



Cindy L. Balzer

August 16, 1959 - March 7, 2015

Cindy L. Balzer, 55, of Rockton died on March 7, 2015 in her home. Born on August 16, 1959 in Sikeston, MO, daughter of Charles and Claudia (Bradley) Merick. Graduated from Harlem High School in 1977. Formerly employed at Aetna Insurance as a Claims Processor and Kohl's. Cindy had an unbelievably positive disposition. She constantly made an effort to bring happiness and to share her inner joy with everyone she came in contact with. Her warm and welcoming manner set both strangers and friends at ease. Cindy had a competitive side, not just participating, but with a will to win; in bags tournaments with her partner, Bill. She was constantly challenging herself by seeking out new activities that were outside of her comfort zone; zip lining, ATV adventures and whitewater rafting were some of the experiences that she savored. She was devoted to her family, and had an amazing circle of friends. Survived by her partner, Bill Evink of Rockton; daughter, Jennifer (Troy) Mangrum of Cedar Springs, MI; grandson, Jason Mangrum; parents, Charles and Claudia Merick of Mead, CO; siblings, Chuck (Candy) Merick of Miami, OK, Pattie (Bill) Olson of Mead, CO; nephews, Charlie and Matt Olson, C.J. and Steven Merick; niece, Kaitlyn Balzer; and special friends Kathy Panozzo of Jacksonville, FL, and Beth Larsen of Loves Park. Celebration of Cindy's life is Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 5 p.m. at Heartland Community Church, 1280 South Alpine Rd. Rockford, with memorial visitation at 4 p.m. until the time of service. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family. To share a memory or condolence, visit www.graceFH.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 11. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Heartland Community Church
1280 South Alpine Road
Rockford, IL

Celebration of Life

MAR 11. 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Cindy L. Balzer



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - March 11, 2015 at 10:32 AM



“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Cindy L. Balzer



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - March 11, 2015 at 09:53 AM

CM

beautiful video. very well done. love you Cindy

candy merick - March 12, 2015 at 08:03 PM

LE

“ Lisel Elliotg lit a candle in memory of Cindy L. Balzer



lisel elliotg - March 13, 2015 at 04:24 AM

LE

Cindy was an incredible person. Always so positive:) and always smiling. She was and always will be an inspiration to all.

lisel ellioth - March 13, 2015 at 04:28 AM



“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - March 11, 2015 at 03:48 PM



“ *Cindy was a wonderful and caring person. It was an honor to be able to meet her and enjoy the times we had playing as teammates on our bags team and enjoy all the laughs we had together. Loved her competitiveness. She will be greatly missed.*

Jeffery Starnes - March 11, 2015 at 02:32 PM



“ *Jennifer Balzer Mangrum lit a candle in memory of Cindy L. Balzer*



Jennifer Balzer Mangrum - March 11, 2015 at 02:27 PM



“ *When I think of Cindy all I can see is that beautiful smile and that contagious laugh. My friend you will be missed.*



Penny - March 11, 2015 at 02:19 PM



“ *Donna Manley lit a candle in memory of Cindy L. Balzer*



Donna Manley - March 11, 2015 at 01:14 PM



Donna Manley

I only met Cindy once at a wedding & reception with Bill but she was so nice. We had a great time and I was so shocked to here this terrible news. I am so sorry for your loss.

Donna Manley - March 11, 2015 at 01:28 PM



Cindy was a good co worker and friend. So sorry for your loss.
Linda Young

Linda Young - March 13, 2015 at 05:52 PM



“ 98 files added to the album LifeTributes



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - March 11, 2015 at 09:02 AM



“ Cheryl Lafferty lit a candle in memory of Cindy L. Balzer



cheryl Lafferty - March 10, 2015 at 11:44 PM



“ Cindy was a kind person to me at a difficult time, I will always remember her goodness.



Terri Schaefer - March 10, 2015 at 08:37 PM

CW

“ Carolyn Merick White lit a candle in memory of Cindy L. Balzer



carolyn merick white - March 10, 2015 at 05:35 PM

SB

“ So very sorry to hear this. There are no words that can make it easier. I pray that God will provide the strength and comfort for your family. Shelley Bowman Aetna

Shelley Bowman - March 10, 2015 at 03:09 PM

KM

“ Please accept my sincerest sympathies in the loss of a wonderful person. I have had the pleasure of having Cindy on my team here at Aetna for the past 3 1/2 years. She was always so pleasant and willing to do whatever was needed, with nothing short of a positive attitude. She will certainly be missed by me and the team.

Kristie Morris - March 10, 2015 at 02:26 PM

SR

“ I am so very sorry to hear about Cindy. My prayers are with all of you. Her smile and laugh will always be remembered. She was a very special lady that lit up a room with her smile. God bless and hold you all.

Stephanie Russell - March 09, 2015 at 08:15 PM

PA

“ Pattie lit a candle in memory of Cindy L. Balzer



pattie - March 09, 2015 at 07:46 PM



“ *Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Cindy L. Balzer.*



March 09, 2015 at 07:14 PM



“ *Cindy was a wonderful lady and it was a honor to know here as a friend! God bless her family.*

Patrick High - March 09, 2015 at 05:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cindy L. Balzer.*



March 09, 2015 at 02:29 PM



“ *Christy Doss lit a candle in memory of Cindy L. Balzer*



christy doss - March 09, 2015 at 01:12 PM



“ *Lisa Baclet lit a candle in memory of Cindy L. Balzer*



Lisa Baclet - March 09, 2015 at 11:48 AM

FW

“ *Flora Weber lit a candle in memory of Cindy L. Balzer*



Flora Weber - March 09, 2015 at 05:56 AM

PL

“ *Patti Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Cindy L. Balzer*



Patti Lawrence - March 09, 2015 at 01:57 AM

PL

You will be missed by all. You were a wonderful friend. Heaven needs to be ready, you will take the biggest prize in Bags up there. :) I am sure you are throwing right now, back and forth, back and forth. Always smiling my dear.

Patti Lawrence - March 09, 2015 at 02:03 AM

TL

“ *So sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. It was truly enjoyable working with Cindy at Kohl's. She was always happy and always had a smile on her face.*



terri labunski - March 08, 2015 at 06:53 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Cindy L. Balzer.*




March 08, 2015 at 06:47 PM

BL

“ *Beth Larsen lit a candle in memory of Cindy L. Balzer*



Beth Larsen - March 08, 2015 at 06:32 PM

 Barbara
Robinson

“ *Barbara Robinson lit a candle in memory of Cindy L. Balzer*



Barbara Robinson - March 08, 2015 at 06:31 PM