



## Donald Eugene Hensley

July 19, 1953 - September 9, 2015

Hensley, Donald E., September 9, 2015, age 62 of Detroit. Life-long companion of Patricia Dixon for 38 years. Beloved son of the late Jewel and the late Thelma Hensley. Dear brother of Shirley (the late Larry) Anthony, David (the late Meri) Hensley, Karen McKinley, Debbie (David) Young, Dana Hensley (Cheryl Anderson), Johnny (Kathy) Hensley and the late Jerry (Kathleen) Hensley. Loving stepfather of Scott, Joe and Tina. Proud Papa of 17 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. Devoted uncle and great uncle to many. Donald will be missed by his cocker spaniel, Sassy. Visitation Saturday 4-9 PM and Sunday 1-9 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road (between Ford Road & Cherry Hill) Westland. Funeral Service Monday 11 AM at the funeral home. Interment Cadillac Memorial Gardens in Westland. Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Cir, Chicago, IL 60674. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

# Cemetery Details

## Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West

34224 Ford Road  
Westland, MI 48185

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 12. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Westland  
980 North Newburgh Road  
Westland, MI 48185  
(734) 326-1300  
westland@vermeulenfh.com

## Visitation

SEP 13. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Westland  
980 North Newburgh Road  
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## Funeral Service

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SEP **14**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Eugene Hensley*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *HEATHER lit a candle in memory of Donald Eugene Hensley*



**HEATHER** - August 23, 2016 at 01:16 PM



“ *Heather\g lit a candle in memory of Donald Eugene Hensley*



**heather\g** - June 12, 2016 at 04:41 PM



“ *HEATHER sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Eugene Hensley*



**HEATHER** - March 31, 2016 at 11:37 AM

HE

*PAPA, YOU MISSED MY 10TH BIRTHDAY AND IT WAS SAD WITHOUT HEARING YOUR VOICE..I MISS YOU PAPA. LOVE LEE LEE..*

**HEATHER** - March 31, 2016 at 11:38 AM

HE

“ *Heather sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Eugene Hensley*



**heather** - January 09, 2016 at 09:54 AM

HE

“ *Heather lit a candle in memory of Donald Eugene Hensley*



**heather** - January 09, 2016 at 09:52 AM

HE

“ *HEATHER lit a candle in memory of Donald Eugene Hensley*



**HEATHER** - November 26, 2015 at 09:16 AM

HE

“ HEATHER lit a candle in memory of Donald Eugene Hensley



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HEATHER - October 27, 2015 at 11:59 AM

CS

“ I am a Minister of Jehovah's Witnesses my wife and I would like to give you and your family our deepest sympathy for the lost of your loved one. We would like to leave you with these words of encouragement from Gods word the Bible. At Job 14:14 it ask the question, "If a man dies, shall he live again?," The bible makes the promise: Your dead love ones will live...They will rise up. The bible also says, The righteous themselves will possess the earth and they will reside forever upon it. Isaiah 26:19;Psalms 37:29. May you find comfort in these scriptures and in the loving memories of your loved one. If you have any questions or concerns about the lost of your loved one feel free to email us at [ctksdk@yahoo.com](mailto:ctksdk@yahoo.com)  
Sincerely, Carlos & Sandy

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Carlos & Sandy - September 30, 2015 at 08:17 PM

HE

“ HEATHER lit a candle in memory of Donald Eugene Hensley



HEATHER - September 20, 2015 at 07:38 AM

HE

“ HEATHER sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Eugene Hensley



HEATHER - September 18, 2015 at 05:44 AM

HE

“ HEATHER lit a candle in memory of Donald Eugene Hensley



HEATHER - September 17, 2015 at 01:48 PM

HE

“ HEATHER sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Eugene Hensley



HEATHER - September 16, 2015 at 07:18 PM

HE

“ HEATHER lit a candle in memory of Donald Eugene Hensley



HEATHER - September 16, 2015 at 07:18 PM

HE

“ HEATHER sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Eugene Hensley



HEATHER - September 16, 2015 at 10:44 AM

LG

“ LEANNA PAPAS BABY GIRL lit a candle in memory of Donald Eugene Hensley



LEANNA PAPAS BABY GIRL - September 16, 2015 at 06:42 AM

DE

“ DAMON EUGENE lit a candle in memory of Donald Eugene Hensley



DAMON EUGENE - September 16, 2015 at 06:41 AM

KA

“ KAITLYN lit a candle in memory of Donald Eugene Hensley



KAITLYN - September 16, 2015 at 06:41 AM

HE

“ HEATHER... sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Eugene Hensley



HEATHER... - September 15, 2015 at 03:34 PM

HE

“ HEATHER sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Eugene Hensley



HEATHER - September 15, 2015 at 02:06 PM

PG

“ PAPAS GIRL... sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Eugene Hensley



PAPAS GIRL... - September 15, 2015 at 01:39 PM

HE

“ HEATHER sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Eugene Hensley



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HEATHER - September 15, 2015 at 11:59 AM

HE

“ HEATHER lit a candle in memory of Donald Eugene Hensley



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HEATHER - September 15, 2015 at 08:15 AM

HG

“ HEATHER, YOUR GIRL lit a candle in memory of Donald Eugene Hensley



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HEATHER, YOUR GIRL - September 14, 2015 at 04:55 PM

LG

“ LEANNA, YOUR BABY GIRL lit a candle in memory of Donald Eugene Hensley



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LEANNA, YOUR BABY GIRL - September 14, 2015 at 02:11 PM

PG

“ PAPAS GIRL lit a candle in memory of Donald Eugene Hensley



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**PAPAS GIRL** - September 14, 2015 at 12:03 PM

HE

“ HEATHER lit a candle in memory of Donald Eugene Hensley



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**HEATHER** - September 14, 2015 at 09:26 AM

DY

“ Debbie Young lit a candle in memory of Donald Eugene Hensley



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**Debbie Young** - September 11, 2015 at 05:23 AM

DY

*I will love you forever Donnie.*

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**Debbie Young** - September 11, 2015 at 05:25 AM

HE

*PAPA, I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU.. I WILL ALWAYS MISS YOU. YOU WERE MY EVERYTHING PAPA.. I WANT YOU BACK. OH PAPA I KNOW YOU DIDNT WANT TO LEAVE US BEHIND.. I WANT YOU BACK SO BAD.. I WILL KEEP YOU IN MY HEART FOREVER. I KNOW YOU WILL ALWAYS BE WITH ME.. LOVE ALWAYS.. YOUR GIRL. YOUR LOVING GRAND DAUGHTER. HEATHER... RIP PAPA... ILL SEE YOU AGAIN ONE DAY..*

HEAHTER - September 14, 2015 at 09:24 AM

LG

*PAPA DON, I LOVE YOU.. LOVE LEANNA.. PLEASE WATCH OVER ME PAPA... SEE YOU AGAIN ONE DAY... I MISS YOU SO MUCH..*

LEANNA, YOUR BABY GIRL - September 14, 2015 at 02:11 PM

HG

*I MISS YOU LIKE CRAZY PAPA... I DONT KNOW HOW I AM GONNA GO ON WITHOUT YOU.... MY HEART IS CRUSHED, I CAN STILL FEEL YOUR TIGHT HUGS... I CAN HEAR YOUR LAUGH.. SEE YOUR SMILE... YOU WERE SUCH AN AMAZING PAPA.. I LOVE YOU... LOVE , HEATHER...*

HEATHER, YOUR GIRL - September 14, 2015 at 04:54 PM

HE

*GOODMORNING PAPA, I WOKE UP WITH YOU ON MIND TODAY... I MISS YOU.. I LOVE YOU SO MUCH...*

HEATHER - September 15, 2015 at 08:14 AM

HE

*I LOVE YOU.....*

HEATHER - September 15, 2015 at 11:54 AM

HE

*I MISS YOU PAPA...*

HEATHER - September 15, 2015 at 01:15 PM

HE

*WHY DID YOU HAVE TO GO, SO YOUNG I JUST DONT KNOW WHY THINGS HAPPEN HALF THE TIME WITHOUT REASON WITHOUT RHYME.. LOVELY SWEET YOUNG PAPA,,BROTHER, UNCLE AND GRANDMAS EVERYTHING..MAKES NO SENSE TO ME, I JUST HAVE TO BELIEVE YOU FLEW UP TO HEAVEN ON THE WINGS OF ANGELS BY THE CLOUDS AND STARS PASSED WHERE NO ONE SEES AND YOU WALK WITH JESUS AND YOUR LOVED ONES WAITING AND I KNOW YOURE SMILING SAYING DONT WORRY ABOUT ME.. LOVED ONES YOU LEFT BEHIND JUST TRYING TO SURVIVE, AND UNDERSTAND THE WHY FEELING SO LOST INSIDE, ANGER SHOT STRAIGHT AT GOD, THEN ASK HIM FOR HIS LOVE, EMPTY WITH DISBELIEF JUST HOPING THAT MAYBE YOU FLEW UP TO HEAVEN ON THE WINGS OF ANGELS BY THE CLOUDS AND STARS AND PASSED WHERE NO ONE SEES AND YOU WALK WITH JESUS AND YOUR LOVED ONES WAITING AND I KNOW YOURE SMILING SAYING DONT WORRY ABOUT ME... ITS HARD TO SAY GOODBYE YOUR PICTURE IN MY MIND WILL ALWAYS BE OF TIMES ILL CHERISH AND I WONT CRY CAUSE YOU FLEW UP TO HEAVEN ON THE WINGS OF ANGELS BY THE CLOUDS AND STARS PASSED WHERE NO ONE SEES AND YOU WALK WITH JESUS AND YOUR LOVED ONES WAITING AND I KNOW YOURE SMILING SAYING DONT WORRY ABOUT ME.... GOD PAPA I LOVE YOU SO MUCH.. THIS HURTS SO BAD... SAY HELLO TO EVERYONE UP THERE FOR ME.. I LOVE YOU PAPA. LOVE HEATHER*

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**HEATHER** - September 15, 2015 at 02:04 PM

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*GOODNIGHT PAPA... I LOVE YOU....*

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**HEATHER** - September 15, 2015 at 07:12 PM

HE

*GOODMORNING PAPA, KAITLYN , LEANNA , AND DAMON ALL SAY HELLO AND THEY MISS YOU.. SCHOOL IS GREAT OUT HERE IN THE MOUNTAINS THEY LOVE IT... I SLEPT A LITTLE BETTER LAST NIGHT. IT FELT LIKE YOU WERE THERE WITH ME WHICH HELPED ALOT... WE LOVE YOU MORE THAN LIFE ITSELF. I WONDER WHAT YOURE DOING TODAY.. FISHING HUH?? HAHA. I LOVE YOU PAPA..*

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**HEATHER** - September 16, 2015 at 06:38 AM

HE

*I LOVE YOU PAPA...*

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**HEATHER** - September 16, 2015 at 04:42 PM

HE

*GOODNIGHT PAPA.. I LOVE YOU SOOOOO MUCH.. I MISS YOU. I STILL CANT BELIEVE YOURE GONE... ITS HARD. TOO HARD FOR ME....*

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**HEATHER** - September 16, 2015 at 07:17 PM

HE

*GOODMORNING PAPA.. I LOVE YOU. AND I MISS YOU DEARLY... WISH YOU WERE HERE....*

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**HEATHER** - September 17, 2015 at 06:23 AM

HE

*LAST NIGHT I HAD A CRAZY DREAM, A WISH WAS GRANTED JUST FOR ME IT COULD BE ANYTHING, I DIDNT ASK FOR MONEY OR MANSION IN MALIBU, I SIMPLY WISHED FOR ONE MORE DAY WITH YOU. ONE MORE DAY, ONE MORE TIME, ONE MORE SUNSET MAYBE ID BE SATISFIED, BUT THEN AGAIN I KNOW WHAT IT WOULD DO, LEAVE ME WISHING STILL FOR ONE MORE DAY WITH YOU. ONE MORE DAY.. FIRST THING ID DO, IS PRAY FOR TIME TO CRAWL, ID UNPLUG THE TELEPHONE AND KEEP THE TV OFF, ID HOLD YOU EVERY SECOND, SAY A MILLION I LOVE YOU'S... THATS WHAT ID DO WITH MORE DAY WITH YOU.. ONE MORE DAY. ONE MORE TIME.. ONE MORE SUNSET MAYBE ID BE SATISFIED. BUT THEN AGAIN I KNOW WHAT IT WOULD DO. KEEP ME WISHING STILL FOR ONE MORE DAY WITH YOU.. I LOVE YOU PAPA... GOD I MISS YOU.....*

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**HEATHER** - September 17, 2015 at 01:47 PM

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NOW YOU BELONG TO HEAVEN.... MISS YOU VOICE.. MISS YOUR SMILE . EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU WORTH A WHILE, ALWAYS WONDERING WHERE YOU ARE, I HOPE YOURE WITH US NEAR OR FAR.. MANY QUESTIONS ARENT ANSWERED, I GUESS WE WILL NEVER KNOW . BUT NOW YOU BELONG TO HEAVEN, ITS EMPTY WITHOUT YOUR SMILE, THE TRUTH BRINGS US TO TEARS , ALL THE LOVE YOU GAVE US ALL THESE YEARS... ALWAYS SEEING YOU AT NIGHT WHEN I TURN OFF THE LIGHT AND THE WORLD ASLEEP, IN MY HEART YOU'LL ALWAYS STAY, WE WILL NEVER FORGET YOU. YOU WILL NEVER FADE AWAY...ILL ALWAYS REMEMBER ALL THE TIMES WE SHARED TOGETHER , REMEMBER YOUR LAUGHTER FOREVER AND EVER... BUT NOW YOU BELONG TO HEAVEN.. ITS EMPTY HERE WITHOUT YOUR SMILE PAPA.. AND I WONDER WHAT WOULD BE THE FIRST I SAY IF I MEET YOU AGAIN ONE DAY, AND IM HOPING YOU REMEMBER MY NAME IF I SEE YOU AGAIN... IT FEELS SO EMPTY HERE WITHOUT YOUR SMILE...

HEATHER - September 17, 2015 at 02:00 PM

HE

I LOVE YOU PAPA.. GOODNIGHT...

HEATHER - September 17, 2015 at 06:41 PM

HE

I MISS YOU SO MUCH.....

HEATHER - September 18, 2015 at 05:43 AM

HE

I LOVE YOU..... I MISS YOU MORE THAN EVER...

HEATHER - September 20, 2015 at 07:39 AM

HE

PAPA, THIS ISNT FAIR... HOW COULD HE UP THERE THINK HE NEEDED YOU MORE THAN I DID??? I NEEDED YOU.. I STILL DO... :(

HEATHER - September 22, 2015 at 12:04 PM

HE

*I LOVE YOU PAPA.... I MISS YOU MORE AND MORE EACH DAY... I USED TO GET MAD AND PICK AT YOU FOR CALLING ME 6 TIMES A DAY HAHA. NOW I JUST WANT MYPHONE TO RING SO I CAN HEAR YOUR VOICE AGAIN... IMISS YOUR VOICE... I MISS YOU PICKING ON ME... AND JUST CALLING ME TO SAY HELLO AND THAT YOU LOVE ME... I THOUGHT I CRIED ALL THE TEARS I POSSIBLY COULD.. BUT THEY KEEP FALLING. I WANT YOU BACK....*

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**HEATHER** - September 26, 2015 at 07:59 AM

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*I MISS YOU PAPA, EVERYDAY.. MORE AND MORE.... BUT I KNOW YOU'RE RESTING. IN PEACE..AWAY FROM THIS CRAZY WORLD... NO MORE PAIN... NO MORE TEARS.... RIP.. PAPA.. I CANT WAIT TO HOLD YOU AGAIN ONE DAY... ILL SEE YOU AGAIN.... I LOVE YOU..*

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**PAPAS GIRL** - October 01, 2015 at 08:29 AM

HE

*I STILL CRY..  
I CRIED WHEN YOU PASSED AWAY,  
I STILL CRY TODAY,  
ALTHOUGH I LOVED YOU DEARLY,  
I COULDN'T MAKE YOU STAY,  
YOUR GOLDEN HEART STOPPED BEATING,  
WE LAID YOU DOWN TO REST,  
GOD BROKE MY HEART TO PROVE,  
THAT HE ONLY TAKES THE BEST....*

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**HEATHER** - October 06, 2015 at 10:00 AM

HE

*YOU NEVER SAID GOODBYE PAPA...  
YOU NEVER SAID I'M LEAVING,  
YOU NEVER SAID GOODBYE,  
YOU WERE GONE BEFORE I KNEW IT,  
AND ONLY GOD KNEW WHY. A MILLION TIMES I NEEDED YOU,  
A MILLION TIMES I CRIED,  
IF LOVE ALONE COULD HAVE SAVED YOU, YOU NEVER WOULD  
HAVE DIED.  
IN LIFE I LOVED YOU DEARLY,  
IN DEATH I LOVE YOU STILL.  
IN MY HEART YOU HOLD A PLACE,  
THAT NO ONE COULD EVER FILL.  
IT BROKE MY HEART TO LOSE YOU,  
BUT YOU DIDN'T GO ALONE.  
FOR PART OF ME WENT WITH YOU,  
THE DAY GOD TOOK YOU HOME..*

*I LOVE YOU PAPA....*

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**HEATHER** - October 12, 2015 at 11:07 AM

HE

*PAPA.. LAST NIGHT I DREAMED THAT YOU CAME TO ME AND  
HELD ME AND I CRIED AND CRIED AS YOU JUST HELD ME  
TIGHT.... IT FELT SO REAL... THANK YOU FOR COMING TO ME  
PAPA. I LOVE YOU SO MUCH AND I MISS YOU MORE AND MORE  
EACH DAY... ITS REALLY HARD WITHOUT YOU PAPA... I STILL  
CANT DELETE YOUR NUMBER FROM MY PHONE... I DO NOT  
KNOW HOW TO LET GO... YOU WERE SPECIAL TO ME.. NOT  
ONLY WERE YOU MY PAPA .. BUT YOU WERE MY FATHER TOO...  
ALL IVE EVER HAD... I LOVE YOU PAPA SO MUCH... PLEASE GIVE  
ME THE STRENGTH TO GET THRU THIS... SAY HELLO TO  
EVERYONE UP THERE FOR ME....*

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**HEATHER** - October 21, 2015 at 11:46 AM

HE

*MISSING YOU.....*

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**HEATHER** - October 27, 2015 at 11:58 AM

HG

*HAPPY THANKSGIVING PAPA... I LOVE YOU. AND I MISS YOU MORE THAN EVER... I MISS YOU MORE AND MORE EACH DAY YOU ARE GONE... I CANT BELIEVE YOU HAVE BEEN GONE FOR ALMOST 3 MONTHS ALREADY...:( ILL SEE YOU AGAIN ONE DAY PAPA. BUT UNTIL THEN IN MY HEART IS WHERE YOU STAY. FOREVER....*

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**HEATHER, YOUR GIRL** - November 26, 2015 at 09:18 AM

HE

*I LOVE YOU...*

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**heather** - January 09, 2016 at 09:53 AM

HE

*GRANDPA'S GONE TO HEAVEN...*

*ONE QUIET DAY THE ANGELS CAME AND TOOK GRANDPA AWAY BUT IN THE STILLNESS OF THE NIGHT I COULD ALMOST HEAR HIM SAY..*

*DEAR HEATHER, I WILL MISS YOU. YOU MEAN SO MUCH TO ME BABY GIRL BUT JESUS CALLED ME TO HIS SIDE IN HEAVEN I WILL BE NOW....*

*A PLACE OF GOD'S GREAT BEAUTY NO TEARS OR EARTHLY CARES, ONLY PEACE AND JOY FOREVER. AND LOVE BEYOND COMPARE.*

*SO REMEMBER ALL THE GOOD TIMES, DO NOT THINK ABOUT THE SAD, TREASURE ALL THE SPECIAL MOMENTS THROUGH THE YEARS WE HAVE ALWAYS HAD...*

*AND IF YOU TRUST IN JESUS I CAN PROMISE YOU THIS AND MORE YOU WILL GET A HUG FROM PAPA SOMEDAY ON HEAVENS GOLDEN SHORE...*

*PAPA... YOU ARE MISSED MORE AND MORE EACH DAY. MY HEART IS CRUSHED. I STILL CANT GRASP THE FACT THAT YOU ARE NEVER COMING BACK... I WILL SEE YOU AGAIN ONE DAY.. I LOVE YOU PAPA.... XOXOXOXOXOXO , LOVE , HEATHER...*

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**HEATHER** - March 31, 2016 at 11:35 AM

HE

*THINKING OF YOU... I LOVE YOU PAPA*

heather - June 12, 2016 at 04:43 PM

HE

*I LOVE YOU PAPA. MISSING YOU LIKE CRAZY... WISH YOU WERE HERE....*

HEATHER - August 23, 2016 at 01:19 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Don



Jeanette Dunn - September 10, 2015 at 02:18 PM

HE

*REALLY NICE PIC....*

HEATHER - September 22, 2015 at 12:06 PM