



Gretchen Gail "Gay" Toy

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Gretchen Gail "Gay" Toy, age 74 of Montague, Michigan passed away unexpectedly on April 7, 2018 in Muskegon, Michigan. She was born in Norwich, CT on March 21, 1944 to the late Charles Mallory and Gretchen (Brown) Toy.

She was a 1962 graduate of North Muskegon High School and had also earned her bachelor's Degree in Education at Michigan State University. For many years she worked for Reeths Puffer Schools as an 8

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Grade Science Teacher. Her knowledge of science was a passion she passed on to her students. She retired in 2010 to help care for her elderly mother, whom she resided with.

To know her was to love her- her intelligence was vast on many subjects. She was kind, compassionate, full of wit, and avid M.S.U. fan, and loved spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her father Charles in 1989 and her mother Gretchen in 2012.

She leaves to cherish her memory; her sister Judith (Charles) Schecter of Davison, Michigan; her nephew, Charles Schecter IV of Goodrich, Michigan; her niece Jodi Schecter of Davison, Michigan; numerous cousins and friends, her beloved rescue donkey, "Hank" and cats, "Jimmy" and "Johnnie".

Our bond of love will live on forever, and always remember that "I love you more".

According to her wishes cremation has taken place and no services are to be held. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be directed to the Humane Society or ARC of Muskegon.



Tribute Wall

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Shoreline Memorial Services shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



December 19 at 7:22 AM



Judy Sabec posted:

She was a great teacher to my children. A wonderful friend to animals . An amazing quick Christmas shopping and it was a pleasure having her as a customer when she came to do her Christmas shopping. Such a lovely person.

May 5 at 8:00 PM



Margaret Otoole posted:

Our deepest sympathy to Judy and the whole family.Margaret OTooleThe Arc Muskegon

April 22 at 8:00 PM



Suzie Boxer Udell posted:

She was a great teacher. She will be missed.

April 16 at 8:00 PM



Brent Pike posted:

Loved Ms. Toy! She was a great teacher with an amazing sense of humor. She always made science fun, truly one of the special teachers in my life. She will be missed.

April 15 at 8:00 PM



Joshua Dexter posted:

Mrs toy was one of my favorite teachers at rp middle School. I dont remember all my teachers but I have most of my middle School memories in this class. I dont remember ever having a question unanswered she always knew the right thing to say. Maybe it was just that Im a pyro and I liked that Bunsen burner but I think there was more to it than that. RIP old friend

April 13 at 8:00 PM



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BC

Brandin Cobb posted:

Mrs. Toy was always happy and eager to talk to her students about her knowledge of science. I loved her as a teacher. She will be truly missed, my heart and prayers go out to her family.

April 13 at 8:00 PM

MS

Mike Sandy posted:

Rest in peace, GG.

April 13 at 8:00 PM

PS

Paula Scott posted:

She truly was one of the great ones at RP. Loved having her as a teacher! Im sorry for your loss.

April 13 at 8:00 PM

LC

Laura Corbin posted:

Ms. Toy was one of my educators that will still fondly come to mind, especially when it comes to science, even after 35 years. She made learning fun. She was hilarious, patient and kind. My deepest sympathy to her family and friends.

April 13 at 8:00 PM

KM

Karen Terryn (Millis) posted:

Ms. Toy was one of my favorite teachers, she made science fun to learn and I remember making class straws and our rockets 🚀. Rest In Peace

April 13 at 8:00 PM

JJ

Jason Jacobs posted:

Ms. Toy was one of the most favorite teachers I have ever had. She made learning about science fun.

April 13 at 8:00 PM



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KK

Kelsey Kassner posted:

By far one of the best teachers I ever had. Blesses to have known such a wonderful human being.

April 13 at 8:00 PM

KA

Kathleen posted:

Gay was a wonderful, fun person! I will never forget when she brought her dog in for a tattoo. She said we could do anything we wanted. She was in the habit of,asking everyone she came across what they thought the little dog was (as in breed). So the tattoo said "DOG". I told her any time she wondered what it was, to lift its leg and read what it said. She loved it! She adored teaching and loved her pets. Could not ask for a better person. Condolences to her family.

April 13 at 8:00 PM

SB

Steven Bye posted:

Great Lady!

April 13 at 8:00 PM

JG

Justin Gray posted:

I loved and hated her. She used to threaten anyone being disruptive that she would give them a kiss if they didn't knock it off. Well one day being my class clown self I challenged her threat with a "yea right ms. Toy! Let's see it! You won't do it." She got up from behind her desk walked over to me bent down and got right in my ear and whispered "You are one of my favorites" and laid a Hershey's Kiss on my desk in front of me.I never acted out in her class again. Instead I was her class enforcer and kept all the other clowns in the clown car. 🤪

April 13 at 8:00 PM

MG

Melissa Pierce (Gilmore) posted:

I loved Ms Toy, she was probably the best part of 8th grade. Her love of animals, do not kill a bee in her class, to giving kisses (Hershey) to students and all the fun things she taught us. She was a breath of fresh air and so excited about life. I still remember building rockets and launching them. She will be missed terribly

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MC

Maryjane E.Cunningham posted:

Im saddened to here the loss of a RP teacher one of a kind,one of the best,she will be truely missed ive always thought of her threw my years my thoughts and prayers goes out to her family

April 13 at 8:00 PM

SB

Steven Bye posted:

Super Lady

April 13 at 8:00 PM

AM

April (Bloosmtrom) Misner posted:

She was a wonderful Teacher at RP. She will be surely missed. She was kind, sweet and funny also she never took crap from any of the kids. Wonderful woman sad to see her leave us. My prayers and thoughts with her family

April 12 at 8:00 PM

JS

Janet Sutherland posted:

Gay was such a special person. She was devoted to her students, fellow staff members, and loved ones. She worked so hard as a leader in the local Michigan Education Association for educators and for the best for students. Always one of the best people I know or knew.

April 12 at 8:00 PM

HW

Holly R Willer posted:

Mrs. Toy was always one of the teachers I remembered. I enjoyed her class and learned a lot from her. Thought of her many times throughout the years.

April 11 at 8:00 PM

LS

Lori Sides posted:

I am so sorry for your loss Judith and family. Gay was a wonderful person and I was blessed to know her. You are all in my prayers!

April 10 at 8:00 PM



Media

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