



## Cynthia B. Christensen

April 14, 1954 - April 10, 2014

Aged 59, passed away at her home on Thursday, April 10, 2014, after a 2-year battle with lymphoma. She was born April 14, 1954 in Rock Island, IL, the daughter of Mark and Dorothy (Black) Boeding, and was raised in Indianapolis, IN. Cynthia was on the Board of the Saline Area Historical Society, Chairperson on the Saline Historic District Commission and also assisted at the Ann Arbor Historic District Commission. She earned her Bachelors in History from Eastern Michigan University in 2007 and earned her Masters in Historic Preservation from Eastern Michigan University in 2009. Cynthia was very active in her church community. She was a Master Gardener and enjoyed working in her yard. At various times in her life, she was a bookkeeper, a real estate agent, and, of course, a wonderful homemaker. Above all, Cynthia is a beloved mother and friend, and will be dearly missed. Her survivors include her children, Ted, Ellie and Gus Christensen, her siblings, Rick (and Sherri) Boeding, Lisa Boeding, and Randall Boeding. She was preceded in death by her parents. Visitation will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2014 from 12:00 P.M. until the time of the service at 2:00 P.M. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 525 Woodland Drive in Saline with Bishop Scott Soderberg, officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Saline. Arrangements are entrusted to the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home, Saline.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 19. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints  
525 Woodland Drive  
Saline, MI 48176

## Service

APR 19. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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525 Woodland Drive  
Saline, MI 48176

## Graveside Service

APR 19. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Oakwood Cemetery  
227 West Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176

# Tribute Wall



“ *Cynthia B. Christensen*

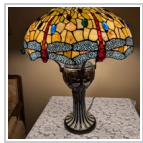
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“ *We will miss Cynthia very much. She was very committed to the Saline Area Historical Society and the community. She was instrumental in obtaining the National Register designation of the Rentschler Farm Museum in Saline and was on the Board of Directors of SAHS and Chairperson of the Historic District Commission.*

*Dean and Linda Greb*

Dean Greb - April 23, 2014 at 09:01 AM



“ *Cynthia will be missed by the entire Michigan historic preservation community, especially her friends and faculty at EMU's Historic Preservation Program. Dr. Ted*

Ted Ligibel - April 19, 2014 at 07:24 AM



“ *Cynthia was my visiting teacher and friend for many years. She has been such an example to me of enduring faithfully even when the trials seemed too great. I cherish every hug, every conversation, every visit. Every person whose life she touched is immeasurably the better for it. I will forever be grateful and a better person because she was in my life. ~Tracy Boggs*

tracy boggs - April 18, 2014 at 04:58 PM

KU

“ Cynthia touched our hearts with her grace and charm. Her spirit was warm and kind. She was gentle and radiated beauty wherever she went. She was an inspiration to us and to all who knew her. We will always remember her and the great example she was in every way. It was an honor to know her.

*Our prayers are with her children and family members.*

*With love,  
Sam and Kathy Utley*

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**Kathy and Sam Utley** - April 18, 2014 at 03:29 PM

EF

“ Ellen F. purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Cynthia B. Christensen.



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**Ellen F.** - April 17, 2014 at 09:46 AM

 Craig  
Matteson

“ Cynthia, you were a marvelous person whose life was too hard and too short. I will always remember your goodness and your kindness. You will be missed by many and I will be one of them. I am sorry you had to go through such a difficult illness, but am glad that it is over and you are now at rest. We will meet again and I will be among the friends who will be grateful to associate with you again. Valerie and I thought about you often and remembered you in our prayers. God Bless and Keep You, Cynthia, until we meet again.

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**Craig Matteson** - April 17, 2014 at 08:45 AM

LJ

“ Cynthia was such a "can-do" woman. Was there anything she couldn't do or figure out? I loved her zest for life, love of people, sharp intellect, easy smile and laugh, her sense of style, appreciation for the history of people and things, her love for her amazing children and her unwavering commitment to the gospel. She was a selfless giver all her life and a gracious receiver of love and care these last few months. It was a privilege to know her and call her a friend. She lives on as her memory inspires all of us to live every day of our lives.

Love,  
Linda and Mark Johnson

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**Linda Johnson** - April 16, 2014 at 11:09 AM

KB

“ Kris Blanchard lit a candle in memory of  
Cynthia B. Christensen



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**Kris Blanchard** - April 15, 2014 at 11:32 AM

LC

“ Cynthia married into our big extended Christensen family and although her marriage ended in divorce, we loved her and still consider her part of our family. She always made the effort to keep in touch with us and attended our big reunion in Royal City just last summer. I'm grateful to have had her as my sister in law and appreciate her example of enduring to the end and staying strong in her testimony of Jesus Christ despite the challenges she faced. She was an incredible person who loved her children deeply and unconditionally. I admire her quest to see and learn new things. She was an interesting person to visit with. She will be greatly missed by our family.

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**Lisa and Michael Christensen** - April 15, 2014 at 12:38 AM

TT

“*Dear sweet Cynthia! What a wonderful example you were to us, and especially to Lincoln. He absolutely adored you and Amy as primary teachers, and we are forever touched by your kindness and love! We enjoyed the visits we made to your home and yard. And we will cherish the memories from church. You brought us an apple cobbler one day to say thank you when Shawn helped with some yard work. That recipe is our families favorite apple cobbler recipe, and will now be added to our cookbook as treasured memories of your life of service!*

*You were so sweet to come over just days before we moved from Michigan to take Lincoln out for ice cream. I of course can't find the picture from that day, but here is another taken at preschool graduation. You were always supporting and loving all those around you. Thank you for your love and example!*

*We are sad that we aren't there to join in the celebration of your life with MI family and friends.*

*We have prayed for you, and are so grateful for the knowledge of the gospel, and look forward to the day when we will see you and can give hugs again. We love you!*

*Love, Shawn, Tawna, Darity, Sidney, Lincoln, and Cambry Tolbert*



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**Tawna Tolbert** - April 14, 2014 at 03:11 PM

HF

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**Heidi Fausett** - April 14, 2014 at 10:21 AM



“ *Cynthia friend-shipped me as another single sister in the stake. She was fun to be with and always did a first class job in any calling she had. I know she will be missed by all who knew her and especially her family. Loretta Allen*

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**Loretta Allen** - April 14, 2014 at 08:49 AM

SW

“ Cynthia was more than a friend -- she was a member of our family. She has been just like a Grandma to Aaron and Kylie (by spoiling them!), in addition to attending all their birthday parties, spending Christmas day with us, going to the zoo with us, attending dance recitals, and attending "Grandparents" Day at the school. The kids loved going to her house and investigating all her "treasures" -- like the jewelry drawer (WOW!), the miniature glass bottle collection, and the old telephone. What beautiful memories we have! She opened her heart to us and shared her love, her time, and her wisdom. Having her in our lives has been a priceless gift that we will always treasure. The highlight of church for the kids was having Cynthia sit with us during Sacrament meeting. They would always anxiously wait to see her walk in the door. What joy she brought!

*Dear Cynthia, we love you. We miss you. You will be forever in our hearts.*

*Shelley, Paul, Aaron, and Kylie*

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**Shelley Walker** - April 13, 2014 at 09:33 PM

PW

“ Cynthia was a wonderful friend to my family, especially my children. She sat with our family in church after her own children were grown and kept our kids happy and entertained in sacrament meetings for several years. They loved the attention she showered on them and adored her for her cheerfulness and kindness. I feel so blessed to have known Cynthia and will be ever grateful for the influence she has had on our family.

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**Paul Walker** - April 13, 2014 at 09:06 PM

AP

“ My heart hurts having to say "Goodbye for now". I love you, my dear friend, but am relieved that you can move on from recent struggles. I will miss you so much! It has been such a joy to share life experiences with you--teaching Sunbeams & CTR 4's, Serving in RS Presidency, Easter Dinners and Egg Hunts with our families, walks and talks, and of course, Book Club. . . You gave our family our first trampoline, and keyboard. You hosted Seminary in your basement which our kids benefited from, and you nurtured many Foster children, which enriched all of our lives, as well. You have wonderful children. It has been a privilege to witness their inner strength these last few months. Bless you and thank you, my dear.

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**Amy Paxman** - April 13, 2014 at 10:06 AM

DQ

“ A sad day for me was when Cynthia moved to her present home. I know she loved that house, but I was worried that once she moved farther away from me it would change the amount of time we spent together. I was right, but it never changed the love I have for her. We spent so many hours walking together, crying together, laughing together quilting together, eating together and anything else we could think of. Cynthia always impressed me with her ability to be with anyone. I think of how she was always okay to go along with Bob and I or with our whole family. She was always comfortable with everyone and made us feel comfortable. I really struggled thinking that I might not get back in time to see her as she began to fail and I will always thank the Lord for putting things into place so that I could tell her good-bye. I am grateful to one of the many whom she loved. Delsa Quinn

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**Delsa Quinn** - April 12, 2014 at 09:25 PM

SH

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Shelley - April 12, 2014 at 08:34 PM

SH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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Shelley - April 12, 2014 at 04:17 PM

EH

“ Cynthia is an inspiration to me. She passed through the trials of this mortal life with such grace, faith, and courage Cynthia and I worked together on the Thursday morning shift at the Family History Library at the Saline chapel. We had many wonderful personal conversations. In addition, she taught me so much about family research. Whenever I had a problem with my research, I knew that Cynthia would have the answer. My dear friend, I love you. "May flights of angels sing thee to thy rest."

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Elizabeth Hedquist - April 12, 2014 at 03:39 PM

DI

“*"This is Cynthia. Leave me a message." (With a lilt in her voice as she said her name.) Oh, how I will miss that opportunity. She was always there for me, and so many others. Her love, compassion, beauty inside and out is cherished. Free of pain at last, my sweet friend. Thank you for being you. You are truly an angel. I love you.*

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**diane irwin** - April 12, 2014 at 10:18 AM

JC

“*Wishing you love and peace at this time. God bless you and yours. With love, The Carmen Family (Dave, Jane, Megan, Ryan & Joshua).*

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**Jane Carmen** - April 12, 2014 at 08:07 AM

JC

“ Cynthia was my best friend's mom who opened her home to me after my mission so I could live closer to school, work, church, and friends. She was my friend, my roommate, my confidant, my support during a transitional and blissful time of my life. I'd like to think I was the same to her even a little bit. It was a transitional time in her life too, though her support was far superior to mine. She was wise and insightful, and kind. Always kind to me. When Michael and I were married, she was moving out of her larger home into a small, charming house and offered us an entire room's furniture to start our new life. We still have all of that furniture which has moved cross-country with us twice.

She will always be dear to my heart. I loved seeing her hold my baby last Sunday, and seeing her beautiful smile. I'm so grateful to have known her and shared my path with her for a time. I know I will see her again. I know that the atonement of Jesus Christ allows us to live again. I know she is safely in His arms now.

For Cynthia: "And I [now] go to the place of my rest, which is with my Redeemer; for I know that in him I shall rest. And I rejoice in the day when my mortal shall put on immortality, and shall stand before him; then shall I see his face with pleasure, and he will say unto me: Come unto me, ye blessed, there is a place prepared for you in the mansions of my Father. Amen" (Enos:27).

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Jodi Chaffee - April 12, 2014 at 12:58 AM