



Cynthia Ann Thurston

October 26, 1951 - October 11, 2018

Cynthia Ann Thurston, age 66, of Cedarville, Michigan, died October 11, 2018, at her home. She was born October 26, 1951, in Lansing, Michigan, to Paul Albert Prentler and Nona Marie (Childs) Prentler.

Cynthia grew up in Lansing where she graduated from O'Rafferty High School with the class of 1969. She attended Lansing Community College where she earned her Associate Degree. Cynthia worked at General Motors as a drafter before starting her family and raising three children. After fourteen years at home, she went back to college and earned a Bachelor Degree in Engineering from Michigan Technological University in 1997. She worked as a design release engineer for 24 years at General Motors before retiring in 2014. During her retirement, she and her partner since 2007, George "Jake" Markey, remodeled their summer home in Cedarville and lived in Arizona during the winter.

Cynthia won the Boss Kettering Award for Engineering Accomplishment and holds a patent for hybrid engine design. She enjoyed gardening, home renovation, stained glass, sewing, woodworking, and taking care of family and friends.

Cynthia is survived by her best friend and partner, George "Jake" Markey of Cedarville; her children, Derek (Kimberly) Thurston of Scottsdale, Arizona,

Greg (Shelley) Thurston of Plymouth, Michigan, and Julie Thurston of New York, New York; two grandchildren, Braden and Connor Thurston; siblings, Dave (Blanca) Prentler of Branson, Missouri, Karen Stein of Dimondale, Michigan, Tom (Cindy) Prentler of Jenison, Michigan, and Chris (Wayne) Loszewski of Holt, Michigan.

Cynthia was preceded in death by her parents.

A Memorial Gathering is being planned for the Summer of 2019 in Cedarville.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research (<https://www.lustgarten.org/donate/>)

R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Michigan is serving the family.
Condolences may be sent to the family at www.rgalerfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Cynthia Ann Thurston

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ Cynthia Ann Thurston

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ Cynthia Ann Thurston

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ I think the last two times that I saw Cindy were at our 30th class reunion in Eaton Rapids and then again at her father's funeral a few years ago. It did not surprise me that Cindy became a drafts-person and an engineer (we were in the same drafting class at O'Rafferty). She had a lot of drive and a great personality. I seem to remember meeting Julie at her grandfather's funeral, and my deepest condolences go out to her and the rest of the family. I did not know Cindy had passed until this morning, when Bev (Bennett) Fink approached me after Mass and asked if I had received the news. The last time I saw her, she was so vibrant. Hard to believe she is gone at such a young age.

Steve Martin - December 16, 2018 at 02:19 PM

GK

“ Cindy was one of my designers at Oldsmobile/GM in Lansing & Warren. She was a good designer and a dedicated employee. I was thankful to work with her. So sad to hear of her passing. Condolences to her family.

Gene Klco - October 25, 2018 at 11:29 AM

JP

“ Prayers and condolences to Cynthia's family. I went to grade and high school with her and she always sat behind alphabetically.



Joseph Pratt - October 24, 2018 at 06:13 PM

PH

“ I was so sorry to hear this news.. I never knew Cindy lived so close to me or I would have reached out to her. I live in St.Ignace and Cindy and I were classmates so long ago. I have fond memories of her, Kaye, Linda Olger who has also passed and I all walking home from O'rafferty and all the euchre games we played before school started and during lunch hour... We were a tight knit group and even worked the same job for awhile. So sad to lose another one of our group... Prayers for her children and brothers and sisters.

Patricia E Hankamp - October 24, 2018 at 01:32 PM

JM

“ Happy memories of Cindi when she lived in DeWitt and we attended the same church. Such a friendly and pleasant lady. Too young to die. Hugs and prayers to the family.
Jim and Marge McGovney

Jim and Marge McGovney - October 15, 2018 at 10:48 AM