



Theresa "Terri" L. Richards (nee: Benedum)

January 20, 1960 - November 2, 2022

Theresa "Terri" L. Richards, 62, (Benedum) of Concord, passed away after a lingering illness on November 2, 2022. She was born January 20, 1960, in Cleveland. Terri lived all her life in Lake County and was a true humanitarian.

Terri loved helping people, and her job at Lake County Job and Family Services was the perfect place for her to achieve her goals. After retiring from LCJFS, Terri continued in another service industry as a make-up artist until her illness made it necessary to retire again. Lastly, Terri contributed to the community by using her time and money to give food to the homeless of Lake County. She enjoyed celebrating life with her many friends and was a longtime supporter of the area's live music scene.

Survivors include her mother, Lundi (Benedum) Walser; aunts, Gwen Morse of Az., and Merrily (Michael) Edgecombe; uncle, Daniel Davis; cousins, April (Gary) Stroberg, Tiffany Stickle, Chris (Ann) Davis, Melanie Davis, Jason (Gabby) Benedum, Jessica (Anthony) Harper, of Pa., Zachary (Amy) Benedum, Sarah Benedum, Cheryl Loomis of In., Glenn Simmons of Az., Bill Simmons of Az., Doug Simmons of Az., Renee (Ray) Patterson of NC., Diane (Mark) Hunt of Az., Zane (Mikie) Simmons of Az., Nick Stroberg, Alayna Stroberg, Sydney Forristal Dale Harper, Joshua Harper, Jeremy Harper, Gracie Benedum, Wyatt Benedum, and many cousins she had yet to meet in Az.

Terri always made time to keep in touch with her family and remained good friends with her ex-husband Jim Richards. Life will be different for us all, but her bright light will shine when we remember her gentle caring nature. God blessed Terri in many ways.

Preceding Terri in death are her aunts, Diane (Benedum) Davis and Janet (Hackley). Benedum; uncle, Rodger Benedum; grandparents, Glen and Janet L. Benedum and cousin, Aaron Benedum.

The family will receive friends from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., Saturday, November 19, 2022, at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. A funeral service to conclude the gathering will begin at 6:00 p.m.

In honor of Terri, memorial contributions may be made to Project Hope for the Homeless, The Ecumenical Shelter Network of Lake County, Inc., PO Box 2035, Painesville, OH, 44077 or Foster Parents Association of Lake County, c/o Job & Family Services, 177 Main St. Painesville. OH, 44077, or Sub Zero Mission, PO box 532, Perry, Ohio 44081.

Send flowers and offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **19**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

DF

“ Teri was a beautiful woman, as I knew her. I worked along side her for the (now defunct) Lake County Employment and Training Administration. I inadvertently came across her obituary today (6-7-2023), when I was searching for something else. I am saddened by her death at a relatively young age. Bless her soul. Daniel Fried

Daniel Fried - June 07, 2023 at 12:23 AM

PP

“ So tell me...how many of you did a “pinkie swear” with Terri???

Patricia Price - November 19, 2022 at 09:38 PM

JH

“ Terri used to call me the "Little Fish Wife" because of how I used to watch over my brothers Jason, Aaron and Zachary and then eventually our sister Sarah, from a young age I learned not trust the adults in our life with the care of my siblings. At 17 years old Terri taught me something I thought I would only ever have with my siblings, trust and therefore hope. To five feral kids from Fern Drive Terri, you were hope and for that my beautiful cousin, my big sister, I will be forever eternally grateful. RIP

Jessica Harper - November 18, 2022 at 03:29 PM

JS

“ Jessica, Anthony Harper & Sons purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Theresa "Terri" L. Richards (nee: Benedum).



Jessica, Anthony Harper & Sons - November 18, 2022 at 12:05 PM

Jl

“ Terri was one of a kind...I met her when she was tending bar at the Touch of Country where I stopped almost every night. She was a firecracker and actually for many weeks, the only thing I said to her was "PBR, no glass..."

Then one evening I saw she had college textbooks behind the bar and I asked her about them....She replied she was going to Lakeland and she wanted to be a social worker. That was the beginning of a wild roller coaster ride that went on for 40 plus years.... She fulfilled her dream and more...she truly cared about and helped many people during her career.

Terri's passing is a tremendous loss for all of us....rest in peace, Terri.

JIM - November 15, 2022 at 01:07 PM

JH

Every single time I talked to my cousin she spoke of you Jim; you were her dearest friend and one true love.

Jessica Harper - November 18, 2022 at 06:40 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Theresa "Terri" L. Richards (nee: Benedum).



November 15, 2022 at 12:56 PM

TR

“ *Tiff and Ryan purchased the Simply Elegant Spat
hiphyllum for the family of Theresa "Terri" L.
Richards (nee: Benedum).*



Tiff and Ryan - November 15, 2022 at 10:48 AM