



## Kendra V. Harding

January 24, 1941 - April 18, 2014

HARDING, KENDRA V. Age 73 April 18, 2014. Beloved wife of the late Lawrence. Loving mother of J.T.Harding, Lance(fiancee Lynel Leonard)Harding & the late Lee Harding. Dearest sister of Craig(Ginny)Van Sciever. A former Grosse Pointe Park resident, Kendra served as a Past-President of the Grosse Pointe Little League Association and was a proud member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church 16 Lakeshore Drive at 11:00am . In lieu of flowers donations are welcome to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute or the Michigan Association for Suicide Prevention. Share memories with the family at their "On Line Guest Book" @ [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com)

# Tribute Wall

MH

“*Dear Family of Kendra: I first met Kendra in 7th grade when she and her family moved several blocks away in Dearborn, MI. What struck me then and did on the occasions I would see her after our Jr High and High School days were long gone, is her infectious smile and positive attitude. We had great fun giggling at slumber parties, surviving boyfriends, getting through DHS, and going on to college (she, State; me, U of M). As one of the "new kids" Kendra was well-received by our classmates and fell into our little cadre of friends easily. I know of the setbacks and struggles that life threw her way, but never felt that those things dominated her life or her personality. She was one to make lemonade. I'm sorry for your loss of this lovely woman. Mary Hudak"*

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**Mary Hudak** - May 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RL

“Lance and JT-- I first met your Dad in the Advertising business and Kendra on a trip we took with your Dad and Mom together in a van for an MSU game. When your brother died we were there to try and comfort them and when we lost a daughter your mom came over to our house and quietly sat there. Her presence was all that we needed and she knew that. It's comforting to know that there is survival after something like that and she was kind enough to let us in on her secret thoughts. Last year she sent out an all points email to her friends and we were there to help. It turned out to be one of the best times we have ever had. She was the leader of the "pack" and it was great fun working around the place and meeting great people we might never have had the privilege to know. For some reason, I'll never know, out of all the friends there that weekend she chose me to build combination chest and bench for the shuffle board equipment. I drew up some quick sketches, got her approval and for the rest of the time there I worked on the chest/bench. She came out to see it when I was a little over half way through putting it together and gave her full enthusiastic approval. Helping her that weekend made all of us there feel like brothers and sisters. I remember her telling my wife, Judy in jest, that the pain she was going through was Larry getting even for pushing him to get through his pain. That weekend up north remains with Judy and me as one or most unforgettable "good" times we have had. Larry and Kendra, thanks for the memories. Stay strong, survival and good times are just around the corner. Judy and Ron Launs  
1011 Beach Drive  
Harbor Beach, MI 48441”

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Ron Launs - May 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LD

“Lance and JT -- your mom was very special to us, as you know -- we have wonderful memories of our friendship with her and "Lar". Knowing her and your dad literally changed our lives. We loved them both dearly. Love, Lori and Ron”

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**Lori and Ron DiBartolomeo** - May 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AB

“I was so sorry to learn of Kendra's passing today. My heart goes out to her family. I met Kendra through the Michigan Association of Suicidology (now MASP) two years after losing a loved one to suicide. She gave me my first task as a volunteer that utilized a daily job skill in service of suicide prevention and postvention. This helped me to feel useful while I was still healing and starting to explore the world of advocacy. I will always be grateful to Kendra for that and continue to carry her in my heart.”

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**Ain Boone** - April 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JO

“Lance and JT: We were deeply saddened to hear the news of Kendra's passing. Unfortunately, we were traveling out of town and could not attend the service. I know all of the fond memories you have of her will help lessen the pain you must feel. She was a very special lady and a giver to others in so many wonderful ways. Our heartfelt condolences go out to you.”

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**Joe** - April 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CA

“To Lance and JT..deepest sympathies. Your family is so special... You are in our prayers. God bless you. Cathy & Dan Holland (Berkshire neighbors)”

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**Cathy** - April 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KE

“The passing of Larry and now Kendra Harding will leave a huge void in our "neighborhood" in Lewiston, They were some of the nicest people we have ever met in Northern Michigan, very genuine and giving people. They have touched many lives and will be sadly missed.”

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**Ken** - April 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JD

“Kendra assisted Michigan Association Suicide Prevention in so many ways and for years. She will be sorely missed by all. Joan Durling, President and MASP members”

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**Joan Durling** - April 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CR

“I remember her laugh and fast driving. She nurtured me like her own child. She comforted me when I was hurting. She added levity and balance when I was upset. She was awesome to me and to so many of our friends growing up. I remember her compassion when caring for Chuck. She always made sure he had plenty of paper to shred. In her own way, she made us all feel special and a sense of worth. Kendra and Larry (aka Mr. and Mrs. Harding) were incredibly generous. I have no idea how many concerts and sporting events they took us to. Too many to count for sure. One time during a little league game I was really upset because I "struck out" swinging - with the bases loaded in the 9th inning. She came over to me and assured me that if I had hit the ball, it certainly would have been a home run. That made everything better. I'm grateful for having Mr. and Mrs. Harding in my life. Mrs. Harding was the best of the best. It's funny - I can sort of see Lance in that picture. Perhaps it's their shared gentle souls.”

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**Chris Rowan** - April 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PP

“Kendra and I worked together as Greenfield Village guides about 1960 and then connected again when our boys met at school in Grosse Pointe. She was a talented, gracious, warm person forever busy helping: Little League, school activities, kids who needed help, suicide prevention, politics and much more. Seems like she was always smiling and laughing. She will be greatly missed.  
*Priscilla Pettengill*”

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**Priscilla Pettengill** - April 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BS

“I've known the Harding Family for well over 30 years. Kendra is a one-of-a-kind woman, one we should all want to emulate, not to mention how smart she was. She will be missed tremendously, but our loss is heavens gain! My sincerest condolences to T.J and Lance. We lost a great woman. Soar with the angels Kendra!”

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**Becky Sylvester** - April 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LP

“I met Kendra not so long ago at a wedding in Mexico that her amazing son JT took her to. As luck would have it Kendra and my best friend Catt and I ended up on a journey together with our flights being delayed and an over night stay in Mexico City on the horizon. Kendra was a complete trooper. Her attitude was one of fun and adventure. I've known JT now for over 10 years and I know what an amazing job Kendra and her husband did parenting such an amazing and creative man. I feel we've lost a gentle soul. Have fun on another adventure Kendra! God Bless - LeAnn”

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**LeAnn Phelan** - April 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM