. It was profound pleasure to have known her and, tangentially, her daughters. I will cherish those eleven years that I was privileged to be part of her life. My thoughts are with you all. Take care of each other. With great affection.

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**Roxanna Miller, RN** - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

GG

“ John and Family please accept my sincere condolences, God Bless you all.

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**George Garrison** - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

GS

“ Dearest John, Katelyn, Courtney,  
Eloise & Oliver, Diane & Mike,  
My prayer for all...  
Dear God Father and  
Savior Jesus Christ,

Thank You for Denise, Lord, she went home with you on Sunday.  
Please hold her family and friends close to You each day.  
Lord, fill our hearts with Your Peace and Bountiful Love.  
Blessed to spend eternal life with You in Heaven Above.  
May You give us joyful hearts and rest as we pray.  
Thank You God Father, we will all be together some day.  
In Jesus Holy Name. AMEN.  
With Love, Glenda & family

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**Glenda Schaefer Stackhouse** - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

CR

“ *To Denise's Family,  
I just received a call from my friend Connie Shoup and she told me about Denise's passing. We were school friends from Forest Park, Lakeside, and Northside. She was always such a kind and wonderful person! I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God bless you.*

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**Carole (Masloob) Reeves** - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

CC

“ *I was reading this mornings paper and saw Denises obituary. I grew up with Denise. I am truly sorry to hear of your loss...she was a great person. She is now in a SAFE place. God bless you, and keep you strong!*

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**Connie Shoup Cunningham** - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

LB

“ *I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family, John.*

*With condolences,  
Laurel Berger*

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**Laurel Berger** - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

TB

“ To the Sigworth family:  
There are few words that one can say when you lose a precious loved one. So take comfort in these few words: Remember the love that you shared with her when she was in your presence. God has called Denise home to be with Him. She has gone to a better place. She was so blessed to have had Fifty-four years doing his work on earth. Enjoy all of her memories she left with you.  
May God continue to Bless you.  
Sincerely,  
Tina Baker (CLS Social Worker)

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**Tina Baker** - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

PH

“ Your loss as her beloved family could probably be described as "a grief that can't be spoken". Please accept my deepest sympathies. I will miss Denise as a trusted friend and colleague - a wonderful example of faith in action - a woman of love and integrity - a tower of quiet strength and voice of reason and gentle persuasion - one who deeply loved her family. Two thoughts that describe what I think is in store for her are "Go rest high on the mountain, your work on earth is done" from a country song & "Blessed in the sight of the Lord is the death of one of His saints" from the Psalms.

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**Pat Hurick** - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

GP

“ John, Katelyn and Courtney,  
You are in our thoughts and prayers. May you find peace and calm during these difficult times. We are all very blessed having known Denise.

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**Gregg, Julie, Rachel & Kristina Prottengeier** - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

KD

“ Please know our deepest sympathies are with you now. Denise was a remarkable women. May you all find peace.

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**Kenny & Dee Deventer** - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

ED

“ John, Katelyn & Courtney,

*Please know that Denise was a beloved and respected friend, administrator and teacher. My condolences to each of you and your family.*

*Elgene*

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**Elgene Doinidis** - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

LB

“ Dear John, Katelyn, Courtney, and all Denise' family,

*George and I are so sorry to learn of your sad loss. Helen Worthy called to tell us. There are so many of us in a network spun years ago who care for you and pray for the peace of heart and mind that comes with time. With deepest sympathy, Liz and George*

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**Liz and George Bauer** - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

IS

“ In the seven years I've known Denise, I always admired her stength and grace. I wish you peaceful hearts and comforting memories of her.

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**Ione Skaggs** - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

JS

“ To Denise's family,

*My thoughts and prayers are with you. I am one of the Deans that would see Denise 5-6 times each year. She always had a great smile and gave 100% to her work. I just saw her in October, as always when I asked about her health she would just shrug and say she was doing OK. I was always so impressed that she didn't give up and she never stopped caring. My sincere condolences, she will be missed. Judy Stark, Grand Rapids Community College*

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**Judy Stark** - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

PR

“ John, Katelyn, & Courtney,

*From the moment I met Denise, I knew she was a special lady. She was warm, intelligent and as beautiful on the inside as she was on the outside. She will truly be missed!*

*My heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.*

*Pam Reedy*

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**Pam Reedy** - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

PV

“ John, Katelyn & Courtney,

*Please accept my condolences. My prayers and thoughts are with your family.*

*Pat VanDusen*

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**Pat VanDusen** - December 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM