



Krystal K. Heitman

July 18, 2006

Heitman, Krystal K. age 43 of Plymouth, died July 18, 2006 after a valiant five year struggle against breast cancer. Beloved wife of Gary. Loving mother of Ashley and Derek. Dear daughter of Lois and the late Harlow Munn. Dear sister of Cheri (Tom) Hammond, and Kellay (Tyler) Fall.

Funeral Friday 11 AM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Visitation Wednesday 5-9 and Thursday 1-9 PM. Interment United Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 4100 John R, Detroit MI 48201. To leave a message of condolence, click on the Online Condolences link on this page.

Tribute Wall



“ *Krystal K. Heitman*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Gary,Ashley and Derek. You all are in my prayers at this time. I am truly sorry that Krystal lost her battle with cancer. The family is in my prayers. John 5:28,29/ Rev 21:3,4.*

DJ - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM



“ *Gary,
I was shocked to receive the word when I returned from vacation.
My prayers are with you and your family. I'll always remember how great Krystal was. Keep the faith!!*

Stefanie

Stefanie Lewis - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM



“ *I knew Krystal when she was at WDMO (Export}. She was a beautiful lady and I will always remember her amazing smile and gentle personality.*

Tariq Ahmad - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

CB

“ Dear Gary, Ashley, Derek and Lois,

We were out of town and just today (7/24) learned of Krystal's death. I was so shocked because I just ran into Krystal and Ashley last month at the Dollar Store. Krystal looked great; I had no idea that she was sick. We talked about Greenhills and Gabriel Richard (where Rachel is going to be going in the fall) and some memories from the past events of school.

I just read all of the entries above in this Obituary section and what struck me is the "class" Krystal always had - the newspaper article also called it "grace." I always admired her calmness and the way she handled everything with such grace and calmness.

I remember when she participated in the Cancer Walkathon. She was such a fantastic volunteer at the schools for Ashley and Derek. I remember us talking when Ashley and Rachel played soccer together about her decision to take a leave of absence from Ford to be a full-time mom. We still use the great root-beer float glasses she gave Don after he coached Ashley.

We will be in touch after things calm down. I see that it has only been one week. Krystal is in Heaven in the place for the best of the best. We send you our love.

Cindy, Don, Austin and Rachel

Cindy Blanchard-Kronig - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

AF

“ Gary and family,

My favorite memory of Krystal is during the 2003 Munn Family Reunion when talking with her where her smile was as bright, cheerful, and reassuring as the Harlow Munn clan tie-dyed shirt she was wearing. That smile from a person stricken with such trials and difficulties only makes mine trivial.

A person of such love, caring, and nature can only reside in a Heaven where she is loved, cared for, and nurtured and is at peace.

*Our hearts are with you and your children.
Adam, Jamie, Katelyn, and Brandon Munn*

Adam Munn Family - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

CP

“ Dear Gary,

I can't tell you how shocked and sorrowed I was when I got home today and read Becky's email about Krystal. Damned if it doesn't always hit the kindest, sweetest, most generous people we know. I will always remember Krystal as one of the very best acquaintances from my days at Ford. She was too young and too "undeserving" to be taken by such a vicious disease. You and your kids were so fortunate to have had such a beautiful person as your wife and mother. My deep condolences. Be strong. God be with you and your kids.

Chuck & Cosi

Chuck Plets - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

RM

“ Gary, Ashley & Derek,
Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you as you pass through this difficult time in your lives. There will be light again as Krystal shines it down upon you from where she is now, eternally without pain and struggle. God bless you all.

Rich, Linda, Duncan, Griffin & Dane Miler - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

ES

“ Our most heartfelt sympathy goes out to you Ashley, Derek, & Gary.
You are in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, The Salehi Family

Erica, Natalie & June Salehi - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

SJ

“ So sorry.

Stephenie Jakubowski - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

RM

“ To: Gary Heitman and Family

This message comes with a prayer that God will gracious and merciful unto you. I pray that the memories of all the good times will prevail and the memories of Christal's suffering will fade with time. I remember her beautiful smile and cheerful spirit when I first met her and found out that she was Gary's wife. She had good jokes. She was such a delightful person to be around. May God bless and keep all of you and see you through this time of sorrow and allow your hearts to mend. Please read Ecc. 3rd Chapter and let that be my prayer for you. God's blessings.

Robbie McCray - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

JS

“ Gary, Ashley, Derek,

We miss the time we used to spend together. Krystal was such a special person. What a great Mother. Everyone who ever met her will miss her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jeff, Karen, Martin, George, Steven

Jeff Sisolak - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

DG

“ Dear Gary, when I heard the news I was shocked. Immediately, visions of you and your wife's smiling face. She radiated whatever space she occupied. This is for certain. It is also certain that though we see through a glass darkly now, that we will clearly see when the Lord brings all of His children together again. There are no words for loss Gary, only an extended heart that in like sorrow, can share your sorrow. We are all in this thing called 'life' together. The prayer of my heart is that the Lord will give you an extra measure of grace to help sustain you and your family in a supernatural way so that you may be able to bear this. Even Jesus cried and was full of sorrow when his friend Lazarus died. But that wasn't the end, because Jesus wanted all to know that He and only He has the power over death because the word says that He called Lazarus out from his tomb to show that He IS the resurrection, and the life. We too shall all travel that road, but we are never alone because the scripture says that "I will never leave you, nor forsake you...And lo, I am with you always...even to the end of the world". Just keep trusting as you have been all along and lean not unto your own understanding, but in all your ways acknowledge Him (The Lord), and He will direct your path. This is a promise from the giver of life! God richly bless your family and may your wife's passing be a testimony to all who knew her of the grace of God at work in the life of one of his children. In sincerest love, Dave G.

Dave Gerhardt - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

AF

“ Gary, Ashley & Derek, my heart aches for your loss. Take care of each other and know with certainty that she is with you...

Allie Farmer - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

NM

“ It is with a heavy heart that I send you my sincere condolence on the loss of your wife. May God give you strength to weather this loss.

Nancy McArthey - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

BP

“ Gary and Family - It is at the most difficult times we look to God for answers, we only know that God promises us a life in eternity where cancer does not exist. I pray that God give you, Ashely, Derek and all who loved Krystal strength and peace that she is no longer suffering. My thoughts are with you.

Becky Petrie - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

JS

“ Gary, Darkness upon darkness. Sorrow upon sorrow. Pain upon pain. Anguish upon anguish. That's death. . . Yet in that valley, under that shadow, we can say to the Lord, "I will fear no evil; for You are with me" (Psalm 23:4). The Lord's loving arms never let us go. The Lord is always with us... The entire Heitman family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Jim and Charlene Sliva - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

LS

“ Gary,
My sincerest condolences to you and your family on this loss.

Lisa Stobierski - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

JO

“ Gary,

Although I am unable to make it to the viewing, please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. I look forward to getting together with you soon.

*My sincerest regards and condolences,
Jeff Ostrowski*

Jeff Ostrowski - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

DS

“ Gary,

Our prayers are with you and your family.

During our time of sorrow, it is often difficult to see God's plan. A priest in Dublin, Fr Jack McArdle explains the difference between this life and the next life this. At the bottom of the pond little grubs were crawling around. They wonder what happens to their members who climb up the stem of the lily and never come back. ?I wonder what its like up there.? They agree among themselves that the next one who is called to the surface will come back. The next little grub that finds itself drawn to the surface by nature crawls up the stem and out on the surface on the lily leaf. It was really bright up there. It had been so dark and murky down below. They won?t believe this. Suddenly something begins to happen. The grub begins to open out. The grub spreads out two huge beautiful colored wings and becomes a beautiful dragonfly. It never imagines that this could have happened. It thought it would remain a grub forever. It flew back and forth across the pond. It could see the other grubs in the pond below but they couldn?t see it. It realized there was no way it could get back and that they could not recognize such a beautiful creature as ever having been one of them.

Krystal has gone before us to a better place, where she is praying and watching over you and your family. May God Bless you during your time of sorrow.

Darren Shelcusky - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

CN

“ Gary, Derek, and Ashley, our thoughts and prayers are with you always.

Claudio, Margareth and Daniel Nascimento - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

JW

“ Gary, Ashley and Derek,

As always, you have been in our thoughts and prayers. May the love of your family and friends give you strength.

John & Pearl

John & Pearl White - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

HB

“ Gary, I am so sorry to hear that Krystal lost her battle with cancer. She was a wonderful person and I enjoyed working with her at the RenCen. She will be missed by everyone who had any contact with her. God Bless and may her wonderful memories give you peace.

Helen Bonczyk - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

MD

“ Gary, My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. I remember so well her cheery smile. God bless you all. Mike

Mike Davy - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

SS

“ The Heitman Family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this trying time. May time ease your grief and loving memories comfort you in the future.

Sue Soloway - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

AS

“ Gary, Ashley and Derek,
Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.

Anne Marie Miruzzi and Larry A Mills Sr. - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

TF

“ Dear Gary, Ashley & Derek:

My heart is with you during this sad time. I can only imagine the pain you must be feeling. My mother, Julie Foley, used to babysit Derek at our home when he was little. Little Hades is not forgotten...and neither will his mother be. Should you need anything please don't hesitate to contact us.

Tina Foley & family - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

JC

“ Gary and the rest of your family. Please know I have you in my prayers, and even though you are now hurting so much, take comfort in your memories and wrap those around you who love you.

Julie Czygan - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

NK

“ Gary, I was quite saddened to learn of your loss. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Nancy Kosro - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

CS

“ We are so saddened to hear that Krystal lost her battle after such a strong fight. We will always remember her for her warmth and the open friendship she gave us.

Please accept our sincere condolences.

You and the children are in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

Colin & Diane SHURY

Colin and Diane Shury - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

KC

“ Gary,
I am deeply saddened by the loss of your wonderful wife. My prayers are with you that, in time, you will find comfort in your memories. God bless you and your children.

Kathy Cardy - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

KA

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. We pray for your strength and courage as you move forward.*

Karen, Tim and Annie - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

DE

“ *Having been retired nine years, it's been a while since I've seen you or Krystal but I have very fond memories of knowing you both. Please know my heart goes out to you and your family. What a beautiful picture of Krystal. I pray God will comfort you greatly. Don Elkins*

Don Elkins - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

GN

“ Gary, I'm so sorry to here of Krystal's passing. I can truly say that she was the most careing, sweet, and brightest person I ever had the opportunity to work with. I feel that it was an honor to have known her. my prayer are with you

Gordon Nunlee

Gordon Nunlee - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

DM

“ Gary, I'm so sorry for your loss. Krystal was a wonderful person with a great personality. I'm sure she was a loving mother and wife.

Dave French Gladstone, Mi. - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

KB

“ Gary, My thoughts and prayers are with you, Derek and Ashley. It is such a loss. She will always live in your hearts.

Kathy Burgess - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

MH

“ I pray for Krystal, she was a great dedicated person. I also pray for you, Gary, and your family, that you remain strong through this difficult time. The Lord never gives us more that we can handle and he doesn't expect us to do all by ourselves. He is always there to support us.

Mark Hill - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

JA

“ Dear Gary, Ashley, Derek and Lois,
We are saddened beyond measure by your loss. May your find strength and comfort from each other and your memories in the days to come.

Janet Armour and Lois's work family

Janet Armour - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

LP

“ Garry,I was a good freind of Your wife. My sincere sympathy to you and the children. May God see you through this.

Larry Potok - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

AG

“ Gary,

We are very sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you and family. You have been a good friend forever and if I can do anything -- let me know.

love you man --- god bless

Aaron & Pat Giles - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

BT

“ You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. As you said she is in a better place, and always in your hearts.

Bill & Michele Traster - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

HM

“ Gary,
We are so very sorry to hear about Chrystal. She was such a sweet and loving person. We will all miss her. May God's Blessings be with you and your family. E-mail me if you can and let me know how you are doing.
Harry & Dianne

Harry & Dianne Miller - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

DD

“ Gary, Ashley and Derek,

We haven't talked in awhile but we have kept you in our prayers from afar. Words can't console now, but we will pray for peace and strength as you carry this cross. If there is anything we can do, ANYTHING, please do not hesitate to contact us. May God Bless you and keep you in His care during this most difficult of times.

*Warmly,
Dario, Karen, Kristin and Dustin DiNicola*

Dario, Karen, Kristin and Dustin DiNicola - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

DJ

“ Gary,
This really hurts!

You and the kids are in our prayers. We will see you tomorrow.

Dale and Joann - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

LZ

“ Gary & Family - Words cannot express my sadness for you and your family. I got to know Krystal when we did the dealer show in San Diego many years ago. What a lady! Smart, articulate, fun and funny. I thought she had won this battle - I know she gave it her best fight. My heart goes out to you and your children. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you in the coming days.

Linda Zaber - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

VS

“ Gary,

I was very saddened to hear this news. I know this is and will be a difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your children.

Vijay Sankaran - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

DD

“ Heitman Family,
I have prayed for strength for you during this difficult time.

Dan Draghiceanu - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

KS

“ Dear Gary, Ashley & Derek,
we want you to know you are in our thoughts and prayers and we will always remember Krystal because she had touched all our lives and she will be truly missed by the Short family.

*our love to you
Ken & Sherry*

Ken & Sherry Short - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

BW

“ Gary, my thoughts are with you at this time of sadness for the family.

Bob Wiles - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

HH

“ Gary & Family,

I am sorry for your loss. I pray that God will give you all the strength and hope to carry on.

God Bless you all.

Hazel Hopkins - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

MF

“ Gary - I am so sorry for your loss. Like you said, Krystal will be watching us all from a better place where cancer does not exist. Terry's and my prayers are with you and your family.

Mike and Terry Ford - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

KE

“ Gary,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
With Deepest Sympathy,
Kathy

Kathy Eritano - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

JE

“ Getting to know Krystal during the Avon 3-day walk was an added blessing to that experience. My wonderful memories of her will eventually wipe away the tears from my eyes and replace them with a smile in my heart. My deepest sympathy for your great loss. Hope you can find some comfort in your faith, knowing she has found peace. Hugs to all of you, Jane

Jane Eisner - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

DT

“ Dear Gary,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
With Deepest Sympathy,
Donald

Donald Tauro - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

GE

“ Gary you and your family are in my prayers. My deepest sympathy for you and your children.

Gail Echols - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

GM

“ Gary, Ashley, Derek -- you and the entire family are in my prayers.

Gwen Moore - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

CA

“ Dear Gary,
My heartfelt sympathy for you and your family. The pain I feel in my heart for your loss is great. I pray for Krystal's rest and peace, and calm for you.
Most Sincerely.....Caroline Alexander

Caroline Alexander - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

CB

“*Krystal lit up my life with her wonderful smile and her generous and thoughtful nature. I have enjoyed being her gardening friend, and her walking buddy, and her carpooling pal, and her "kid consult" for these many years and there is a huge hole in my heart. A day without Krystal in my life? I am at a loss for words to describe the ache I will carry with me forever. A piece of Krystal will be with me forever more.*

Gary, Derek and Ashley, you meant the world to her. My love goes to all of you.

Cheryl Bord - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

RS

“*Gary, I am so sorry to hear of Krystal's passing. How fortunate we have all been to have known her in our lives. I'll never forget how she lights the room with her smile and her gentle, yet determined graces; what a presence she has been in the things we've done at Ford. What a fighter and a champ!! I know she's also a great wife and mom. I can only imagine the depth of your loss. We're all touched by Krystal forever and so much the better for it.*

Please accept my deepest sympathy and my best wishes for you and the kids.

Ron

Ron Simpson - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

DJ

“*Gary, my thoughts and prayers are with you, Derek, Ashley, and Krystal's mom during this difficult time.*

Debbie Jones - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

LH

“ Dear Gary and Family--I was so saddened to learn of the loss of Krystal. She was a beautiful lady who gave so much of herself and for those who were fortunate enough to have known her, they are truly blessed. My thoughts and prayers are with Krystal's entire family during this difficult time.

Lisa Howard - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

RC

“ Gary~
We are so sorry for your tremendous and unimaginable loss. Know that you and your family are in our prayers and thoughts. May the light of the Spirit be with you at this time and know that your family is loved. Here and above.
Rachael and Norm

Rachael Hughes and Norman Cormier - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

KP

“ Dear Gary,
I was so sorry to hear about the loss of your wife. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
With deepest sympathy,
Kathy Pickens

Kathy Pickens - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

TS

“ Gary, Ashley and Derek,
Our prayers and thoughts have been and are with you now. "May God Bless" each of you. It was our great privilege and honor to have known Krystal.
Love,
Tom and Bonnie Shaughnessy

Tom & Bonnie Shaughnessy - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

FS

“ Gary, my thoughts and prayers are with you & the kids. Krystal was one of the most courageous women I have known. She is at peace now!

Fran Spraez - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

CB

“ Gary, My prayers are with you and the family. There are no words right now, but I promise from experience, the sun will shine again one day. Just know that she really is pain free and at peace, looking down on her beautiful family!

Cindy Bailey - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

TM

“ Gary,

I was so sorry to hear the news. You and your family will be in my prayers. Love ya, Guy!

Tessie Miller - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

KK

“ Krystal was a gem of a lady - compassionate, loving and mentally very strong! I had the opportunity to work with her for a couple of years in Ford (WDMO). After that I used to meet her of-and-on in Dearborn Heights Montessori Center. She did a lot voluntary service in that school. I can never forget her ever-smiling face. May her soul rest in peace!

Krishanu Kaushik - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM

TH

“ I am so deelpy saddened by this news. I met Krystal 20 years ago. I look back fondly at those early Ford years. I have always admired her intelligence and determination. It was an honor to have known her.

Trisha Habucke - December 12, 2014 at 10:34 AM