



Darla Jean Inman

January 10, 1948 - January 20, 2020

Darla Jean Inman passed away peacefully at Suncoast Hospice Care Center in Palm Harbor, Florida on January 20, 2020 at the age of 72. She was born Darla Jean DeWitt on January 10 at New Grace Hospital in Detroit, Michigan to parents Jesse and Annamary (Horner) DeWitt.

Darla attended elementary school in Oak Park, MI until the family moved to Royal Oak, MI. Darla graduated from Royal Oak Kimball in 1966. She participated in choir, synchronized swimming and swimming. She was involved in the United Methodist Church and worked at the local YMCA as a lifeguard. After high school, Darla attended Central Michigan University where she earned her degree in Physical Education and Health. While at CMU, she met and married Bill Inman in 1969. She worked at Stan's Restaurant in Mt. Pleasant as a waitress until her graduation in 1970. She started her teaching career with Alma Public School System as an elementary physical education teacher. In 1972, she moved to Lupton, MI where Bill had gotten a teaching position. Darla began a brief period as a stay at home mom to their two daughters, Deana and Deborah. Darla taught preschool in Rose City. She then subbed for the West Branch-Rose City Area Schools until she was hired full time by Rose City Schools. She later transferred to Ogemaw Heights High School where she taught PE and health. She coached varsity girls basketball for many years. During this time, she developed lifelong friendships with her co-workers and students. Darla retired in 2008. The

couple moved to Paradise, MI where they had a summer home and began wintering in St. Pete Beach, Florida.

Darla enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, traveling and camping, watching/attending sporting events and being near any beach or body of water. She loved traveling with her husband, friends and especially taking her grandchildren on special trips.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Bill Inman; her daughters Deana (Dan) Anderson of Norway, MI and Debbie (Aaron) Staup of White Lake, MI; grandchildren Danae and Drew Anderson and Addison and Aidan Staup; sister Donna Wegryn; sister-in-law Rose Ann (Larry) Pawlus; nephews Ed (Helena) Wegryn, Dave (Cindy) Wegryn, and Eric Pawlus; niece Nancy (Rob) Ketola; mother-in-law Sophie Inman; and 7 special great-nephews and nieces.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are being handled by Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Memorial donations can be made to Cure JM in Darla's honor, a nonprofit extremely close to her heart.

Tribute Wall



“ *Darla Jean Inman*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Darla Jean Inman*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Darla Jean Inman*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *This is not a story I tell many, but when I attended Ogemaw Heights high school I was homeless and lived in a tent alone. Mrs. Inman was the only one that was aware. She would pick me up in town early so I could take a shower before school. She truly cared, and was my only person to talk too. Everyone of my friends never knew, and she kept all my secrets. I guess looking at me you would never know I was homeless. She has always been on my mind and in my heart. I know as a teacher she was suppose to report things, but she didn't add to my stress. I was making it fine. In the winter she always had hot chocolate for me and gave me a really warm sleeping bag. She was my life savior when times were really tough. I don't know if I could have made it without her.*

Student that made it!!!! - February 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ Bill and family : So very sorry to hear about Darla's passing . My wife and I have made several trips into the UP to try to locate you and Darla . Roni suggested trying facebook this morning and they led me here . Please let us know if you are going to have a service in Michigan and the details . We certainly had some great times at CMU !! Would love to see you again Bill !!

Robert Vanitvelt - February 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Darla. Memories are a true gift from God and I (JoAnn) have many very good memories with the Darla and the whole family. Our families had many great times together. Our sympathy and condolences are with all of you. May God Bless. JoAnn and Jon Midbo

Jon & JoAnn Midbo - February 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ It is with much shock and regret that I learner of the passing of Darla. My mind will always remember the fun times. With sympathy and condolences. Dick

Richard T Markham - February 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Sincerely sorry to hear of Darla's passing! One of the finest ladies I have ever met! Her kindness and laughter will be remembered! Hugs to her family!

Jean Rohr - February 05, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Mr. Inman, I'm so sorry to hear of your wife's passing. I remember both of you still very vividly from middle and high school. I remember Mrs. Inman and I walking around that track over and over and over again, brings a smile to my face. I hope her memories bring comfort through the pain. Love and condolences, Lexie Norway

Lexie Norway - February 03, 2020 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ So sorry for your loss. I live in Pembine and work with Deana. I never knew Darla except through Deana and I know she was an awesome mom. I pray for Darla and her family.

Gail Wollenberg - January 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM

NA

“ Mrs. Inman, I remember you at Rose City Middle school for home ec and Mr. Inman for pe. You were and still are a great influence to all of us. you will be missed dearly.

Naida - January 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dear Bill and family, We were so saddened to hear of Darla's passing. She was such a great coach to our daughter Mary and a mentor and friend to so many young women she coached through the years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincerely, Jim & Terry

Jim and Terry Barnhart - January 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you! Mrs Inman was my gym teacher through high school she was a sweet soul, she will be missed dearly! Fly high Angel! 🙏💖

Sheila (Dooley) Sisson - January 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Bill and Family, So sorry to learn of your loss if Darla. She was a great gal and much loved by many. Our love to you. Jeff and Kris Schubert

Jeff and Kris Schubert - January 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ I'm so very sorry to read about Darla's passing. She was a wonderful lady and a great teacher at West Branch Rose City Schools. My deepest condolences, Bill and family, for your loss of an awesome wife, Mom and Grandma.

Karen (Robinson) Dickson - January 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Mrs. Inman (as well as Mr. Inman) have ALWAYS been huge role models of mine! Very sad to hear of Mrs. Inman's passing. She is FOR SURE flying SO very high with the angels. An amazing woman for sure!! All my love, thoughts & prayers to the family, loved ones & friends. ❤️

Leslie R. Fetters - January 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Darla you will FOREVER be a part of some VERY HAPPY MEMORIES from my childhood!!!! My sister Tina and I had some GREAT TIMES hanging out with you, Bill, Deana and Debbie!!!! Bill, Deana and Debbie, my Deepest Sympathies!!!!

Deanna - January 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Very sorry to hear of Mrs. Inman’s passing. She was the best coach and role model to her students. Our condolences to Bill Inman and the rest of their family.

Chandra Patton - January 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ So sorry to read about Darla's passing. Thoughts are with you Bill and your family. Carole Beck

Carole Beck - January 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Bill and family: so sorry to hear of Darla’s passing. She will be remembered by many. Hugs and prayers to you all.

John and Mary Jane Schnautz - January 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ So sorry to hear of Coach Inman's passing, she was one of my favorite coaches and teacher. Thinking of you all. John & Jody Dantzer

Jody Dantzer - January 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *I am sorry to hear of Mrs. Inman’s passing. She was my gym teacher throughout high school and was very loved. My condolences to Mr. Inman and the rest of the family.*

Kristine (Szymchack) Worth - January 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM