



## Gwen H. Holdsworth

March 26, 1951 - February 8, 2012

Gwen H. Holdsworth, age 60, of Brimley, Michigan passed away Wednesday morning, February 8, 2012 at her home. Gwen was born March 26, 1951 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan to Allen and Dorothy (Anderson) Bertram. Gwen graduated from Brimley High School with the class of 1969 and then attended Lake Superior State College. Gwen was the GED coordinator at Bay Mills Community College. She was committed to doing whatever she could to help her students earn their GED. She viewed it as her mission to see them succeed. Prior to this Miss Gwen served hundreds of children in her nursery school program and then The Young 4's program. Gwen was a member of Living Word Church, where she was the children's ministry-leader. Gwen organized the most awesome Vacation Bible Schools ever that ministered to many children and their families through the years. She also coordinated the yearly Angel Tree ministry for Living Word Church that blessed the children of prisoners with Christmas gifts and a Christmas meal. Gwen enjoyed baking and ministering to the elderly. She had the gift of encouraging. Gwen is survived by her children: Jill (Mike) Rivenburgh and Joni (Thomas) Tremblay of Brimley, MI; six grandchildren; and her mother: Dorothy Bertram of Brimley, MI. She is also survived by four siblings: James (Margaret) Bertram of South Rockwood, MI; Janet Bertram, Vern (Sherry) Bertram, and Ann "Jackie" (Pat) Kellerman all of Brimley, MI. Gwen was preceded in death by her father: Allen Bertram; a son: Darrell Holdsworth; and a son-in-law: Harold "Hal" John Stenglein III. Funeral services will be held at 3:30 PM on Sunday, February

12, 2012 at Living Word Church with Pastor Lou Bergman officiating. Friends may call at the church from 3:00 PM until the time of the service. A dinner will follow the funeral services. Burial will be at Mission Hill Cemetery later this spring. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to Living Word Church Children's Ministries. Gwen's family would like to express a special thank you to Ronda Johnson for taking such good care of Gwen for us. We love you!

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ We have many wonderful memories of Gwen that was will hold close to our heart. She has touched all our lives in such positive ways.

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**mr and mrs gregory bonnell** - February 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ Joni,  
Your family is in my thoughts and prayers today...  
I will never forget the kindness of your mother when I needed a hand.  
God Bless

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**Linnea** - February 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Our lives are fuller, our lives are richer, there is more hope, there is more caring, there is more sharing in our lives, we will never forget your touch in our lives and in the lives of many others. If we listen closely we can hear your laughter as you dance on those streets of gold! Love you and miss you. Rev Chris & Lynn

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**Chris/Lynn Gillies** - February 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ so sorry for your lost and I often remember the good times we had in Rochester NY and around Brinley I now you will be missed by all

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**Mary (Adams) Ladach** - February 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ God Bless each of you in this difficult time. Gwen was a wonderful woman, and we will all miss her greatly. She touched many lives. Her smile and positive attitude made a impact on many people. What a blessing it is to know that she is now with Jesus.

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**April Goeschel** - February 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Gwen was a wonderful caring person. She will be missed and remembered by everyone who ever knew her. Our prayers got out to the entire family.

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**Don and Denise Parkhurst** - February 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Gwen was a very special lady and even though I only worked with her for a short time, she touched my heart. Our sympathy and love go out to her family at this time.

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**Denny & Deanna suggitt** - February 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ Gwen was a great and caring lady. She served those in her community as she served the Lord. She will be missed by all who knew her. We know that she now rests in the arms of her Savior and that we will see her someday.

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**Pamela & Elgon Ellis** - February 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ I hope that i can continue to leave a legacey with children as you did you did not just walk the talk you lived it but everything you did with your life and for all the children hold my girls untill we meet again i love you and your family.

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**kristina nichols** - February 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ I have been so blessed to know and have worked with Gwen, to have had her pray over me, encourage me and just be her glorious self.

*I thank her family for sharing her in life and offer them strength and sympathy in their time of loss.*

*Thank you Miss Gwen.*

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**Ammy Lamoreaux** - February 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ To the Bertram & Holdsworth families. I am so sorry for your heartfelt loss & know that Gwen is now at peace & resting pain free. Thinking of you all.

*Janis, Dennis & family*

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**Janis Bertram DeGouff** - February 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We loved her. The better part was that she loved us, too. We are so sorry for your loss. God bless you and keep you all.

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**Terry and Jennifer Searcy and Family** - February 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Jill, Sherry, and family-

*So sorry for your loss. I know that Gwen has had a tremendous lasting and positive impact on her community, her home family, her church family, and the world around us. She will be missed, but may God continue to remind you of her generous and giving spirit as you heal.*

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**The Waybrant Family** - February 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Jill, Joanie, J.B, and family -  
Such a special woman, who loved Jesus, her family and all of the  
childern. She truly walked her talk. Our loss is heavens gain but she  
will really be missed.  
Praying for you all that God will give you comfort and peace  
knowing she is with Jesus.  
Marcia*

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**marcia** - February 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ *So blessed to know you Aunt Gwen. So grateful to be a part of your  
family and for you to be a part of my life. I am so happy that you are  
rejoicing in heaven. You have touched so many lives. Thank you for  
all you have done in this world. We only hope to make you proud.  
Love you.*

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**Lindsay** - February 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Gwen will be missed by all! We are thankful for all of you here! Love  
ya Jill and Joni!!  
  
Please let us know if you and your families need anything at all!*

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**Bricco family** - February 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Gwen was one of the best, period. We will miss her, but this world  
and I are both better having known her. Praying for all affected by  
this loss...*

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**Jessie DeBord** - February 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM