## March 29, 2009

I am very sorry and saddened to hear of the loss of Deena. My deepest sympathies, thoughts and prayers are with your entire family. Brenda (Laninga) Schloff Brenda Schloff, *Holland, Michigan* 

## March 29, 2009

My prayers and thoughts, to a wonderful mother, wife and nurse. Always kind and caring, you will be missed jo brisson,

naples, Florida

## March 27, 2009

Somehow we accept that time will slip through our fingers. We do not, however, seem to understand that with that time, friends also slip away.

Deena will always be remembered, by me, as a bright, piccolo grace note. Not just in the Stars & Stripes Forever...but on my life.

A wonderful young girl who grew into a healer. A credit to her family and a blessing to all who knew her. My heartfelt condolences to the (extended) Boot family. Trevis Gleason,

Seattle, Washington

## March 19, 2009

Dear family of Deena:

I too was in the band with Deena and her siblings at WPHS. She was a dear to everyone. I remember her gentle nature and the sweet kindness she had about her. Know that she added much good to the world. We will hold you tightly in our prayers in the months ahead as you go about life without her in your lives.

Dearest regards to you all,

Claudine (Wagenaar) Duncan and family Claudine Wagenaar, *Charlotte, North Carolina* 

March 18, 2009

Leo, Jackie, & Toni, Our thoughts are with you during this time of sadness. Hugs to everybody in the family. Love always Deb & Mark Deb Ulanch, *Ada, Michigan* 

## March 18, 2009

Dear Leo and Family,

Our love and deepest sympathy goes out to you, Darien, Jenna and the family. Our thoughts are with you all during this difficult time. Patrick Boot & Marjolijn de Jong, *Heerjansdam, The Netherlands* 

## March 17, 2009

Uncle Leo, Jackie and family, We are so sorry to hear about Deena. May you be filled with peace and comfort during this time of sorrow. You are in our thoughts and prayers daily.

Remembering Deena in our hearts, Dominic & Carlie Sherpy, *Frisco, Texas* 

March 17, 2009 Dear Jake and Doreen and All Deena's family,

We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Deena. Please know that you are in our hearts, in our thoughts and in our prayers. Bob and Eileen Fopma Bob & Eileen Fopma, *Wyoming, Michigan* 

March 15, 2009 Dear Leo & family,

I am very sorry to hear of your loss. May it help to know that others care and are wishing you strength for the difficult days. Sincerely, Carol Leyman, *Lowell, Michigan* 

March 15, 2009

Dear Leo & family, I'm so sorry to hear about Deena. My thoughts are with you at this difficult time. Pat Smith, *Grand Rapids, Michigan* 



## March 15, 2009 Dear Leo and family,

We were very sorry to heard about this sad news. Not one day passes without thinking of you. We hope that Deena's doughters will find their way in life without their mother. We pray that God will give you all strength. Adrie en Riet Polderman,

Barendrecht, The Netherlands

#### March 14, 2009

To our dear old friends, Jake & Doreen and "kids", There are no words to express the sadness we feel in your loss of Deena. We have known Deena for most of her life, since you brought your family to the neighborhood. There were so many "kick the can" nights and lots of fun with all of them. She was always the one with the laughter and smiles. She will be missed by so many people who loved her so much.

May the wonderful ,treasured memories you all have of this precious young woman help bring you comfort in the days and years ahead. We know she will be missed by so many.

May God grant you peace. We love you all and will always remember Deena Boot. Much love from Mr & Mrs Remy Kurt & Gerri Riemenschneider, *Wyoming, Michigan* 

#### March 14, 2009

I have known Deena since '92 and can see her smile in my mind and hear her laugh. We worked for the same places from '92 through '98 and I always valued her input and friendship. We were pregnant at the same time with our first and my son was born 2 months to the day before Darien. My thoughts and prayers are with her girls and parents. God Bless and I'll see you again some day, friend.

Emily (Flynn) Goggin, Naples

#### March 14, 2009

Deena was like a treasured comic strip from my childhood that I looked forward to seeing every time I opened the newspaper. I'm so sorry I will not be able to enjoy her laughs and smiles but will always remember her contribution to our lives.

Daniel Terpstra, Grand Rapids, Michigan

## March 14, 2009

To the family Boot.

I was very sorry to hear of your loss.

My thoughts are with you all the time. Hope you will have the strength to recover from this. If there is anything I can do in the future, just let me know. Karel Hage, *Netherlands* 

#### March 14, 2009

To Leo, Jackie and Family,

I'm so sorry to hear of the lost of your daughter, Deena. What a sad time in your lives. May God be with all of you in this time of sorrow. My thoughts and prayers are with you - I hope the wonderful memories will carry you through. God Bless you. Yvonne Middleton, *Grand Rapids, Michigan* 

#### March 13, 2009

To Deeena's family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May God be your strength. Terry and Kristen Finch, *Pierson, Michigan* 

#### March 13, 2009

We offer our condolences to Deena's daughters and especially to her father Leo and Jacky and her grandmother aunt Jo. Our deepest sympathy to the family. Trees & Flip v.d. Male - Polderman

David & Karin Guiljam - v.d. Male Karin Guiljam-v.d. Male, Terneuzen / Poortvliet /Netherlands

#### March 13, 2009

Dearest Doreen and "Jake,"

We were so shocked and saddened to read of the loss of your precious daughter, Deena. We remember her as a small child, but always asked you both how all the "kids" were doing when a lot of your family migrated to Florida. In reading all the messages in Deena's Guest Book, we know she went on to become a successful nurse and VERY caring mother. How great is her



reward! Please know that we are thinking of all of you and share in the sadness of your loss. Dennis and Karrie McLenithan, *Dorr, Michigan* 

# March 13, 2009

To the Family of Deena I send my sincere condolences. I knew Deena from her WPHS Band days and am saddened to hear of her passing at such a young age. Tory Kamerling, *Wyoming, Michigan* 

#### March 13, 2009

Deena was a truly wonderful person. She was kind and loving and i feel very lucky to have known her.

#### March 13, 2009

To Deena's Family, May God be your strength and peace during this time. You are in our prayers! Dave & Lisa TeRoller (Riemenschneider), *Grand Rapids, Michigan* 

#### March 13, 2009

Leo & Jackie, My thoughts and prayers are with you & your familys. Max Max Kurz, *Comstock Park, Michigan* 

#### March 12, 2009

Aunt Deena - you are the best Aunt ever! I will miss you. Love Emily Emily Bolthouse, *Dorr, Michigan* 

#### March 12, 2009

I learned many wonderful things about being a mother from Deena. What a terrific, kind, sensitive, genuine and gentle old soul she was. I will always feel grateful to have known her and hope Darien and Jenna forever remember that they were her true love and joy. Paula Robinson (Moore), *Millersville, Maryland* 

#### March 12, 2009

please accept our sympathy and condolences in your time of sorrow. ross&mary rockwell, grand rapids/Michigan

#### March 12, 2009

To Deena's Family and Friends you are in our thoughts and prayers. Our deepest sympathy to you at this time. John and Kay Bolthouse,

rr, Michigan

#### March 12, 2009

Deena was a wonderful friend to grow up with in grade school, junior high and high school. I am very saddened to hear of the loss and my prayers are with her family. She was so sweet and I will miss her.

Alice Freas (Zuidema),

Wyoming, Michigan

#### March 12, 2009

Deena - thanks for the memories! Thank you for touching my life and the lives of my husband and children. You were tender, caring, independent, happy, loving and the list goes on and on. You were simply cool! God knew our lives wouldn't have been complete without you in it - thank you for the memories. You have left your footprints on our hearts. Such a great mother to Darien and Jenna, sister, aunt, daughter, wife and friend to all. Thank you for making me feel special. I find comfort knowing you are at peace. Sis - I love you and I will miss you. Psalm 23 Colleen Bolthouse,

Dorr, Michigan

#### March 12, 2009

Deena and I reunited our friendship in Florida when I lived there, we had long talks and some really good laughs. I will always remember her with fond memories of good times. Deena was a wonderful mom and a great friend to many. I was truly overwhelmed by her kindness to help others in need, that was her special gift. She will be missed.

Becky Gardner, Spring Lake, Michigan

#### March 12, 2009

Aunt Deena,

I can honestly say that you are my favorite aunt, whenever you visit in the summer you always make my day. There was this one time when I was not having a very good day when my friends threw me in a pool with all of my clothes on and broke my phone. I was so upset and we had our family reunion right after that. When I arrived to the spot where the family reunion was I was



pretty upset because of what happened earlier that day. But when you, Darien, and Jenna came, you made my day a whole lot better by just smiling at me and saying its alright and you told me about a bad day you had. Besides that day was done I have always thought of you being a wonderful person, always smiling and in a cheerful mood. Even if you had a bad day no one could tell because you always put people before you and you didnt want to ruin anyone elses day. I love you Aunt Deena.....

## SLEEP WITH THE ANGELS!

Allyson Bolthouse, Dorr, Michigan

#### March 12, 2009

TO JAKE AND DOREEN: I WISH I COULD BE THERE FOR YOU, LIKE YOU WERE THERE FOR ME WHEN JUDY WAS ON HER LAST DAYS. I WILL BE THINKING OF YOU AND DARIEN AND JENNA WITH GREAT SYMPATHY.

JOHN GARDNER, SPRING LAKE, Michigan

#### March 11, 2009

So sorry to hear about Deena. We grew up down the street from her. I was also in band with her at Wyoming Park. She was a really sweet person. I lost contact with her after high school. She will be greatly missed by many. We are praying for her family and friends during their time of loss.

Lisetta (Steen) Sherman & Family, Cedar Springs, Michigan

## March 11, 2009

My thoughts and prayers are with Deena's family and all of her loved ones. I worked with Deena at Able-Care for several years and remember her as a kind,gentle person.May you rest in peace Deena. Kathleen Carlson

## March 11, 2009

im so sorry to hear about this tragedy. I have been doing Deena's hair for many years. A little saying from a friend of mine...

The day you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced. You have lived your life among us in such a way that with your death the world cries and you rejoice. Kristen Ciuffreda, *Naples, Florida* 

#### March 11, 2009

My love and sympathy goes out to my brother, Leo, his Granddaughters, Darien and Jenna. My Nephew Ron, My Niece Joanna. And their loved ones. Also to my Mother, Carl and Betsie. Our loving family is a gift from God that we treasure with all our heart. Corrie & Glen Williams, *Rockport, Texas* 

#### March 11, 2009

Our prayers are with all of Deena's family during this difficult time. We remember a kind, soft-spoken, funny, and tender-hearted friend. Growing up and playing with her family and sharing the memories of WPHS band, that is how we will remember Deena. Praying God's comfort and strength for you all. Lynelle & Randy Land, *Grandville, Michigan* 

#### March 11, 2009

We offer our condolences to Deena's daughters Darien and Jenna. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Leo & Conny Boot Nieuwerkerk na/d IJssel Netherlands

#### March 10, 2009

I offer my condolences to the friends and family of Deena. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Rich Hale, *Wyoming, Michigan* 

#### March 10, 2009

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. May you find strength from knowing you will be reunited some day in heaven. Sabrina (Waleson) Pollock - WPHS '85 Sabrina Pollock, *Livonia, Michigan* 

#### March 10, 2009

My thoughts and prayers to Deena's family. I played the Flute in the Band with Deena in Jr. High and High School. We always had a good time "challenging" each other for first chair. A lot of times it was the highlight of my day. May God's Grace comfort you during this time. Vicki Kane (Kloostra),

Wyoming, Michigan



## March 10, 2009

My thoughts and prayers are with you Tim Hale, Wyoming, Michigan

## March 10, 2009

Our Sympathies go out to the Moores and all of Deena's Family at this time of loss. Mike Hedgecock and Family, *Jenison, Michigan* 

## March 10, 2009

I'm thinking of you all and praying for you to have peace.

Deena's childhood friend, Lisa McGonegal-Smith, Shepherd, Michigan

## March 10, 2009

To the family and friends of Deena. I remember the old gang that met and hung out long ago from the hospital lab. Deena always had a smile no matter what. We always had many laughs. We didn't get a chance to hook up recently but it was always a friendship when we did. We miss you Deena. Our prayers for your family and two beautiful girls! God Bless Walter and Michelle Kopka, *Naples, Florida* 

# March 10, 2009

Deena was always a good friend to me and enjoyed working with her..she will be dearly missed..My prayers are with her family...Kathleen Barnum(Fenton) naples fl

## March 10, 2009

I have fond childhood memories of Deena. We lost touch over the years, but we were able to reconnect while I was vacationing in FL. You will be missed. Our thoughts and prays are with you and your family.

Katy Piirala, Belmont, Michigan

## March 10, 2009

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Deena. God Bless in this difficult time. Jon Hamming and Family

## March 10, 2009

Kathy, Jon, Amanda, Jon, Erica, and Landen, Our deepest sympathy to you, and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Please know that we are here for all of you. Love Jeff, Dee, Jeffery, Brent, and Cody Hysell

## March 10, 2009

To the family and loved ones of Deena, you're in our prayers. God bless, Dennis, Susie, Jade, Cheyenne, & Dakota Hemberger

## March 09, 2009

Deena, you were the most loving Mom that any child could have had. Darien and Jenna were very lucky to have you. And you were lucky to have them. I so enjoyed watching you with them. They weren't just your children, they were your friends too. I feel very fortunate to have known you and feel blessed to have had you in our family for 25 years. I wish we could have taken some of the burden off your shoulders. Your Dad and I love you very much and will miss you greatly. You have left us precious memories that will live on through Darien and Jenna. You will always be in our hearts. Dad and Jackie, Grand Rapids, MI

## March 09, 2009

Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time. We didn't know Deena that well, but knew she was always kind and caring to everyone around her. Most of all the love she showed her daughters. Words can't express how to feel right now, only that she is in peace and will always be remembered in the hearts she touched.

Randy & Brenda Seames, Naples, Florida

## March 09, 2009

I will always remember deena as the cute little girl in grade school that was afraid of thunderstorms. I will always miss her Matthew VanDerHeide (mabie), *belmont, Michigan* 

## March 09, 2009

My condolences to deenas entire family. I will miss her dearly. You will be in my prayers. Matthew VanderHeide (Mabie), *Belmont, Michigan* 



## March 09, 2009

To the Fogerty Gang from the Gardner Gang, our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. John Gardner & Becky Gardner, *Spring Lake, Michigan* 

## March 09, 2009

Our deepest condolences to Deena's family. May Darien and Jenna know the incredibly wonderful mark their mom left on all who knew her. I'll never forget all the laughs we had at Able Care. Peace & Love, Ann & Mike Curran

Ann Curran, Naples, Florida

## March 09, 2009

A life to short that touched so many. To Deena's two daughters Darien and Jenna and to the family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Diane Baer,

Naples, Florida

## March 09, 2009

I found a penny today, just laying on the ground. But it is not just a penny, this little coin I found. Found pennies come from heaven, that's what my Grandpa told me. He said angels toss them down, oh how I loved that story. He said when an Angel misses you, they toss a penny down. Sometimes just to cheer you up, make a smile out of your frown. So don't pass by that penny when you're feeling blue. It may be a penny from heaven, that an Angel's tossed to you.

I found a penny today. It made me smile. I know it was from Deena. I plan on getting a special little jar to keep all the pennys in that Deena will be sending me. I better get a big jar! I suggest you all do the same. I miss you Deena. I will cherish all the 21 years of memories we shared. RIP Jami MacLarty, *Naples, Florida* 

## March 09, 2009

My thoughts and prayers are with Deena's Family at this time. She was always a ray of sunshine. Connie Muhlhahn, *Naples, Florida* 

## March 09, 2009

Jake & Doreen & family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Pat & Lori Gardner, *Grant, Michigan* 

## March 09, 2009

Hold tight to memories for comfort, lean on your friends for strength and always remember how much you are cared about. Joanne Coleman,

Naples, Florida

## March 09, 2009

We never know how long or how far our strength will carry us, this is why we should all take the time to do what we can when we can. Don't miss these opportunities, you may not get another chance to help. Darien and Jenna we are thinking of you. Deena, be at peace. You were a wonderful, kind neighbor. Laurie Taylor

## March 09, 2009

## Deena,

You are a kind, beautiful, and wonderful mother that I had the very great pleasure of knowing while we were on this great earth. I enjoyed working with you and doing things with you in the past, (AbleCare days). My heart goes out to your children (Darien and Jenna). May at this time, God rest your tired soul my friend.

Michele Waters (Johnson),

Naples, Florida

## March 09, 2009

I will never forgive myself for not trying harder to keep in contact with you. You were a good friend way back when and you will be sorely missed by so many. My love to your family.

Wendy Enting (Phillips), Gainesville, Florida



March 09, 2009 Be Still

Be still like the grass on a melancholy summer day Be still like desert shrub.

Be calm and you will hear your loved one speak, in the stillness, in the calm, their love resounds.

If you are still this promise I make, you will hear the voice of your loved one helping you along your way. Amy O'Brien, *Naples, Florida* 

March 09, 2009

To the family and loved ones of Deena, you're in my thoughts and prayers. Tania Mitchell, *Atlanta, Georgia* 

#### March 09, 2009

My heart goes out to you at this time and in the days ahead. darlene dekker, *naples, Florida* 

#### March 09, 2009

I don't think you realized how much I loved you! I don't feel like I ever did enough for you as a friend. Take care of all the ill in heaven. You were a wonderful friend, mother, daughter, and nurse. My heart aches. I miss you Deena.

Jami MacLarty, Naples, Florida

#### March 09, 2009

Words can't explain the pain we are feeling, but we know that you are at peace now. We will continue to pray for Darien and Jenna and let them know how much we love them. We will continue to pray for the family.

Jon, Kathy, Amanda, Jon, Erica and Landen

