



## Amy Noel Keegstra

November 22, 1960 - June 3, 2013

Amy N. Keegstra, 52, of Chicago died there Monday, June 3, 2013.

Services celebrating her life will be held at 2 PM on Saturday, June 22, at the Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in St. Joseph. The family will receive friends and relatives beginning at 1 PM on Saturday at the Dey-Florin Chapel. Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be made to the Berrien County Humane Society or Donor's Choice. Please share memories, messages or photos at [www.florin.net](http://www.florin.net).

Amy was born on Nov 22, 1960 in Benton Harbor to Dr. Edward and Nancy Keegstra. She graduated from Benton Harbor High School after which she traveled with "Up With People" as a dancer. She attended Michigan State University and had resided in the Chicago area for the last 25 years. She was a nanny. Amy loved to cook and take care of children. She also enjoyed animals especially her cats. She was an independent private person who was totally devoted to her family and the children for whom she cared.

She is survived by her parents, Dr. Edward and Nancy Keegstra of Stevensville; her sisters, Jo Keegstra of Chicago and Jane Wilcox of Sun Prairie, WI; her brothers, William Keegstra of Eau Claire, Piet Keegstra of Eau Claire and Tim Keegstra of Westerville, OH and several nieces and nephews.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 22. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service  
2506 Niles Avenue  
St. Joseph, MI 49085  
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## Service

JUN 22. 2:00 PM (ET)

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St. Joseph, MI 49085  
staff@florin.net

## Gathering

JUN 22. 3:00 PM (ET)

Friends in Faith Community Church  
6550 Keigley Street  
Eau Claire, MI 49111

# Tribute Wall



“ *I miss u Amy*



Aidan Ed - September 07, 2019 at 07:14 PM

AK

“ *So sorry to hear of your daughter's passing. It is so difficult to imagine our children going before us. Our prayer's are with you. Thanks to God & your outstanding medical care of our family, our children are still with us. May God bless you & your family & keep you in his loving arms. With our deepest Sympathy, Arvie & Warren Krause & Family*

Arvie & Warren Krause - August 21, 2017 at 09:40 AM

LJ

“ *Dear Dr. and Mrs. Keegstra,*

*My name is Lindsey Johnson, and I traveled in Up With People with Amy in Cast D 78-79. We have been preparing a list of emails for our cast in preparation for the 50th Anniversary of Up With People this summer. We had lost track of Amy and in seeking her out again, we were so sad to see this posting. After UWP, I returned to Chicago for college, and had the chance to see Amy a couple of times -- once at College (we have our family cottage in Holland, MI), and a couple of times right after she graduated once she moved to Chicago. Last June, I went to Benton Harbor for the opening of an exhibit of my Aunt's work at the Krasl there in St. Joseph. Before I went, I emailed to the last email I had for Amy in the hopes that I might connect with her if she was back in Benton Harbor. Clearly she was on my mind for a reason. Amy was a people person, with huge heart and a lovely voice. Please know all of us who traveled with Amy wish you -- her family -- our heartfelt sympathies.*

*Sincerely,  
Lindsey*

Lindsey Johnson - November 17, 2014 at 03:02 PM

JK

*Thank you so much Lindsey for your kind words.*

jo keegstra - December 23, 2014 at 02:37 AM

GT

“ I travelled with Amy in *Up With People* and we roomed together in Melfort Saskatchewan. I have been back home in Wales for the last 20 years but my thoughts are with Amy's family. My journal was not very good but I found this in it. Can't remember what Amy was doing up the tree but she was smiling as always.  
*GillThomas*



**Gill Thomas** - November 17, 2014 at 02:33 PM

JK

*Trees and the climbing of them were a thing in our family. Your posting gives a gift of a memory. Thank you so!*

**jo keegstra** - December 23, 2014 at 02:40 AM



“ I miss you. There is a huge hole in our Family. Amy, you died too soon. Aiden, Fiona and Sandy: today and tomorrow are hard for you as well. I want peace for us all. Amy would want it too.

**Jo Keegstra** - June 03, 2014 at 10:09 PM

WF

“ My condolences to the Keegstra family. May God be with you and may loving memories fill your heart with peace and joy. Turning to God in prayer can be a source of true comfort. Please be assured of God's love (1 Peter 5:7).

**Williams family** - July 11, 2013 at 01:30 PM

MF

“ Michele, Max and Gabrielle Fitzpatrick purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Amy Noel Keegstra.



**Michele, Max and Gabrielle Fitzpatrick** - June 22, 2013 at 10:55 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Amy Noel Keegstra.



June 21, 2013 at 11:12 AM



“ 37 files added to the album Memories Album



Florin Funeral Services - June 21, 2013 at 12:36 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Amy Noel Keegstra.



June 19, 2013 at 01:06 PM

LW

“ Lola & Ed Machota, Connie & Dennis Schreiber, Cathy Will purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Amy Noel Keegstra.



Lola & Ed Machota, Connie & Dennis Schreiber, Cathy Will - June 18, 2013 at 09:01 AM

KW

“ Amy was a true friend. I always enjoyed playing our saxophones together in Jr high and High school. We had so much fun together in Pep and Marching Band. She could always make me laugh!! She will be dearly missed. I m so sorry for you loss, our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time. Kathy Richards Wilson.

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**Kathy Richards Wilson** - June 17, 2013 at 05:44 PM

PE

“ I was in school with Amy in the 6th grade when we were part of the academically talented program Benton Harbor schools ran out of Fairplain West school. Amy was always so cheerful and inquisitive. I will always remember when our class took a field trip to Chicago and Amy was just such a wonderful person to be around. My condolences for your great loss.

*Paul D. Ewald*

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**Paul D. Ewald** - June 15, 2013 at 09:20 PM

IL

“ I remember Amy as a wonderful person. She was very loving and caring toward Aiden and Fiona. She would always tell me "Watch him when he goes through the door. He's going to say bye to me for the fourth time." He would say good-bye again and she would tell me "I told you, Illuminada." And when she would come to pick him up, she would say "I got something for you", and with a smile she would hand me a Butterscotch candy. My prays go to her family withs lots of love and she will be very missed by many.

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**Illuminada** - June 15, 2013 at 06:18 PM

JK

“ from Nick Branson  
Even if your not religious, one has to admit the memory and matter of loved ones passed lives on in this world. So tonight I'm carrying the memory of my Aunt Amy with me on my first shift at Mindy's Hot Chocolate. She opened my mind at a very young age to liver and onions, pickling, spicy food, and Asian influences. She always stressed proper technique but wasn't afraid to hack a situation. Her passion lives on in me and will never be truly lost.

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**jo keegstra** - June 14, 2013 at 11:13 PM

JM

“ Aidan always spoke of Amy with such love and affection. I could tell that she was an integral part of his life. I am so sorry for your loss.



Joyce Mangelsdorf - June 14, 2013 at 07:50 PM

SP

“ I have struggled with what to write, because I can't adequately convey how Amy was such an integral and beloved part of our family. From the time both Fiona and Aidan were newborns she has provided them with care, comfort, love, guidance and support. Amy was singular in her ability to nurture, and we are so fortunate and grateful that we had the opportunity to know and love her these past almost fifteen years. She will always be in our hearts, and is part of the kids forever.

Sandy, Aidan and Fiona

Sandy, Aidan and Fiona Power - June 14, 2013 at 03:44 PM

JK

*She was loved. And she loved in return. You were her Family here in Chicago.*

*Aidan and Fiona:*

*You are sad and upset right now, but i can tell you the pain will fade , and that is how it should be.*

*It will get better.*

jo keegstra - June 15, 2013 at 12:08 AM

PK

*Our thoughts, love, and prayers are with your family whom Amy shared her life with daily. " Our loved ones leave the world, but never our hearts. You will always remember. You will always love. So much has changed, but so much will always be.... Amy is part of who you are, of how you see the world...of how you live and give. Those priceless gifts are yours forever. Your family was so richly blessed by Amy's love and spirit of giving.*

Piet and Patty Keegstra - June 15, 2013 at 06:19 PM

BB

“ Mr. and Mrs. Keegstra, Pete, Tim, and Jo: It is a great loss to lose a loved sibling or child, but to depart this world can be a relief. We wish you the best and hope that you can find solace in adjusting to Amy's departure to eternal peace. Bruce Burke and family.

Bruce Burke - June 13, 2013 at 08:35 PM

CB

“ I met Amy shortly after she'd moved to Chicago. She was funny, hopeful, smart, loving and very attached to her family. The world needs more like her.

Carolyn Bowes - June 13, 2013 at 04:48 PM

CB

“ It was obvious how dedicated Amy was to Fiona and Aidan's life. They loved her and respected her. I will always remember her face as she picked them up from school and holding their little hands as they walked away. What a dedicated lady...she will truly be missed.

Christine Caro Bowie - June 12, 2013 at 07:26 AM

CD

“ Amy recently attended the 6th grade author's celebration where she listened to Aidan and his classmates share pieces of their writing. She was devoted to Aidan and Fiona - always present for them at Burley. Aidan spoke of Amy often. The whole class came to know her over the years. She was a member of the Burley community. We were stunned and saddened to learn of her passing. She will be sorely missed.

catherine ditto - June 11, 2013 at 10:28 PM

CS

“ Everyone at school knows how much Amy was truly a part of Aidan and Fiona's family, and we are all saddened by this sudden loss. Her dedication and caring were apparent every day, and she will be missed in the Burley community.

Carolyn Skibba - June 11, 2013 at 10:27 PM

CH

“ Going to Jr. High and High School with Amy was a hoot and a half! We had so much fun in band, Mrs. Atwood's French class, eating lunch in Mr. Farnum's room , and all the various classes we had together. It was so easy to make Amy's face turn beat red! And we tried to make that happen often! My memories of Amy are numerous and comedic. It's been 35 years since I've seen or heard from Amy, and yet I'm devastated at her passing. How ironic that our 35 yr. reunion is the same day as her funeral service! I can't stop thinking about her. My condolences to the family and my prayers are for your comfort and peace. Connie Piedt Hartwig

Connie Piedt Hartwig - June 11, 2013 at 08:27 AM

SP

“ I got to know Amy over the years at Aidan's school during pick up time. She was always early (as was I) so we had plenty of time for some nice chats. She treated Aidan and Fiona as her own children. I always thought how lucky they were to have a nanny who was so dedicated and had been with them so long. I will miss seeing her smiling face!  
Shawn Peek

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Shawn Peek - June 10, 2013 at 09:49 PM

RF

“ Amy was such a kind person. She will be missed by myself, my daughters and my 3 year old son. My son Devin always looked forward to seeing Amy at school(Aidan's school) because he knew that from her he would always get a smile and usually a butterscotch candy too! My condolences to her family and all those close to her. We will miss you Amy. Rebecca Faithen

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rebecca faithen - June 10, 2013 at 08:08 PM



“ Our Deepest Sympathy Gourmet Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Amy Noel Keegstra.



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June 10, 2013 at 06:40 AM