



## Cynthia M. (Thompson) Varnell

October 3, 2022

Cynthia M. (Thompson) Varnell passed away in October 2022 in Sarasota, Fla. She was born to the late James and Delores (Ebenstein) Thompson in Grandville, Michigan.

First and foremost, she loved the Lord Jesus Christ and that relationship superseded all others. Not far behind was her love for her best friend and husband, followed by her children and grandchildren.

Cynthia was an extraordinary woman in every sense of the word, touching those she met with a gracious and gentle spirit. She was well known for her kindness and generosity.

She loved working with children and was at home in the garden, as well as doing crossword puzzles. A brilliant woman, she could converse on most topics, with a special passion for history and genealogy. Not to be forgotten was her great sense of humor and love of Far Side cartoons.

Cynthia is survived by her husband of more than 50 years, George R. "Dick" Varnell; son, Matthew (Rebecca) Varnell; daughter, Julie Varnell; son, Adam (Beth) Varnell; and son, Jonathan (Erin) Varnell; sister, Patricia (Kenneth) Misner; brother-in-law William (Joyce) Varnell; sister-in-law, Mary Rosekopf, sister-in-law Rebecca (John) Schubel; grandchildren Zachary, Seth, Abigail

(Trey), Allyson, Madalyn, Katie, Luke, Nathan, Karis, Joshua, Alyssa, Hannah (Ethan), Ryan, Daniel, Timothy, Sarah, Megan, Samuel and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Internment will be private. A public memorial service is planned for a later date.

# Tribute Wall

DA

“ Cynthia was such kind and loving person. Her eyes had a sparkle and her voice was quiet loving and calm. She was a special blessing to all who knew her and a loving and dedicated wife and mother . I loved to hear her childlike giggle! She was a great example to all and will be deeply missed. Sending all our love and prayers, May you find comfort and peace knowing she's no longer suffering but surrounded by the beauty of heaven❤️  
Brad and Denise Anderson

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Denise Anderson - October 20, 2022 at 04:58 PM

JV

“ Cynthia, indeed was all the wonderful tributes that have been spoken of her.  
She and I had a deep sister relationship. She was a woman of Gods Word.  
Cynthia had a deep relationship with her Lord and Savior and desired for others to know His love. In her kind ,pleasant way she would share her daily walk with her Lord. Cynthia honored her husband faithfully through their 50+ years. She was serious ,fun and concerned Mom and grandmother. With miles between them I admired how she was up on things going on with each one and prayed daily for each one.  
Being married to brothers gave our families a special place in each our hearts.  
Spent many fun times together. Our hearts are over flowing with so many wonderful memories . My dear sister we'll see you again ,love you.  
Bill and Joyce

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Joyce Varnell - October 20, 2022 at 07:22 AM

MM

“ A loving, inspired person. A passionate foundation builder. One day when we are finished here, I imagine Cynthia enjoying cooking and baking in her fabulous manner in the most grandiose kitchen of her liking. She will glance out her ornate windows while we play American Tackle football pain free on the field beyond our dreams, anticipating the joy of feasting together. In the evening, after the great feast and folks disperse, I will join Cynthia in her grand kitchen and she will share the wisdom beyond time in her uniquely quizzical, encouraging, conversational way while we make health bread (I mostly will listen and converse and stay out of her way). Later, as the night concludes and everyone retires, Adam and I will go back and finish off that wonderful health bread and Cynthia happily knew all along that we would. I believe she is already anticipating that great day being the most joyous host.

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**Martin McClary** - October 18, 2022 at 04:56 PM

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*Lisa has Cynthia's health bread recipe if anyone wants to try it while still on earth!!*

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**Lisa Rector** - October 20, 2022 at 03:12 PM

SN

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Cynthia for the past 15 years. She was the sweetest woman, who always had a smile on her face and a compliment to share. She was a surrogate grandma to my two sons, joining us for holidays, birthday celebrations and graduations. Dick and Cynthia would join us for breakfasts or dinners, and the fellowship was something we cherished. There is a hole in our hearts with her gone, but knowing she is with her Heavenly Father brings comfort. Much love and prayers for the Varnells.

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**Stacy Nale** - October 18, 2022 at 10:08 AM

LH

“ I met Mrs. Varnell years ago when I came out to Michigan with your daughter, Julie. The love of Jesus showed through in every expression she had. I will be praying for the Lord to bless you with His peace during this difficult time. I am looking forward to seeing her in heaven someday. She will be missed; and remembered as a light for Christ. Blessings always.



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**Lynne Hasuly** - October 18, 2022 at 08:58 AM

SS

“ Cynthia was a jewel. She was the kindest, one of the most loving people I've ever known. I never left Cynthia without feeling encouraged. She was so kind to pray over our family, and especially our boys over the years. I always enjoyed and looked forward to her beautiful Christmas and birthday letters, and corresponding back to her. I always cherished the road trips to Bloomington and Brown County to have lunch when you came to Martinsville, and so did Ed. My heart is broken with yours— my love and prayers to Mr. Varnell, your children, and your grands. I know this is such a hard loss, as she was such a precious wife, mother, and grandmother. Continuing to pray over all the family. Much love—Ed and Shelley.

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**Shelley Suter** - October 18, 2022 at 04:18 AM

MT

“ Dear Pastor Varnell, we know of you and your beloved Cynthia through our beloved Pastor and your son, Adam, your daughter Julie, and some people in Spirit of Life Church. Our church rallied in faith and prayer for healing. Adam would often testify of her progress previous to the last stage of her journey. We all know that indeed God did heal her. We continue to pray for you and family. We are so very sorry for your loss, and we rejoice for her heavenly gain. May the Lord give you all that peace that really does pass understanding, and may you feel His presence and closeness to you like never before, in Jesus name

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**Mike and Janet Telfer** - October 17, 2022 at 08:06 PM

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“ To The Varnell Family. It has been said, “We grieve because we love”. Cynthia will be missed because she was so well loved. Her gentle spirit coupled with deep wisdom and understanding was a powerful combination. She was wise enough to stay humble in spite of her strength. I am blessed to have been touched by her life. May the sweet memories you have bring joy and comfort.  
Lara Hodson Martin

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**Lara Hodson Martin** - October 17, 2022 at 05:29 PM