



Louise M. Neelis

August 16, 1930 - April 7, 2017

LEXINGTON: Louise Marie Neelis, age 86, passed away on Friday, April 7, 2017 at McLaren Port Huron Hospital.

She was born August 16, 1930 in Croswell, daughter of the late Carl and Lucille (Scott) Stapleton. Louise married Martin Neelis on March 9, 1968 in Lexington.

She worked several jobs, including Yale Rubber, Lexington Molding, and RPI Industries, resulting in many long term friendships.

Louise loved playing piano, dancing, and singing, and was well known around town for her impromptu singing performances at the Lexington music park.

She was kind and generous to all and will be sadly missed by her friends and family.

Louise is survived by her husband of 49 years, Martin; sons Ralph (Pat) Smiley, and Gregory (Donna) Smiley; step-daughter, Beth (Kirk) Koslowski; 9 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren; sister Rosalie (Roger) Fenner; brothers, Leslie (Joan) Stapleton, Richard (Becky) Stapleton, and Carl (Carol) Stapleton; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Lynn Smiley; brother, Lawrence Stapleton, sister-in-law Norma Stapleton, and nephew Brian Stapleton.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at 11 A.M.

Wednesday, April 12 in the Pomeroy Funeral Home, Lexington. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 A.M., prior to the service.

Inurement will be in the Lexington Municipal Cemetery next to her beloved

daughter Lynn.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ My heart is so heavy with loss of my dear Louise .We became instant friends back in the 60's working at Yale.Rubber...where we shared so many memories....she's been a life long friend...so sorry only just found out that she passed..one of the few that shared the same sense of humor..we had some many laughs over the years...I will miss her smile and all the good times we had..RIP Wheezy..till we meet again.....

Laura Gough - April 13, 2017 at 08:34 AM



“ I remember Louise and Square Deal coming over to our house on new years eve playing our piano and she said she could not read music but if she heard the song she could play it on the piano.

William Ryan

Wm Ryan - April 10, 2017 at 07:46 PM

“ She will be missed. I always loved Aunt Louise's smiling face and her hilarious demeanor. She was never shy to bust out into song or dance! Cheers to her!

Brett Langolf - April 10, 2017 at 01:51 PM



“ She was quite, what I would call, a "spunky" lady. I only met her a few times, but she could always light up the room. I know she's singin' and dancin' up in heaven- there's no way anything could stop her from doing that! I'll keep singing for her, too. Gonna miss having you around, Great Aunt Louise. ❤️❤️❤️

Dayna Laramie - April 10, 2017 at 11:07 AM

RB

“ Louise will be greatly be missed by all of us here in Lexington.. It was always a joy for her to come up and sing with us.. She always had a smile on her face and got many people up to dance with her down in the park on music nights... She was a joy indeed I will miss her.... My thoughts are with her and her family... R.I.P Weezie!!

Roger Blume - April 10, 2017 at 09:18 AM

MK

“ Louise was one of the most spontaneous and fun loving people I have known. It is difficult to think of her without smiling. Growing up I remember her being vary involved in our community of Port Sanilac, especially the cabarets and plays. She was very supportive and involved with her children. Louise was a "groupie" to her two son's band and frequently sang or danced when they played. Dispite the difficulties of life, Louise remained steadfast. I can only hope to age with her energy and zest for life. Well done Louise, you will be missed. My sympathy goes out to Her family and friends.
Mary Boyer Kelly

Mary Boyer Kelly - April 10, 2017 at 08:37 AM

BS

“ Marty sorry for the lost of Louise, may she RIP. I worked with her at RPI, and she was a great lady as well as a good friend. You knew my husband Charles Smith from Sandusky, you lived with with a lady named Mrs. Krantz. He talked about you a lot. Louise will be missed by a lot of people. Was glad to call her my friend.



Beverly Smith - April 09, 2017 at 02:31 PM

LC

“ *Linda Casterline lit a candle in memory of Louise M. Neelis*



Linda Casterline - April 08, 2017 at 08:57 PM

LC

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Aunt Louise. I loved being around her. She had a great laugh that would make you smile and was always so upbeat. I will always remember her singing "Bill Bailey won't you please come home" My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Linda Casterline - April 08, 2017 at 08:56 PM

RF

“ I am remembering my big sister, Louise, and all of the laughs and good times we had over the years. She had a great sense of humor and she could tell jokes with the best of them, always finding humor in everyday situations. Her laugh was contagious!



Lousie always had such an up attitude, even during hard times. She was very resilient and was able to bounce back from many difficulties she encountered during her life.

I was always proud of my sister's warm, engaging personality and her ability to make people feel good through conversation or by listening to her sing. Lousie loved to entertain, just like our dad, Carl Stapleton. She was also a very kind person, who never judged people or looked down on anyone; rather, she accepted people for who they were, always focusing on the good in them.

What I know for sure is that she was overjoyed to see Lynn and our mom and dad when she got to heaven. I just wish I could have seen her smile, because it would have been absolutely radiant.

All of my love to you,
Rosalie

Rosalie (Stapleton) Fenner - April 08, 2017 at 01:43 PM

DF

“ She was a fiery spirit! Oh how she loved to dance at "Music in the Park!" I lived down the street from her, and when I drove by, she'd always be sitting out in the sun. She will be greatly missed!

Debi Fulton - April 08, 2017 at 01:43 PM

MP

“ We are saddened to hear of Louise's passing . RIP.

Janice and Mike Patterson

Mike Patterson - April 08, 2017 at 12:01 PM

RI

“ Growing up, I always wanted a "Louise Smiley" tan! What a great lady.

Rita - April 08, 2017 at 11:23 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Louise M. Neelis.



April 08, 2017 at 10:43 AM