



## Amy Jo Gaffke

June 3, 1971 - December 6, 2023

“Like a lighthouse guiding ships through the storm, Amy illuminated our lives with her presence.”

Amy Jo Gaffke, age 52 of Center Line, suddenly passed on Wednesday, December 6th, 2023. She was born June 3rd, 1971, in Grosse Pointe, Michigan. She was the daughter of Francis and Darlene Delaurier. Adored wife to Mark Gaffke, together for 33 amazing years. Loving mother to Stephanie (Jess) Kerr, Carrie (Matt) Curry, and Ryan Gaffke. Cherished grandmother to Jaden, Lilah, Amelia and Rowen. A dear sister to Beth (Terry) Delaurier-McClellan, Kevin Delaurier and Johnny Delaurier.

Amy was a gentle soul who embraced every moment with positivity and simplicity. She had a heart that overflowed with kindness and her smile could light up any room. Amy had a natural ability to make everyone around her feel special and loved.

She was an incredibly involved mother who dedicated herself to her children's well-being and happiness. Amy never failed to listen, offer guidance and provide a loving and nurturing home. She actively participated in her children's lives by attending school events, choir concerts, games and often volunteered. She was their biggest fan and cheerleader, always encouraging them to pursue their dreams and reminding them of their worth.

Amy had many passions, including baking, gardening at home, traveling with family, music and camping trips up north. She found joy in attending countless baseball, softball and soccer games. A Skidmark for life, #01. Mark and Amy were known for enjoying concerts together. Whether it was music in the park or Kenny Chesney, she loved any live performance, especially with Mark by her side.

Above all, Amy's greatest accomplishment was her family. She was a best friend to her siblings. A devoted wife to her husband who adored her and the most selfless mother. She especially loved being a grandma. She was the glue of her family and blessed them with the most amazing memories together. Her impact will never be forgotten.

Her legacy of happiness and kindness will continue to uplift and inspire those who were fortunate enough to have known her. Her love for life and vibrant spirit will be deeply missed. May she rest in peace, forever surrounded by the light she so admired.

Visitation will be held at Rudy Funeral Home 25650 Van Dyke, Center Line, MI on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, from 1 PM until time of service at 7 PM. Please visit [www.rudyfuneral.com](http://www.rudyfuneral.com) to light a candle or to share a memory.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

DEC 12. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rudy Funeral Home  
25650 Van Dyke Ave.  
Center Line, MI 48015  
(586) 757-3230  
kathynovak@rudyfuneral.com  
<https://www.rudyfuneral.com>

### Funeral Service

DEC 12. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

KD

“ Amy was our beautiful beloved neighbor. She ALWAYS took time to love our cats through the window, no matter how busy or late she was .. her smile and good nature was the sunshine of our lives. She will always be in our hearts. And forever missed ! I know she is an angel with gold wings watching over her family and friends. we feel blessed having to know her. We love beautiful girl, your neighbors will miss you dearly.

Kelly and doug - December 12, 2023 at 12:38 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Amy Jo Gaffke.



December 11, 2023 at 07:51 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Amy Jo Gaffke.



December 11, 2023 at 06:30 PM

DW

“ Doug & Jericka Worley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amy Jo Gaffke.

Doug & Jericka Worley - December 11, 2023 at 04:53 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Amy Jo Gaffke.*



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December 11, 2023 at 04:53 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Amy Jo Gaffke.*



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December 11, 2023 at 02:40 PM



“ *Jenny G. lit a candle in memory of Amy Gaffke*



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**Jenny G.** - December 11, 2023 at 02:34 PM



“ *Lanzon Electric planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amy Jo Gaffke.*

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**Lanzon Electric** - December 11, 2023 at 12:43 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Amy Jo Gaffke.*



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December 11, 2023 at 12:43 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Amy Jo Gaffke.*



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December 11, 2023 at 10:55 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Amy Jo Gaffke.*



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December 11, 2023 at 10:10 AM



“ *Amy was such a sweetheart. She was always smiling, I remember when I didn't have my badge for 3 months someway somehow she was always going in and out at the same time as me and always let me in. Even though we only interacted a few times, its painful to know that you're gone. You will forever be missed, sending my condolences to your family.*

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**G** - December 11, 2023 at 09:49 AM



“ One of the sweetest people on the planet. Amy was family to me, main and my brother's Our mother's Lived back and forth With each other taking care of both families. I remember her being made to babysit me and my younger brother multiple times. Including when she had to jump and the Kalamazoo river to save my brother who jumped in after a plastic baseball bat. Amy will truly be missed. These words really don't make it any easier. But I hope she know she was loved by more than just her immediate family.



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**Joshua Holloway** - December 11, 2023 at 02:28 AM

KK

“ Kevin Kaul lit a candle in memory of Amy Gaffke



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**Kevin Kaul** - December 10, 2023 at 08:25 PM

BK

“ bill and sandy kaiser planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amy Jo Gaffke.

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**bill and sandy kaiser** - December 10, 2023 at 01:02 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Amy Jo Gaffke.



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December 10, 2023 at 01:02 PM

TW

“Thresa, Wayne.Tyler,Wayne Grace, Wayne planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amy Jo Gaffke.

Thresa, Wayne.Tyler,Wayne Grace, Wayne - December 09, 2023 at 10:19 PM



“Beautiful Dreame was purchased for the family of Amy Jo Gaffke.



December 09, 2023 at 10:19 PM

ML

“morgan lasala lit a candle in memory of Amy Gaffke



morgan lasala - December 09, 2023 at 08:30 PM

TE

*This is so very hard for me as I know it is all of us . My heart breaks for Mark and their beautiful kids and grandchildren. My feelings are that I am and will always be forever grateful that god brought us together 18 years ago she was , us and always be a big part of my life.She always smiled always was happy and taught me no matter what we got this ! She lived it. I love her so much and all of you. Loved volunteering at the boys school together just everything. Promise to you my angel is I will live life thinking of you daily and always try to make you proud. Like I said you continue to be our angel up there and I got down here until we meet again.*

Theresa Elkins - December 11, 2023 at 03:16 AM



“ *Mariann Lacey lit a candle in memory of Amy Gaffke*



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**Mariann Lacey** - December 09, 2023 at 03:43 PM

AM

“ *You and your family were there for me for the one of the toughest times of my life! Such a great person and I will always appreciate the lesson you taught me that sometimes things happen and we all have to push through. Thank you! Sending my condolences to your family. Love you guys! -AJ*



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**aj mckay** - December 09, 2023 at 09:42 AM

RN

“ *I didn't know Amy very well.  
In the short time we did interact it was obvious what her passions were.....her family.  
I believe in her faith of her family and I know as they grieve, they will rely on her strength of her family and understand the love she had for them.  
I am so sorry for your loss, but I am so happy you will have your memories of her to rely on to get you through these hard times.*

*Love always, Coach Nelson*

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**Ron Nelson** - December 08, 2023 at 09:49 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Amy Jo Gaffke.*



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December 08, 2023 at 06:30 PM



“ *Amy was a coworker of mine and truly a treasure to be around. She was so easy to get along with and SO kind to everyone. Her face would light up when she shared the many stories of time spent with her family. She especially loved talking about and sharing pictures of her kids and grand babies ❤️ She is already so missed. Prayers go out to her family, friends and all of the lives she's touched. You are a beautiful soul, Amy. Rest peacefully in heaven ☐❤️*

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**Jackie Barwin** - December 08, 2023 at 06:14 PM