



Shelly Rene Wellnitz

April 8, 1962 - March 12, 2024

Shelly Rene (Hoyt) Wellnitz, age 61, of Cedarville, Michigan, died on March 12, 2024, at home with her loving family by her side. She was born on April 8, 1962, in Mount Pleasant, Michigan, to parents Dudley and Jean (Myshock) Hoyt.

Shelly moved to the Elk Rapids/Alden area to take a job at the Grand Traverse Resort, where she developed lifelong friendships that have endured the test of time. In 1988, she married the love of her life, Gary Wellnitz, in Traverse City, Michigan. They moved to Cedarville, in the Upper Peninsula, where she quickly fell in love with the community and her friends. She raised two wonderful, successful boys, Cory and Jacob, in Cedarville while working as an assistant branch manager for Soo Co-op Credit Union.

Shelly loved to garden, watch sunsets, and stand in the freezing rain and snow at her sons' sporting events. Most of all, Shelly loved her kids, Grandkids, family and friends. She would do anything for her loved ones. That love returned to her in support and friendship during her critical time of need.

Shelly was truly blessed to have such incredible, loving family and true friends.

Shelly is survived by her mother, Jean Amick of Weidman, Michigan; her

husband of 36 years, Gary Wellnitz of Cedarville; son, Cory Wellnitz and his wife Katherine Wellnitz, both serving in the USCG; son Jacob Wellnitz (Nurse Practitioner at War Memorial Hospital Sault Ste Marie) and his wife Carissa Wellnitz from St Ignace, Michigan, and their children, Eleanor and Henry, all now residing in St Ignace, Michigan; as well as sisters, Cindy Starr of Weidman and Deanne Lautner of Traverse City, as well as many wonderful friends and extended family.

Shelly was preceded in death by her father, Dudley Hoyt.

There will be a Celebration of Life on March 29, 2024, at the Les Cheneaux Distillers, 172 S Meridian St, Cedarville, MI 49719, from 1 PM until 5 PM. Please come & join us in remembering Shelly.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR **29**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Les Cheneaux Distillers
172 S Meridian St
Cedarville, MI 49719
(906) 484-1213

Tribute Wall

LF

“ Love, Kieth & Angie Kinney and Family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Shelly Rene Wellnitz.



Love, Kieth & Angie Kinney and Family - March 29, 2024 at 08:10 AM

LF

“ Love, Kieth & Angie Kinney and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shelly Rene Wellnitz.

Love, Kieth & Angie Kinney and Family - March 29, 2024 at 08:10 AM

BR

“ Rest in Peace Shelly. We love you. Our condolences are with your family.

From:

Roy and Gerrie Lou Hoyt

Bruce and Debbie Hoyt

All your nieces and nephews.

Bruce - March 27, 2024 at 04:40 PM

DH

“ Debbie H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shelly Rene Wellnitz.

Debbie H. - March 27, 2024 at 04:38 PM

JW

“ I have a lot of great memories of Shelly! The first time we met which was at Grand Traverse Resort in banquets we hit it off and were best friends since then. Her laugh, her smile lit up a room! She taught me so much about flowers but I'd never have a green thumb like Shelly. We had so much fun together, I am going to miss her so much! She truly is an Angel! RIP my friend!

Jill Williamson - March 27, 2024 at 03:26 PM

LE

“ Shelly was the very first friend that I made when I started working in banquets at the Grand Traverse Resort. I will never forget her radiant smile. Shelly introduced me to the amazing morel mushroom, and some of my favorite memories include Shelly and I searching for them in the woods during the springtime. I'll always remember her as a joyful person, especially when her sons Cory and Jake came into the world. Shelly: thank you for your gift of friendship at a time when I needed it most.

Linda Winans Egeler - March 25, 2024 at 01:30 PM

MG

“ Gary and Family, I am so sorry to see Shelly's death. Boys your folks rented our house, their first season in Cedarville. If I remember correctly Gary you only had one Son at that time. Sincerely,
Margaret

margaret Garvey - March 24, 2024 at 11:28 AM

JJ

“ Jim and Julie purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Shelly Rene Wellnitz.



Jim and Julie - March 21, 2024 at 01:36 PM

EL

“ Elaine Musolf Lauerman lit a candle in memory of Shelly Rene Wellnitz



Elaine Musolf Lauerman - March 20, 2024 at 01:15 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Shelly Rene Wellnitz.



March 19, 2024 at 08:24 PM

H4

“ Hale Federation of Teachers Local 4410 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shelly Rene Wellnitz.

Hale Federation of Teachers Local 4410 - March 19, 2024 at 08:24 PM

KR

“ Karen Rolf purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Shelly Rene Wellnitz.



Karen Rolf - March 19, 2024 at 07:28 PM

KR

“ Karen Rolf planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shelly Rene Wellnitz.

Karen Rolf - March 19, 2024 at 07:28 PM

J.

“ John . planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shelly Rene Wellnitz.

John . - March 19, 2024 at 02:41 PM

RS

“ Gary so sorry for your loss, you and your family are all in my thoughts and prayers
Rick Sweeny

Rick Sweeny - March 18, 2024 at 04:42 PM

PA

“ I grew up with Shelly and have known her since elementary school. She always had that beautiful smile of her to light up a room. Although I have not seen her in years, I have many fond memories of Shelly. Wishing her family and friends peace and love during this difficult time.
Paula

Paula Allen - March 16, 2024 at 03:00 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Shelly Rene Wellnitz.



March 15, 2024 at 11:14 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Shelly Rene Wellnitz.

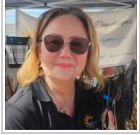


March 15, 2024 at 06:49 PM

FF

“ From the Perkins family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shelly Rene Wellnitz.

From the Perkins family - March 15, 2024 at 06:49 PM



“ My favorite memories of Shelly include her wonderful laugh and gorgeous smile! She brightened the very space she was in. Rest in peace and fly high our angel, fly high until we meet again.

Deb MG - March 15, 2024 at 06:33 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Shelly Rene Wellnitz.



March 15, 2024 at 12:47 PM



“ With heartfelt love...The DeMann family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shelly Rene Wellnitz.

With heartfelt love...The DeMann family - March 15, 2024 at 12:47 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Shelly Rene Wellnitz.



March 14, 2024 at 03:17 PM

CT

“ Crawford AuSable Federation of Teachers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shelly Rene Wellnitz.

Crawford AuSable Federation of Teachers - March 14, 2024 at 03:17 PM

XT

“ XO- Glen Lake Federation of Teachers purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Shelly Rene Wellnitz.



XO- Glen Lake Federation of Teachers - March 14, 2024 at 12:23 PM

SW

“ My earliest memories contain Shelly and her family. Her love of her garden was obvious when you pulled up to her house. She had a smile and laugh that could be recognized a mile away. I got to see her about just over a year ago and when she saw me she just kept saying “it’s my Sara! it’s my Sara!” and my heart exploded with joy, knowing that I was part of her memories. We will miss everything about her! I know she’s watching over us all and smiling knowing she was so loved. RIP Shelly
💙 forever from “your Sara”

Sara Williamson - March 13, 2024 at 04:38 PM



Oh my goodness Sara, I can hear her saying that as I read your words. You are so right, her smile and laugh were second to none!

Deb MG - March 15, 2024 at 06:24 PM

KY

“ Shelly was always such a beautiful person her smile was like no other, always happy and kind. Loved working with her, she is face to face with Jesus, what an awesome place to be.

kathey youker - March 13, 2024 at 04:14 PM

KW

“ Shelly's green thumb was amazing. Her flowerbeds were always incredibly beautiful. She also loved her walks on the beach to find beach glass and loved her birds especially the Eagles. Shes flying with them now .

Ken Williamson - March 13, 2024 at 03:31 PM