



Wendy Sue Belonga

March 10, 1967 - January 1, 2023

Wendy Sue Belonga, 55, of St. Ignace, Michigan, passed away Sunday, January 1, 2023, at her home after bravely battling cancer for two years. She was born on March 10, 1967, in Sheridan, Michigan, to Judy Emma (Diem) Little.

In 1985, Wendy graduated from J.W. Sexton High School in Lansing, Michigan, and pursued a very successful career in the restaurant industry which eventually led her to accept a management position at a Chi-Chi's in Heidelberg, Germany. She moved to St. Ignace in 1996, where she met her husband, Cliff Belonga. They married on October 9, 1999. She was active in the St. Ignace community; often volunteering for community and school events. Wendy spent 10 years running the beloved local establishment, The Village Inn, where she made many friends and lots of good food.

She is survived by her parents, Judy and Tom Sweet of Moran; her husband, Cliff Belonga of St. Ignace; daughter, Peyton Belonga of St. Ignace; brother, Bobby (Barb) Little of Portland; father-in-law, Dale Belonga of St. Ignace; brother-in-law, Bill (Nisa) Belonga of Naubinway, Michigan; as well as several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her aunts, Beverly and Shirley; and her mother-in-law, Delina Belonga.

A Memorial Gathering will be held at Galer Dodson Funeral Home in St. Ignace, on January 13, 2023, at 12:00 Noon, with services to follow at 1 PM.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance, P.O. Box 32141, New York, New York 10087-2141.

Galer Funeral Homes & Cremation in Pickford, Michigan, is serving the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.galerfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **13**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Galer Dodson Funeral & Cremation
240 McCann Street
St. Ignace, MI 49781

Memorial Gathering

JAN **13**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Wendy Sue Belonga

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ Wendy Sue Belonga

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ Wendy was so much fun. Always made our stays at the Village Inn memorable. We didn't know she was sick. Our prayers go out to all who knew and loved her. Julie & Larry Lewis (Linden, MI)

Julie Lewis - January 14, 2023 at 10:51 AM



“ I have known Wendy for 50 years. She has Always been there for me, always with a smile 😍. She will be missed more than words can express. Although she is no longer physically here with us, she will always live on in so many of our hearts 🌍. RIHP my friend/sister 💖

Laura Griffitt - January 13, 2023 at 10:48 AM



“ Your bright light may have faded but the joy you brought will carry on in brilliant memories. Thank you Wendalyn. I've made a donation in your honor...till next time my friend.



Gail Antoine - January 11, 2023 at 06:48 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Wendy Sue Belonga.*



January 11, 2023 at 10:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wendy Sue Belonga.*



January 09, 2023 at 05:31 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Wendy Sue Belonga.*



January 09, 2023 at 12:22 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wendy Sue Belonga.*



January 09, 2023 at 10:00 AM

SJ

“ *Susan & Nicky Justice purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Wendy Sue Belonga.*



Susan & Nicky Justice - January 08, 2023 at 04:44 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wendy Sue Belonga.*



January 08, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Wendy Sue Belonga.*



January 07, 2023 at 03:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wendy Sue Belonga.*



January 07, 2023 at 02:06 PM

AT

“ Aunt Missi, Tom, Scott, Suzette & Tommy purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Wendy Sue Belonga.



Aunt Missi, Tom, Scott, Suzette & Tommy - January 06, 2023
at 03:04 PM

MT

“ My niece Wendy was a special person. When she was born it was like getting my very own live baby doll. I made us matching red velvet dresses which we modeled in a fashion show. She was grounded, kind, loving, generous, beautiful, hard working, and so much fun. She loved her family above all else. I will never stop missing her sweet hugs and precious smile when we would surprise her at the Village Inn. Going up North will never be the same



Melissa Thompson - January 06, 2023 at 02:56 PM

JB

“ I shall forever miss beloved Wendy and hurt for the beautiful family she left behind but also feel so blessed that I was fortunate enough to have her in my life. She left an incredible legacy that we could all learn from. You could not meet her without your life being changed for the better for it. Rest In Peace beautiful angel. Love Jan Barton

Jan Barton - January 06, 2023 at 12:42 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Wendy Sue Belonga.



January 06, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ Uncle Ernie and Our Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Wendy Sue Belonga.



Uncle Ernie and Our Family - January 06, 2023 at 12:06 PM



“ RIP friend a lot of great memories working together at The Grille. ❤️



Tracey (Paquin) Stevens - January 06, 2023 at 12:11 AM



“ Our hearts are broken my friend! I will miss you every day! Peyton and Cliff I'm praying for you and your family! May you Rest In Peace! ❤️



Mandy Bowlby - January 05, 2023 at 09:06 PM

NH

“ Nothing but great memories of Wendy. Mom & Dad loved going to see her and always enjoyed the special things she did for our family. Will be missed.



Neil & Julie Hill - January 05, 2023 at 08:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wendy Sue Belonga.



January 05, 2023 at 06:59 PM

MB

“ R.I.P. our friend. Thank you for all the great memories when we came to St. Ignace. You will be missed. Prayers & Blessings to the family. Malcolm & April.

malcolm bertorelli - January 05, 2023 at 06:48 PM

SD

“ Wendy will be greatly missed. I’m hoping she and my dad are enjoying a drink. Dad loved her, he always called her “Sweet Wendy”. Of course dad liked warm PBR and she always kept a six pack under the counter for him. ❤️.

She even went out of her way for his favorite sandwich and to make it easier for the staff, because at the time it wasn’t on the menu, she had a Mr. Akers button on the register for him. That is how great she was!! I’m lighting a candle for you Wendy, bless you for your love and generosity. Hugs to Clifford, Payton and your family.



Shannon Doran - January 05, 2023 at 06:38 PM

CO

“ Cora lit a candle in memory of Wendy Sue Belonga



Cora - January 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM

BB

“ Our heart goes out to Wendy's family. She was a fantastic person and served her customers and friends with a commitment of excellence. She ran the top restaurant in St. Ignace for many years. We are going to miss her and her friendship. God Bless Wendy and her family.

Billy and Syndee Borst

Bill Borst - January 05, 2023 at 05:34 PM

LS

“ *Lisa & Dave Swope lit a candle in memory of Wendy Sue Belonga*



Lisa & Dave Swope - January 05, 2023 at 03:09 PM

LG

“ *Lara Gustafson lit a candle in memory of Wendy Sue Belonga*



lara gustafson - January 05, 2023 at 02:53 PM