



Venita Plum Smith

August 25, 2013

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Tribute Wall

CB

“ *I'am saddened by the passing of Venita. I have known Venita since junior high school. She was a very fun and humerous person and always said it like it was. We would eat out, walk Lake Calhoun,make christmas cookies and I even went to stay with her for a week in Hawaii. I will miss her immensley even though we had not talked for awhile. Erik, I'am so sorry for your loss.*

Cindy Bergeleen - September 22, 2013 at 03:11 AM

KC

“ *18 years ago Venita cared for my 2 girls and became a big part of our family for this time. I will always be appreciative of how she loved my girls and brought silliness to most everything they did. My heard is so sad today, especially for you Erik -- please feel comfort in know she made a difference in my life. Peace to you.*

kathy Crifasi - September 17, 2013 at 05:53 PM

KC

Oops - My HEART is so sad, not HEARD...

kathy Crifasi - September 17, 2013 at 05:54 PM

KL

“ *Erik, Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Ken & Kathy Leners - September 09, 2013 at 09:55 AM

AL

“ I'm deeply shocked by this sad news. Although I had not had contact with Venita in the last year and half, we had spent quite a lot of time to try good food and share conversation when we were co-workers at Cargill and after she left. She carried great pride of her origin and deep compassion for humanity and equality for all beings. I'm so sorry for your loss, Erik. Venita had touched many lives especially those who were unfortunate. I will miss her. Alli

Alli - September 08, 2013 at 01:43 PM

SV

“ So sorry for your loss...our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time...

Sandie Anderson Volpe - September 08, 2013 at 08:50 AM

EA

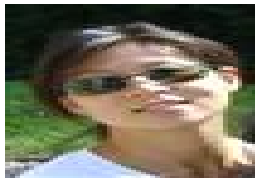
“ This is an extended version of Venita's obituary:

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Erik Anderson - September 07, 2013 at 09:09 AM

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Erik Anderson - September 07, 2013 at 09:06 AM

JZ

“ Erik, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers through this very difficult time. Please know that we are here for you.

Jodie Zurn and Family

Jodie Zurn - September 05, 2013 at 11:21 AM

IE

“ Peace to you Erik your Families and Friends that the memories of Venita live on.

Inez

Inez ~ Co worker of Erik's - September 05, 2013 at 11:14 AM

WH

“ I never had the pleasure of meeting Venita, but I sure wish I had. Erik, I'm so very sorry for your loss of this remarkable woman. Please know that you and your family are in our hearts.

Wendy Hall - September 04, 2013 at 12:30 PM

AS

“ Venita's love for animals, good food, and fancy purses made for some fantastic stories, but it was her tenacity that stands out in my mind. Raging blizzards wouldn't keep her from making a gourmet lobster dinner, and cross-country moves wouldn't keep her from earning a college degree. The world sparkles a little less without her. My heart goes out to you, Erik. I am so sorry for your loss.

Amy Spillman - September 04, 2013 at 09:35 AM

LB

“ *The stories that endeared us to Venita will endure; especially "Which way do I turn??" Her sense of humor will surely be missed. Her heart for animals and children will also be remembered, as well as her rare culinary gift. My daughter Ariel's first cookie at 16 months was Venita's delicious and cute Christmas gingerbread cookie. Erik, you are in my prayers -- I am so sorry for your loss.*

Laura Blichfeldt - September 03, 2013 at 09:40 AM

LA

“ *I understood Venita to be a caring person who hated to see neglected animals. She opened her home to care for shelter dogs, providing them attention & safety. Her presence and contribution to the community will be greatly missed. My deepest and most sincere condolences to out to Erik and his family for their loss.*

Laird - September 03, 2013 at 08:17 AM

Jl

“ *I remember Venita as a great cook. Erik (our boss) would often talk about something wonderful Venita made, always fresh, always delicious. Sometimes she'd send treats into work, which were amazing. Our hearts go out to you, Erik.*

Jim - September 03, 2013 at 07:58 AM