



Natalie "Nat" Lyons

September 19, 1970 - March 8, 2012

LYONS, Ms. Natalie L. "Nat: Age 41, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, March 8, 2012 at University of Michigan Hospital Ann Arbor. Family hour 10AM Friday March 16, 2012 at Welcome Missionary Baptist Church, 143 Oneida St., with funeral service commencing at 11AM. Elder W. R. Ginyard, Eulogist, Pastor Douglas Jones Host Pastor. Interment Greenwood Cemetery, 201 Market Ave SW Grand Rapids, Michigan. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10AM Friday. Ms. Lyons will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 N. Perry St., and may be viewed from 1-8PM Thursday. Flowers can be sent to the funeral home or donations can be made to Spaulding for Children, 16250 Northland Drive, Suite 120, Southfield, MI 48075 or Temple of Deliverance COGIC P.O. Box 431063 Pontiac, MI 48343-1063. Ms. Lyons was a passionate children's advocate working as Vice President & Center Director, National Resource Center for Adoption at Spaulding for Children located in Southfield, MI. She was a graduate and ardent follower of the University of Michigan. GO BLUE! Ms. Lyons is survived by her parents, James and Mary Lyons of Bloomfield, MI. Ms. Lyons was preceded in death by both her paternal and maternal grandparents.

Tribute Wall

AM

“ I had the honor of knowing Natalie through our work in the adoption field. Natalie was one of the most energetic, compassionate and committed people I have had the pleasure to meet. My heart was filled with sadness for her family, friends and all of us that had the pleasure of knowing her when I learned of her passing. She will truly be missed in the adoption community and in many other communities I'm certain. God has most definitely livened up heaven with Natalie's arrival.

Amy Martin - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ The Bible assures us: "Jehovah is near to those that are broken at heart; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves"(psalms 34:18). Yes, more than anything else,a relationship with god can help you cope with the death of someone you love. Do not underestimate the value of prayer. The bible urges us: Throw your burden upon Jehovah himself, and he himself will sustain you" (psalm55:22). If talking out your feelings with a sympathetic friend can help,how much more will pouring out your heart to " the God of all comfort" help you.(2 corinthians 1:3)
It is not that prayer simply makes us feel better. The "Hearer of Prayer" promise to give holy spirit to his servants who sincerely ask for it.(psalm65:2; Luke 11:13) And Gods holy spirit, or active force, can equip you with "power beyond what is normal" to go from one day to the next.(2corinthians 4:7) Remember: God can help his faithful servants to endure any and every problem they may face.

Teri Morgan - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Our deepest sympathy to you. Natalie was a very special person who touched so many lives. She will be dearly missed, fondly remembered and never forgotten.

Jamie Bozarth - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

YS

“ I miss you and Bentley so much. Rest in peace and lay in the arms of the Lord for complete rest.

GO BLUE!!

Yvonne Stoudemire - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Dear Mary, James & Family:
It was with sincere regret that I heard Sunday of the loss of your daughter. I can truly say, Natalie, was an angel. Natalie was my neighbor and VP on the board at Square Lake Hills and she was an inspiration to all.
No person or experience will ever replace the happy days, Natalie, gave to all of us.
I wish to express my deepest sympathy and the hope that the kind thoughts of your many friends will make your grief a little easier to bear.

Lois Jennings - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ She will always be my right hand we march in Central Band and she was always on the right of me.
I will miss her dearly.
Marcia.

Marcia L. Walker-Henderson - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Jim and Mary, I continue to lift you up in prayer. Only the master can heal the hurt and pain you feel. Natalie was a beautiful young lady who knew the Lord and was faithful in her service to him. I hope that knowing you will see her again in our eternal place of rest, will bring you some semblance of comfort at this time. Know that you are loved, and God will never leave you or forsake you. Lean and depend of him, he will never fail. Love, Linda J.

Linda Jordan - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ When I think of Natalie, one word stands out to me, "transparency." When ever I saw her, I always smiled, because she smiled. Her spirit was rare. You really didn't run across many like her, :) And when you did, you felt the warmth. She gave you this feeling that there was indeed a God of joy! Even as I type, I am smiling because I know she is..

As I recalled her sometime saying, "go blue," now I can believe she's saying, "go white," because she's clothed in it. WOW!

Roshonda Rowell - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Natalie, was a lovely person who had a unique laugh. Whenever you saw Natalie, you saw Felicia as well. She was such a giving person, and she will be missed.

Lisa Bell-Ellis - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ My deepest condolences to the family. Natalie will always be remembered. I will always remember her warmth, outgoing personality, and her beautiful smile.

Samantha Matty - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dear Mr and Mrs Lyons: my heart grieves for you and my prayers are with you and your family. Nat was such a special person to so many of us. Her smile, energy, commitment, and love were always part of her relationship with many of her adoption community friends and colleagues. She showed courage and faith with this last cross she had to endure. My memories will be of her sweet smile and willingness to always help others. Thank you for the opportunity to know her and call her my friend. Janis

Janis Brown - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Hi Mother and Papa Lyons God truly sent you an angel when he created and form Nat. I was blessed to meet her and go to dinner with her as I served with her on the ursher board. She was genuinely sweet and kind. She will be missed and always loved. I will continue to keep you in my thoughts and prayers as your faith in our Lord Jesus Christ will be tested as you heal and greieve for my dear sister. Love you all and Please be blessed in the Lord. Amen!

Jamilah Green - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Dear Natalie,

We all honor the gift that you are to all of us today. Know that we carry you in our hearts today and always. I love you!

Stacey Biskner/Sr. M. Immaculata

Stacey Biskner - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ I pray that Natalie's family, friends, and colleagues find comfort in your loss. I worked with Natalie when I was at the Children's Bureau several years ago. Always sweet, always smiling, always gracious, that was Natalie. I am so sorry for your loss. I will pray for you that you find comfort.

God bless you,

Susan Orr Traffas

Susan Orr Traffas - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Nat, your infectious laughter will echo throughout the halls of Spaulding forever. You made coming to work the day after a UM/MSU game either a joyous occasion or a living nightmare for me. I am so happy we got to re-connect in these last few months and I will always remember the years of good-natured torture that went back and forth between us fanatical alums of our respective schools. Rest in peace "Sugar Foot".

Tim Hylka - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Please accept expression of sympathy over the lost of your dear loved one. I am writing to share with you the marvelous hope that the Bible holds out for a future resurrection.

God whose name is Jehovah and his son Jesus Christ, are concerned over your loss. Their promise is that our loved ones can live again. (john 5:28,29). What comfort and strength we can draw from the knowledge of the resurrection hope! And how glad we can be that those in Jehovah's memory will awaken from the sleep of death.

Teri Morgan - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM