



Colette Ann Gauthier

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Colette Ann Gauthier, 52, of Clay Township, went “Home” on April 10, 2016. She is more alive now than she ever was and is gathered up in the presences of her Heavenly Father. Although her hard fought battle with breast cancer is over, she was victorious in life! For Colette, death was defeated on the cross.

Colette was born to Ray Gauthier and the late Anita Gauthier, February 7, 1964, in St. Clair, Michigan. She is survived by her sons, David Paeth and Jacob Hogan, her father Ray Gauthier, brother, Gary (Rebecca) Gauthier, sister Brigette (Kim) Mills, nieces Gabrielle and Kayleigh Gauthier, many friends, and dearly loved members of her church family.

Colette was a graduate of Richmond High School, held an Associate’s degree in graphic arts from St. Clair County Community College, and a Bachelors of Arts in Family Life Education from Spring Arbor University. She was employed 22 years in the newspaper industry in capacities ranging from Art Director, to Office Manager, and was later employed at Masonic Pathways Senior Living Center in Alma, MI as a counselor and as a Hospice volunteer.

Colette’s greatest passion, and (she would count) most important contributions to this world, were serving others, and sharing the gospel message. Her heart overflowed with compassion for the less fortunate. She was the founder and administrator of “Hands for Heaven”, an on-line site to share what she and others were doing, and could do, as God’s “hands and feet on the ground”, to help others in need. She was co-founder and administrator of “The Closed Metastatic (Advanced) Breast Cancer Support Group”, another on-line support group for those who face the incurable, yet live on selflessly while encouraging others.

In her “spare” volunteer time she loved helping with “Operation Christmas Child”, a division of the Samaritan’s Purse organization whose mission is reaching hurting people in countries around the world with food, medicine, and other assistance in



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the Name of Jesus Christ. She was a member of Crossroads Community Church where she was active in prayer groups and Bible studies. Colette had an insatiable, contagious smile, sense of humor, and wit. She was loved dearly by all who knew her. Visitation and sharing will be held at Young Funeral Home, 4061 St. Clair Hwy., East China, MI, on Thursday, April 14, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. A celebration of Colette's life will take place at Young's on Friday, April 15, at 11:00 a.m., with visitation preceding at 10:00 a.m.

Colette loved to share her faith, and her minimal earthly riches with those less fortunate than herself, and wishes to further that discipleship by directing memorials payable to "Samaritan's Purse", "Operation Christmas Child" in the memo line. To leave a message of comfort please visit www.youngcolonial.com




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Visitation

 **Thursday**, April 14, 2016

 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

 **Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home**
4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China MI



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 **Thursday**, April 14, 2016


 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

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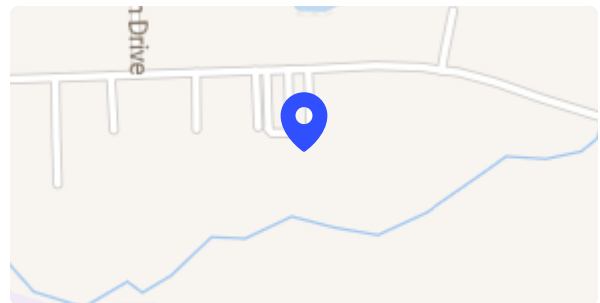


Service

 **Friday**, April 15, 2016

 11:00 AM ET

 **Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home**
4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China MI





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RG

Rebecca Gauthier posted:

On behalf of the Gauthier family, I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who were there for us (present or in spirit) as we said good-bye to Colette today. Whether you attended the funeral, sent flowers/card/food, lit a candle or even just said a prayer, we are truly grateful and humbled with the overwhelming generosity and love that was shown to us. We thank from the bottom of our hearts. With Love, Ray, Gary & Becki, Brigette & Kim, David and Jake.

April 15 at 11:54 AM

TP

Tammy Peck lit a candle in honor of Colette.



April 15 at 8:47 AM

TP

Tammy Peck April 15 at 8:51 AM

May God welcome you with open arms. God Bless



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Gauthier family.



April 14 at 12:23 PM

CA

Cathy lit a candle in honor of Colette.



April 14 at 12:06 PM



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MD

Mary Davis posted:

"No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and His love is brought to perfection in us." 1 John 4:12 Mother Teresa of Calcutta wrote: "Whenever I meet someone in need, it is really Jesus in his most distressing disguise." What do you see when you look into the eyes of the homeless person pushing a cart down the sidewalk on your way to Karmano's Cancer Center for treatment? Do you see someone to pity, to tolerate, to despise - or do you see the face of Christ? Colette had care packages made up and handed them out her car window; She saw the face of Christ. When I looked at Colette, I saw the face of Christ. That is the memory I hold dear to my heart when remembering Colette, my Bible study buddy, my friend, my sister in Christ. We will walk hand in hand one day when Colette greets me in HEAVEN. Mary Davis

April 13 at 9:51 AM

CM

Cindy Mccollister April 13 at 12:31 PM

What a beautiful memory of Colette's giving, graceful and beautiful spirit of Christ...I can barely type this as tears run down and the holy spirit is jumping around in me....thank you for sharing Mary.

CI

Cindy lit a candle in honor of Colette.



April 13 at 7:55 AM

CI

Cindy April 13 at 8:46 AM

Family & friends of Colette...May the peace above all understanding fill your hearts, minds and souls with peace that she is eternally free of all illness in Heaven, not even a threat of it. Beautiful Collette, full of grace, peace and love I celebrate you in joy! I am blessed to call you friend! Just think you can have all the "orange and grape poop in Heaven" (*pop) that you want! Your sister in Christ, Cindy McCollister



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PB

Patti Sayers Barton lit a candle in honor of Colette.

What an inspiration you were to me Colette, you made me realize that God's love for us should show in every aspect of our lives. That kindness is something we should show everyone, especially the less fortunate. You made me a better person by showing me what a truly selfless soul is like. I was in awe of you. I know your in heaven with our king and that gives me peace. Until we meet again in God's kingdom rest well my friend. I love you, your sister in Christ. Patti

April 13 at 7:51 AM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Gauthier family.

April 13 at 6:26 AM



SM

Sue Mead lit a candle in honor of Colette.

April 13 at 3:42 AM



AE

Auntie Betty, Jack And Stephen From London England. sent a Sweet Tenderness to the Gauthier family.

April 13 at 3:27 AM



LY

Lynne Yaws lit a candle in honor of Colette.

April 12 at 2:54 PM



AE

Aunt Sandy, Keith, Janine & Yvette (From London, England) Xx sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Gauthier family.

April 12 at 12:54 PM





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April 12 at 10:32 AM



Wynne Achatz lit a candle in honor of Colette.



April 12 at 6:38 AM



Wynne Achatz April 12 at 7:20 AM

You gave so much to so many - even though we never met, I was always hearing about your projects and struggles. You never complained. I felt like I knew you, Colette.



Judy Vaughn lit a candle in honor of Colette.



Dear Colette, We havnt known each other that long but we shared the disease that takes so many. I only hope I can have the strength and courage you have had. You have been a inspiration to me.. You are on a wonderful journey may God welcome you with open arms, no pain no sadness just love and peace!Love Judy Vaughn

April 12 at 4:47 AM



Beth Diegues lit a candle in honor of Colette.



Sweet Colette! Thank you God for the blessing of our paths crossing and giving me the honor of saying she is my friend. Colette selflessly prayed for my family when she was the one needing so much prayer and support. We worked together for years and got to know what a special sweetheart she truly was. So giving. God took you home my friend your work is done here. You are free from pain and reside in paradise. You'll be missed sweet lady but I'll smile when I think of you. Thank you for being an example of God's love. My deepest sympathy to the family on such a loss. My God wrap you all in his arms. Hugs!Beth Dittman-Diegues

April 12 at 4:17 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Colette by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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