



Gertrude A. "Trudy" Feldkamp

December 19, 1958 - June 20, 2022

Gertrude Anne (Trudy) Feldkamp age 63 of Saline, MI was called to her heavenly home on Monday, June 20, 2022, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. She was born on December 19th, 1958, to Walter and Elizabeth (Gilbert) Sally in Jackson MI, although Saline was her lifelong home. She graduated from Saline High School and then the University of Michigan, one of her proudest accomplishments. She married the love of her life, Marvin Feldkamp, on November 3, 1979, at St. James United Church of Christ in Saline Twp. Trudy worked alongside him and assisted him in running the family farm for the entirety of their marriage until her illness no longer allowed to go to the barn earlier this year. She worked for the University of Michigan for over 30 years, spending the majority of those years at the Law School where she has many close friends and colleagues. She was an active member of St. James UCC, lending her talents in multiple ways over the years at the ice cream social, serving as president of Women's Guild and most importantly to her, as a Sunday School teacher. Trudy was a member of the Saline Township Planning Commission, serving as secretary for decades and has volunteered in the canning division at the Saline Fair for more than 40 years. Trudy has a large circle of friends and extended family who know that she always had a smile on her face, rarely complained about anything and when asked about her health always said "I'm fine" so that others wouldn't worry about her. Her happiest times by far were spent with her grandsons, traveling, or watching them play baseball, football and wrestle. She was

always in the stands yelling and cheering them on, rarely missing any of their activities and her presence will be greatly missed. In addition to her husband, she is survived by her daughter Rachel (Robert) Harbach and grandsons Jack and James Flaten and Jason and Sam Harbach, all of Saline; 6 siblings, Susan (Eugene) Heusel of Saline, Marjorie (Daniel) Stansbury of Las Vegas, NV, Richard (Carla) Sally of Saline, Gilbert (Teresa) Sally of Lumber City, GA, Russell (Maxine) Sally of West Carrollton, OH, and Julie (Jerry) Ernst of Hazlehurst, GA; a sister-in-law, Marilyn (Mark) Lowell of Grand Island, NE; and many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews, who she loved dearly. She was preceded in death by both her parents. Friends may join the family for a time of visitation on Thursday, June 23, 2022 from 2:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the St. James United Church of Christ in Saline. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, June 24 at 11:00 A.M. at St. James with a visitation from 10:00 A.M. until the time of service at 11:00 A.M. Burial will take place following the service and will be held in the St. James Church Cemetery. A luncheon will follow and will be held at the church as well. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her name may be made to St. James United Church of Christ and envelopes will be available at the church. To leave a memory you have of Trudy, to sign her guestbook, or for directions please visit www.rbhhsaline.com.

Cemetery Details

St. James Church Cemetery

11005 W Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 23. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. James United Church of Christ
11005 West Michigan Avenue
Saline, MI 48176
<http://stjamessaline.com>

Visitation

JUN 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. James United Church of Christ
11005 West Michigan Avenue
Saline, MI 48176
<http://stjamessaline.com>

Funeral Service

JUN **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. James United Church of Christ
11005 West Michigan Avenue
Saline, MI 48176
<http://stjamessaline.com>

Graveside Service

JUN **24**. 12:10 PM - 12:25 PM (ET)

St. James Church Cemetery
11005 W Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176

Tribute Wall



“ Gertrude A. "Trudy" Feldkamp

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ Vivi Hernandez lit a candle in memory of Gertrude A. "Trudy" Feldkamp



Vivi Hernandez - June 23, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ What a devastating loss. Trudy's dedication was legendary, along with her unflappable no-nonsense attitude, true warmth, exceptional talent, and understated - often knowing, and always winning - smile. I was so fortunate to have gotten to know her as we worked together over the years, especially on matters that involved coordinating faculty. Trudy could herd cats like they were sheep. She was such a central member of our community and will be sorely missed. My sympathies to her family and loved ones.

- Daniel Halberstam

Daniel Halberstam - July 02, 2022 at 08:15 AM

JL

“ I had the great privilege to work with Trudy for many years in conjunction with the Campbell Moot Court competition, which she ran with great skill and endless patience. We will be truly lost without her. Prayers for peace and healing for her family and all those who were blessed to know her.

Joan Larsen - July 01, 2022 at 02:03 PM

BG

“ Barbara Garavaglia lit a candle in memory of Gertrude A. "Trudy" Feldkamp



Barbara Garavaglia - June 29, 2022 at 11:23 PM

BG

“ Trudy was a wonderful colleague and it was such a pleasure to work with her. She was always ready with a helping hand and a smile. My deepest sympathies to all of her family.
Barb Garavaglia



Barbara Garavaglia - June 29, 2022 at 11:22 PM

DB

“ *Trudy was a pillar of the Student Life Office at Michigan Law School for many years. She was beloved by students, staff, and faculty alike. Whether it was planning and executing a program, unflappably fielding the steady flow of traffic in the office, or, most importantly, helping a student solve a problem or simply lending them a kind and caring ear, Trudy brought her whole, authentic, calming and dedicated self to work every day. It was a privilege to work with and know her.*

David Baum - June 26, 2022 at 10:12 PM

SZ

“ *Sandy Zeff lit a candle in memory of Gertrude A. "Trudy" Feldkamp*



Sandy Zeff - June 26, 2022 at 06:47 PM

DK

“ *I loved working with Trudy at the law school. She always had the answers to everything-I miss her already! Her door was always open and welcoming, so I could stop and talk to her anytime or just walk by and wave hello! She was kind and welcoming. My prayers and condolences to your family. What a lovey person. She will be greatly missed.*

Dorothy Kryskowski - June 24, 2022 at 09:50 AM

TK

“ *Trudy was a sweet soul with a huge heart. She was thoughtful, generous, kind, and unflappable. Always ready with helping hands, a warm smile, and a happy hug. Her memory will remain alive with those of us who had the pleasure and good fortune of knowing her. We will think of her often, with both sadness and fondness, as the daily turnings of our lives spark recollections of the lovely path she took.*

Theresa Kaiser - June 23, 2022 at 09:01 PM

SM

My heart goes out to your family. Trudy was too young and so loved. I will be praying for you all. Sue (Carter) Mulka

Sue Mulka - June 23, 2022 at 10:33 PM

AS

“ *Trudy was a lovely colleague with a beautiful smile. I worked with her for years, and she was always a delight. We worked together mostly on matters related to the South Africa Program, where she knew everything there was to know about the history, the processes, and the details. Her love of people was so apparent with how deeply she cared about our students, as well as how diligent she was about helping our colleague from South Africa, Karthy, have a smooth visit and a wonderful class. I recently had the opportunity to go through her very organized binders and folders for the program, and I smiled thinking about how much those boxes demonstrated about her hard work and dedication to all things, big and small. I will miss her smiling face around the law school, and I send my love and prayers to her family. Thank you for sharing her with us!*

Amy Sankaran - June 23, 2022 at 12:12 PM

CB

“ *Cathey Brooks lit a candle in memory of Gertrude A. "Trudy" Feldkamp*



Cathey Brooks - June 22, 2022 at 06:24 PM

CB

Trudy holds a special place in my heart. It was she that was instrumental in my getting hired at the Law School. After applying for and not getting the job in student services, she took me aside after my interview and said not to worry. She told me that she knew of another open position and she would talk to the supervisor about me. A few days later I got a call from Gail Ristow asking if I could in for an interview. I will never forget her smile and her upbeat personality. Rest in Peace Trudy.

Cathey Brooks - June 22, 2022 at 06:35 PM

MG

“ *I had the distinct pleasure of sharing an office with Trudy for over 10 years at the Law School. We always had such fun together! I'll never forget opening the windows in the office in January because we were both warm. She was my rock when I got some devastating health news and knew I could always count on her to have an ear for me. I hope I was able to do as much for her as she did for me. This truly breaks my heart.*

Mark Gebhart - June 22, 2022 at 01:04 PM



I'm so glad you worked with my mom, she loved you and missed you so much after you weren't in the office with her anymore....big hugs to you- Rachel

Rachel Harbach - June 23, 2022 at 08:50 AM

DF

“ *Diane Fears lit a candle in memory of Gertrude A. "Trudy" Feldkamp*



Diane Fears - June 22, 2022 at 11:54 AM

EF

“ *Emily Fullerton lit a candle in memory of Gertrude A. "Trudy" Feldkamp*



Emily Fullerton - June 22, 2022 at 09:48 AM

LN

“ *Trudy was a beloved citizen of our law school community. She was a warm and reassuring presence and I suspect that, at one time or another, her smile lit up every single room in our buildings. We will sorely miss her. My prayers of peace and comfort go to all who love her.*

Len Niehoff

Len Niehoff - June 22, 2022 at 09:28 AM

KB

“ *I enjoyed all my time working with Trudy at the Law School. She was always kind and helpful, and I knew I could always get answers and clarity about an odd situation from her. She was always a pleasure, but I still knew that she would be happy to share an eye-roll with me. I will miss her. Thoughts and sympathies to her family.*

Kincaid Brown - June 22, 2022 at 09:12 AM

SS

“ I am so grateful for all of the help and kindness I received from Trudy at the law school. Sending my sympathy to her family, Suellyn Scarnecchia

Suellyn Scarnecchia - June 22, 2022 at 08:37 AM

RF

“ I've taught at the law school for nearly 35 years, and so it is hard to imagine the place without Trudy. She was always cheerful and good-natured and just exuded competence and an ability to handle any situation. I think that's why for so many years she administered the Campbell Competition, our upper-level moot court competition, and always did it so well; she was the consistent thread from year to year. A recent memory will always stand out in my mind. This year, I was hesitant to go to the Campbell banquet, because I'm somewhat more susceptible to Covid than most folks. But Trudy set up a separate table, set apart from the others, for just two people -- and she kept me company, at a good distance, for the dinner. It was only then that I learned what a long and serious battle she had been fighting. I never would have guessed it, because her attitude was so positive and she always got the job done. She set an example for us all, and I will miss her greatly. My sympathies to the family.

Rich Friedman

Rich Friedman - June 21, 2022 at 11:36 PM

HW

“ I worked side-by-side with Trudy for over five years and leaving her was one of the toughest parts about leaving the law school almost a year ago. We had a lot of laughs, and some cries, together. She was so caring and always there to help however she could. The students loved her! I can't tell you how many students, both current and former, came into the office just to say hi to her over the years. She was just a very kind person and will be incredibly missed. My thoughts are with Trudy's family and everyone who knew and loved her. I hope that she is doing "just ducky!" up in heaven now.

Hayley Wagner - June 21, 2022 at 09:26 PM



Thanks so much Hayley, I've been trying to find your info for the last few weeks and hadn't been successful. My mom loved you and loved sharing stories about your life as a mom. I really appreciate your kind words- Rachel

Rachel Harbach - June 21, 2022 at 10:50 PM

HW

Thank you so much for this, Rachel. Your message made me smile. I loved her, too.

Hayley Wagner - June 22, 2022 at 08:47 AM

JJ

“ I was very honored to have worked with Trudy on and off for many years at the Law School. She always had a powerful, but lighthearted manner that made me smile. I helped her with computer problems that we could both commiserate with as well as referred students to her since she always had the answers I needed. Her presence will definitely be missed on the third floor. My sympathies to her family.

Jason J - June 21, 2022 at 04:40 PM

EG

“ *Eveline Grubbs lit a candle in memory of Gertrude A. "Trudy" Feldkamp*



Eveline Grubbs - June 21, 2022 at 03:55 PM

EG

“ *I thank God that I got to know and work with Trudy at the Law School over my 20+ years. I will miss going into her office and seeing her smiling face, talking about life and work but most of all I will miss her HUGS, Those arms hugged you tight and it just made you feel everything would be alright. She will definitely me missed here on the 3rd floor.. I already miss her.. I will be praying for her family in this difficult time*

Eveline Grubbs

Eveline Grubbs - June 21, 2022 at 03:54 PM

ES

“ *I am so sorry to Trudy's family and friends for their loss. I was lucky enough to be Trudy's co-worker at the Law School, where I discovered that she is unrivaled in the strength and utter conviction of her hugs. I will miss those hugs, and I will miss her.*

Elizabeth Snook - June 21, 2022 at 01:03 PM

BB

“ *Marvin, Rachel and Marilyn and your family are in my prayers. She will always be in your hearts with such wonderful memories that you all have of her. Barbara Feldkamp Burns and Roger Burns*

Barbara Feldkamp Burns - June 20, 2022 at 10:43 PM

CN

“ You have my condolences to her family and loved ones! 🙏🙏🙏

carol (seeger) nortley - June 20, 2022 at 08:39 PM

RL

“ Our deepest sympathies... May her amazing cheering and care for others be a comfort on days ahead. We are so sorry , life is precious.

Roger and Ruth Lockwood

Ruth Lockwood - June 20, 2022 at 07:43 PM