



## Sheri Lynn Salo

July 8, 1969 - February 13, 2012

Sheri Lynn (Westbrook) Salo, age 42, of Dafter, Michigan, passed away Monday morning, February 13, 2012 at her home. One perk to knowing that you are going to die from an illness is that you can plan and document things AND for the control freak, write your own obituary. You know, once you realize that life is finite, the thought of losing it doesn't scare you anymore. The end comes no matter what. The only thing that matters is how you go out, on your feet or on your knees. I bring that lesson to this life, knowing that this life will end no matter what. After a long scuttle with breast cancer be damned. Sheri's main priority was her two children, Elden and Ilsa, and all of their unbelievable abilities in sports, academics, or whatever they chose to do. Sheri also dabbled in horses a little. She started riding her pony, Cocoa, bareback, around the age of 5, and came up through 4-H and Open Horse Showing. Sheri got her 4-H and Open Horse Show Judge's Card, plus worked for Fox Meadow Farm (an "A" circuit Michigan farm) for several years, and then opened her own barn, Westbrook Farms in May 1999. In 2000, Sheri became president of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Horsemen's Association, as well as hosting the Annual Westbrook Farms Benefit Show, benefiting the Special Olympics Equestrian Riders. None of this could have been accomplished without the complete and utter support of her unbelievable children (for being such perfect angels and students), her husband for building and/or fixing everything, her parents for having or doing whatever she needed, or needed done at the time, and all of her beautiful WF families for volunteering to do

"whatever". Sheri is survived by her husband and high-school sweetheart: Terin; her children: Elden and Ilsa; her parents: Gene and Karen Westbrook; her grandfather: Robert Bostick; two sisters: Kim (Mario) DiLisio, and Wendy (Ray) Smith Westbrook; three brothers: Scott (Cathy) Westbrook, Doug (Donnell) Westbrook, and Jerry (Carolyn) Westbrook; her parents-in-law: Gary and Mary Ann Salo; brothers-in-law: Troy (Beth) Salo and Todd (Julie) Salo; sisters-in-law: Tanya (Kevin) Hesselink, and Tammi (Ron) Hinton; nieces: Julia and Christie DiLisio, Emily Westbrook, Sydney Smith, Taylor Westbrook, Jessica Hinton, Jelina, Janelle, and Jenna Hesselink; nephews: Angelo and Michael DiLisio, Spencer Smith, Michael Westbrook, Trenton, Davin and Caleb Salo, and Jayden Hesselink. Also the Westbrook Farms Riders: Johanna Routhier, Lillian Nelson, Sabrina Neveu, Savannah Madigan, Megan Parish, Kate Kempfert, Mairin Roberts and many others. Sheri was preceded in death by two of her grandmothers: Hazel Bostick, and Lempi Salo. Visitation will be held from 3:00 until 9:00 PM on Thursday, February 16, 2012 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, February 17, 2012 at St. James Lutheran Church in Rudyard, Michigan with the Reverend Michael Mannisto officiating. Burial will be at North Rudyard Cemetery later this spring. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to a charity of your choice.

# Tribute Wall

RK

“ I wanted to share my condolences on the passing of Mrs. Salo. I read her tribute in the Soo Evening News, and was in tears in moments. It was the most moving obituary I have ever seen. My deep sympathy for the loss of an obviously smart, involved, funny, and loving woman. It seems too much to bear, that we lose people like this. Sincerely, Rebecca Kloosterman, Sault Ste. Marie, MI

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**Rebecca Kloosterman** - February 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ I am a co-worker of Angelo DiLisio. I would like to express my heartfelt sympathy to the family during the loss of your loved one. May the God of all comfort, strengthen and keep you is my pray.

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**Gail Luckey** - February 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Hi Terin: I do not know if you remember me but I am Beth's sister. I do remember the last time I saw you and Sheri was at your parent's camp near Mackinaw this past summer. I am so sorry to hear about your loss of Sheri. Her words in the obituary were awesome! What a strong and sensible lady she was. I had breast cancer four years ago. I hope it never returns but whatever the future holds for me, Sheri's words are so meaningful that i will remember them - they are words to live by!! I wish you and your family the best - may your pain soon lessen and only memories of love and happiness remain. Take Care. Antoinette Blunt

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**Antoinette Blunt** - February 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Dear Salo Family-Its hard to say "I'm sorry" when it seems so inadequate, yet it fits. Please know your family remains in my prayers. God Bless You and Keep You in His Embrace.

*Cancer sucks.*

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**Brenda Laux** - February 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ So sorry to hear about your loss. We are in Florida and can't attend the service. Take care, Mike and Lorrie

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**Mike and Lorrie (Tremblay) Wallis** - February 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ I was so sad to hear the news of Sheri passing, and I know that this is a difficult time for you.

*Love you.*

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**Lynn A. McQueary** - February 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ I knew Sheri at Fox Meadow Farm. Words cannot describe how sorry I am for her family's loss. Rest in Peace, Sheri.

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**Kelly** - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

M(

“ My sincere sympathies to Sheri's family and friends. As a child, I remember Sheri's spunky personality. When I read her final words, I'm assured that her personality prevailed through out her fight. May you find the strength to carry you through this difficult time.

Sincerely,  
Mary Beth

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**Mary Beth Phelan (Senger)** - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ My deepest sympathy to Terin and the entire family. May God bless you, comfort you, and guide you in this difficult time.

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**Kelly Brantley** - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ May you find comfort in the loving arms of Christ during this difficult time of loss. God bless you and your family.

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**Mary Graunke** - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Terin an family, My heart goes out to you at this time of loss. My thoughts an prayers are with you. I see your mom in Heaven riding Ule. He was a large chestnut at Fox Meadow Farm. Your mom was a blast to work with before you were born. She was a wonderful friend an lady. She is looking down at all of us. She touched each an everyone of us in a special way. She will be missed by everyone whose life she has touched.

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**Kellee Weeks Dohm** - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *I am sorry for your loss.  
May God be with your family in your time of need.  
I have always taken comfort in the fact that while our loved one is departed from us they are in a far better place now and in eternal joy.*

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**Joel Myers** - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Terin, Elden & Ilsa, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We wish you peace and comfort now and always.*

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**Bob & Kathy Spinks** - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *Terin,  
  
Kristi and I are so very sorry to hear about Sheri's passing. Your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Jon and Kristi Olson** - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Terin,  
I am sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that I will be praying for you and your children. May God touch you with his comforting/healing hands.  
Dennis Hampton  
Michelin LPG*

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**Dennis Hampton** - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ Love from Sarah (Gerds) Vollink.

*I always wanted the Westbrook kids to be my siblings - Kim, Doug (well, maybe not Doug), Wendy, Scott, Jerry and Sheri. I send you my support and wish I could be with you all. And of course, 'Auntie' Karen and Uncle Gene. My prayers are with you.*

*When I started thinking about Sheri as a kid, I realized she was pretty darned mean! She loved to smack the rear end of the horse I was riding so it ran full tilt down the driveway toward the barn. I did not realize the horse would know when to stop - but Sheri did. She convinced me that an ice cold shower was good for my skin complexion (brrrr) and that combing my thick, snarly hair was the only way to keep it healthy and long. So, she'd nearly brush me bald to tears when she babysat.*

*You see, Sheri had a strong exterior - As I've grown up and become a mom myself, I realize that this strength pushed her to do things others would simply sit on the fence to observe. She was the girl that taught me how to ride horse - really ride - not just walk it down the driveway. And at the end of the day - that full tilt was exhilarating! I prayed that Sheri's strength would enable her to triumph over this terrible disease - but instead, it was her strength that saw her through.*

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**Sarah (Gerds) Vollink** - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ My deepest sympathy to you Terin and your beautiful family. Words can't express how truly sorry I am for all of you. It's been so long since we've seen each other. I feel blessed to have known you and your family. I remember when you lived in Monroe and had that party with all your friends and I was lucky enough to be included. You both were so welcoming. Always making everyone feel like they were friends for a very long time. Thank you for being a part of my life. You both always made people special and that is what you are. All my prayers and love, Sue Medina

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**Sue (Stefan) Medina** - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ I am very saddened by Sheri's passing. We meet when she apprenticed with me while working on her judges card. I stayed at your house in Dearborn. We became quick friends and stayed in contact till a few months ago. I am glad she is not suffering anymore but I know your hearts are breaking and I pray for your comfort.

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**Lora Hicks-Thorsby** - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ So very sorry to hear of the loss of Sheri. Although it has been several years since we have seen you guys, we will never forget the kindness and love you always out forward to everyone. And always managed to smile  
You are all in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless you all.

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**Dale Filhart** - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ One doesn't expect to enjoy reading an obituary but in this case, I did. I work with Sheri's nephew Angelo and wanted to send my condolences. We have shared his sadness over the last year or so because he clearly loved his aunt, uncle, and cousins. The blessing is being part of a loving family. The pain comes from losing them. Let her live on in your happy memories. From what I've heard and read, it's the best way to honor the memory of a remarkable person.  
With Great Sympathy,  
Jake Welland (Angelo's friend)

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**Jake Welland** - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ Ok -- too many words. So two messages from Marshall . . .

*Tarin, Ilsa and Elden . . . I do not know you as well as I wish I did. But Sheri's strength will be with you always. Through this most difficult time . . . and any time you need it. She was one tough island kid - and today, I see her as I did as a child - In heaven - strong, healthy, agile, bold and beautiful. Long hair flying straight out behind her as she rides her horse without pain or fear. I pray that when I go to heaven, Sheri will find me, saddle one up for me and smack him on the rear end so I can ride again.*

*Hugs to you all! Sarah*

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**Sarah Vollink** - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Terin, Ilsa and Elden. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Sheri's strength and determination will always be an inspiration to many.

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**Rob and Wilma Sayles** - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JL

“Terin, you were an amazing husband. Elden and Ilsa, I hope you know how much your mother treasured you. Aunt Karen and Uncle Gene, how very lucky she was to have you as her parents...so giving and thoughtful. Sheri I will never forget your strength Ever! God will take care of you because you will control heaven! He's lucky to have you now.

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**Jeanine LaCrosse** - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RG

“Words cannot express how sorry we are to hear of your loss. Heaven became richer with her presence, and one day, (knowing and having Jesus as our Lord and Savior), we will be able to rejoice with her in the presence of our Lord. Our deepest sympathy and prayers for the Salo family.

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**Rev Chris & Lynn Gillies** - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“My thoughts and prayer are with you and your family. May time give you strenght knowing Sheri is at peace.

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**Don White** - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AK

“Our deepest sympathy for the Salo and Westbrook families. Having known Sheri, Terin, Ilsa and Elden throughout the years, it is obvious Sheri dedicated her heart and love to her incredible courageous and beautiful family. Her smile was the sunshine itself, as was her strength and conviction to remain positive throughout her battle. Sheri is an inspiration for so many and her life is a testament to her beauty and courageous wisdom. We hold you all in our hearts.

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**Alan & Dulcey Kantola** - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Sheri's wonderful spirit will live on forever in our hearts. You have our deepest sympathy.

*Steve and Cathy*

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**Steve and Cathy Mason** - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you , Sheri was such a strong , brave, beautiful women , with lots of love in her heart , we are honored to have known her. Sending our love to you ,

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**Tim and Michelle Switzer** - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Terin, Elden and Ilsa -  
Today a friend of mine, John Anderson asked that I walk in memory of your wife/mother this year at the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer 3day walk. I am honored to do so and will wear Sheri's name on my shirts each day.

*Breast cancer is a cruel disease, and I am so very sorry for your loss. I hope that in the upcoming days, weeks, months and years - you find peace, and that memories of your times together fill your hearts with joy.*

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**Susan Bernard** - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Terin, Elden and Ilsa. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sheri was a strong and wonderful women. She will always be with you in all the wonderful memories you have the opportunity to share with her. She will be missed by many. If you need anything, we are just a hop, skip and a jump away and we wil always be here for you.

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**Ray and Melissa Walters** - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Terin, I don't believe we ever met Sheri, but we feel so sorry for your loss. We remember watching all of you as you from small children to such wonderful caring adults. Our thoughts and sympathy are with you and we hope you will find comfort in friends and family.

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**Greg and Mary Sparkman** - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

S(

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Sheri was an amazing woman and a great horsewoman. One of my early ponies, Champ, was from Sheri/her parents. Whenever we would see Sheri she would also check on us and offer advise, even years after we sold Champ and I had moved onto new horses. My deepest sympathies to the entire Salo/Westbrook family.

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**Sara Schmitz (Sherlund)** - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ Dear Scott and Family,

We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your sister Sheri. If there is anything we can do please don't hesitate to let us know. Your in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Keith and Mary Elliott** - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ Terin, Elden & Ilsa - I hope it will help you all to know that we suffer your pain with you and your loss. May Jesus wrap his arms around you in comfort and peace. Anytime Elden wants to babysit again with Drew he is welcome.

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**Colette** - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Terin - My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Your Friend, Kim

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**Kim Spinek** - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ To the entire Salo family, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I will always remember Sheri's laughter and smile. She could brighten the darkest day by simply entering the room. Her kindness and compassion were unparalleled as was her often pointed advice. Thanks for all the childhood memories!

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**Joel Postma** - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ To the Family of Sheri,  
I know there is nothing I can say that will make it all better. Just know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. I am so very sorry for your loss, but excited for Sheri's gain. God Bless.  
The Harvey~McCoy~Hershman Family  
Jim, Jamie, Jared, Adam, Joey P, Joe Will, Erica and Lilly

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**Jamie McCoy** - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Unfortunately, I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Sheri. She sounds like an amazing wife and mother. My daughters and I did have the pleasure of attending the EUPHA horseshows in Kinross. We just wanted to send our condolences and say we are lifting you in prayers,

*Melissa, Abi Rose, and Laurel Beth*

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**Melissa Milne** - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ *Our sincerest sympathy and prayers go out to you and your family...from our family.*

*Sheri is a special person in our memories.*

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**Bob & Patti Adams** - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *I know there is nothing that can make this an easier time but I hope you can look to all of the good times you had with Sheri. I know my earlier days were happier because she was my friend and she can be proud of the family she helped raise. She will be greatly missed.*

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**Eric Sparkman** - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM