



## Rebecca VanItallie

December 20, 1962 - August 7, 2005

A memorial visitation for Rebecca "Becky" Rae Watson VanItallie, 42, of Clarkston, Mich., formerly of Kankakee, will be from 4-7 p.m. Sunday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, West Kankakee. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Paul Episcopal Church in Kankakee. Cremation rites have been accorded by Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Inurnment will be in St. Paul Episcopal Columbarium. Memorials may be made to the family wishes. She died Sunday (Aug. 7, 2005) from injuries sustained in an auto accident in Clarkston. Ms. VanItallie had worked as an account executive in the advertising field. She was born Dec. 20, 1962, in Chicago, the daughter of Morris Ray and Sally Watson. She was a 1981 graduate of Kankakee Westview High School, where she was salutatorian of her class, the lead in several musicals and student council president. She later graduated with honors from Denver University with a bachelor's degree in psychology. She was completing a master's degree in counseling at Oakland University. Becky was an accomplished pianist, instructor and a published musician. She loved traveling, camping and skiing. Most importantly, Becky was a loving mother, daughter, sister and aunt. Surviving are her mother of Crystal Lake; two sons, Brenton and Derek VanItallie and their father, Thomas VanItallie, all of Clarkston; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Pamela and John Erickson of Crystal Lake, Andrea and Bob Lynch of Palatine, Cynthia and Bill Veronda of Kankakee; her fiance, Lloyd Mincy of Clarkston; and several nieces and nephews. Her father is deceased.



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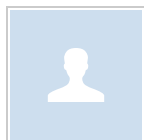
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“ *Becky and I had some great memories that we got to recount when we saw each other at the "20th high school reunion" a few years ago. I will always remember the fun and laughter she brought me in my childhood. My sincere heartfelt condolences go out to her family and friends. She will remain forever in my heart.* <br>  
<br>##imported-begin##Michele Mach##imported-end##

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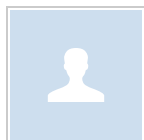
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“ *Becky and I were friends for many years. I have the best childhood memories of spending time with her and her family. I was blessed to have her as my friend. She touched many lives and will be missed by all of us.*##imported-begin##Krista (White) Overall##imported-end##

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“ *NULL*##imported-begin##Barb Cuddie##imported-end##

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“ Becky touched many lives here in clarkston, she was a great caring mother, and friend to all of us. She will be missed by all. Most important she will be in heaven looking down on all of us. She will help guide us through good and bad times, we just all wish that we could of helped her and guide her a little more, but Brent and Derek have many friends and families here to help them in the time of need. We are here if anyone needs our help. We know that Becky would of extended a helping hand, so we would all like to do the same for the family.##imported-begin##amy ellsworth##imported-end##

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“ Brent, Derek, & family I'm very sorry to hear of your lose. i ½ You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Chelsea Budrow##imported-end##

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“ I met Becky only once in my life but she touched my heart in this very special way that i will never forget about this few days we spent together.<br><br>I remember one warm summer night, she told me about her music and how much she enjoys to sing. I asked whether she knows the motion picture ?City of Angels? and this one song by Sarah McLachlan. She smiled at me with her own special smile, went to her piano, searched for the notes and sat down to play it. Candles were lighting up the room and when she started to sing her wonderful voice sang the words just like an angel: <br><br>?You?re in the arms of the angel, May you find some comfort there.?<br><br>My deepest sympathy to Beckys family and friends.<br><br>##imported-begin##Nanette Scholz##imported-end##

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“ I knew of Becky before I even met her. ½Her talents were well known, and the other kids spoke of her in a tone approaching reverence. ½When I met her myself, I understood why. ½She was the girl who had it all: Beauty, brains, compassion, personality, and grace. ½She was able to pull all of that off and not be conceited about it. ½We sang in show choir together, and shared the stage in plays, and she excelled in all things she touched. ½I am raising a teenaged daughter right now, and Becky Rae is a perfect role model for her.<br><br><br><br>Apparently, the Angel choir needed an excellent voice and pianist. ½But can the rest of the choir handle jazz?<br><br><br><br>My sincerest condolences and wishes for God's blessings and comfort go out to the family, and I know you will be blessed with memories of Becky, just like you were blessed by her in life.##imported-begin##Jonathan Genson##imported-end##

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“ My heart goes out to Becky's family and friends.<br><br>I just found out the news today. I am so sad. I am so sorry for our huge loss. Becky was a real sweet-heart. I got to know Becky at Kennedy Upper Grade School. ½She would come over from Westview to play piano for choir. ½I was a year younger but she always treated me with such respect. Becky was amazingly talented. I'll never forget when she belted out "I've got the sun in the morning and the moon at night" as Annie in Annie Get Your Gun. ½She just shined. Becky shared her great talent in so many ways: She was a leader in student council, singer and performer in swing choir, and most importantly a compassionate friend. I feel so lucky to have had Becky's twinkle in my life. I pray that Becky is in a very groovy place right now. I send my love and light.<br><br>##imported-begin##Sarah Sullivan##imported-end##

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“ Dearest Rebecca:  
When we met at Jayno Adams Elementary even after our first encounter it was like we had known each other for a lifetime. I want to thank you for blessing me with your kind and compassionate soul. God put us together to learn future life lessons. We enjoyed our Scouting time with you. You were a one of a kind assistant. Pat and I will always have your miniature christmas tree gift as a momento of the kind soul you are and will always be. I will always remember when we both got chewed out for the Halloween party we planned with your cow heart and pig intestine idea. What a hoot! Brent and Derek we didn't get to know you to well before you changed schools but know that your Mom was extra special and would have done anything for you guys. She loved and lived for her boys. She will always be your guardian angel and remember whether it be a whisper, a thought or a voiced request she will always be near enough to hear it. She will always be near you never forget it. Whenever you hear one of your mom's favorite music pieces "that just might be her sign to you's that she sees all, hears all". Blessings to all your family members.##imported-begin##Pat, Sue, Colin & Dillon Ross##imported-end##

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“ Dear Beck...I will always be amazed by your spirit. We shared alot of laughs and good times out here in Colorado (and growing pains, too!). I will always remember your adventurous nature, how you were always going and doing things. Thanks for being so generous, and sharing all the things that you had with us. I wish I could have helped you more with your struggles in life.  
You are loved and missed by the Colorado gang!  
Rock on,  
Sister!##imported-begin##Jim Dudley##imported-end##

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“ A few years ago Becky was hired as Music Director in our small Episcopal Church, St Mary's in the Hills, in Lake Orion. She was our first Director in about 15 years. She was a sweet lady, one who added a spark to our scene. She stayed only a few months, but gave us her best effort and some enjoyment while she was there. We offer our deepest condolences to her family.##imported-begin##George and Ruby Feeman##imported-end##

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“ Thank you God for blessing us with Becky. As a child many years ago; I stood on the playground at Longfellow School, frightened and uncertain of a rapidly changing world. I will forever remember Becky's warm smile, reassuring conversation, and the courage she showed as we played hop-skotch, and jump rope until our recess was over. Becky displayed that same courage as we grew from elementary school through High School. At our 20 year Class Reunion Becky was still carrying the torch of bravery as she stood before us and led us in singing our High School Song (Go-Fight-Win Kayhawks!); she also scrolled thru old year books showing us "less than perfect" photos from our past! To Becky's family: BE ENCOURAGED, she was a beautiful, loving, courageous person who has earned a great reward in heaven. I'm thankful to God that she touched my life in such a positive way. ##imported-begin##Rosie Smith-Williams##imported-end##

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“ Beck, my family will always have you in our thoughts and prayers. *ı̇½*You were always so kind to my children, and they always said, "We love Becky because she always has so many neat things for us"!!<br><br><br><br>Lloyd will love you forever. *ı̇½*We used to just roll our eyes when he would remind us over and over again how great you were with the piano, skiing and how you ace every class you have ever taken and that you were homecoming queen. <br><br><br>God has you in his hands, Becky.##imported-begin##Stew Mershon##imported-end##

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“ To Becky's family, I know that there aren't words that can describe the loss you are feeling. My heart and prayers are with you. <br><br>Becky was an such a wonderful childhood friend. I met Becky when we both began school at Kennedy UGC. There were so many memories of those years...riding our bikes to the Lola's candy store or Dairy Queen...slumber parties...and all of our fun time at Kenney UGC. High school was equally as memorable with Becky. We had so many great times in art class, building homecoming floats, etc...<br><br>Becky, we will all miss you...and in time, our tears will be replaced with smiles brought about by the memories you gave us all. <br><br><br><br>##imported-begin##Paula Moreland Diard##imported-end##

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“ I always remembered Becky as the girl who "had it all" - looks, brains, personality, talent, etc. All that she accomplished, she made it seem so effortless. The times that we spent together cheerleading, clubs and committees, parties and all - she was always the center and drew us all together. I will never forget the day I learned that she, too had problems and it wasn't as easy as she made it appear. When she selected the song, "Songbird" by Barbara Streisand to describe her inner self for a school project, I actually cried listening to the lyrics. Becky, I hope you have found your "songbird" to sing for you and I will never forget you. My sympathies to your family and boys for losing such a wonderful person too soon.##imported-begin##Chris Scivally##imported-end##

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“ I'll always remember Becky as my oldest and one of my closest friends from my days in Kankakee. We had many great times and leaned on each other through many rough ones during our teenage years. Beck could do anything, except a cartwheel! I remember Leisle Lin, Laurie Billings and I worked all summer long with her so she could learn it and be a cheerleader with us. She finally learned (it still wasn't very good) and she made the squad. I think that's the only thing I know of that Beck couldn't master. In the grand scheme of things, I'd say that's not too bad. Becky will be missed by all whose lives she touched. I know she is watching over us and will do what she can if any of us start to stray down the wrong path. <br><br><br><br>'Til we meet again, Beck .....##imported-begin##Shelly Pepin##imported-end##

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“ We have many happy memories of times spent together in New Hampshire with our young, growing families. Becky generously let our family come for a weekend visit only a few weeks after Brent's birth, and on many other occasions as well. We had lots of fun with lobster dinners, drinking Tom's homebrew, going into Portsmouth, watching Mousse catch the bubbles the kids were blowing out on the lawn. We will cherish these happy times always, and will fondly remember Becky as the caring, generous and beautiful person that she was. Becky, may you rest in peace in God's love.##imported-begin##Penny & Greg McNally##imported-end##

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“ Becky: ĩ½My memories of you are nestled in the innocence and calm of our youth. ĩ½Our lives came together for a relatively brief period of time in high school and college. ĩ½And as the years passed we lost contact. ĩ½But news of your life always seemed to make its way back to my ears. ĩ½I was always happy for you and proud of your accomplishments as a student, artist, wife, mother, and friend. ĩ½You were my first true love and a piece of my heart remains exclusively yours to this day. ĩ½You will be forever remembered by me as the young, innocent, gorgeous, intelligent and talented songbird, who could melt me with your smile and laughter. ĩ½My prayer is that you are at peace, and now know how much you were loved during your time with us, and how deeply you will be missed. ĩ½Peace to you, Rebecca Rae.  
ĩ½ĩ½##imported-begin##Matthew T. Gubbins##imported-end##

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“ Dear Loyd,  
  
  
  
We are deeply sorry for your loss.  
½ Treasure all the fun memories that you ½ shared with Becky.  
You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
  
God Bless  
  
Eric & Mary ½  
Mary & Eric  
Smith

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. ½  
D.J. Fitzpatrick &  
Family

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“ My deepest regrets of sorrow go to all of Becky's family and friends for this tragic loss. ½ I am a client of Tom's and had met Becky on a few outing when they were married. ½ May the Lord be with you and comfort you in this sad time.  
  
  
  
Elizabeth Hoeldtke

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“ I can remember visiting my favorite aunt in new hemp. and her getting the markers and paper out so we can draw. We always had soo much fun with her. i loved her and i always will.. I just recently visited Brent and Derek with my mother and i had the best day with my aunt Becky.. i will never forget that day and how we laughed soo hard about the past memories..Im not too good at saying how i feel or even saying goodbye, but i just wanted to say that you are still someone special to me and i will always love you..Words cant explain nearly how much you will be missed and words cant express how much you mean to me..To Brent and Derek, even though there is a distance between us, i will always be there for you guys..I love you and i will never forget anything that you said or thought to me..<3##imported-begin##Grace Coslow##imported-end##

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“ Bec and I had many great times together and she was always there whenever anyone needed her. I do wish we could have spent more time together as "mothers" to share our difficult times together. Having known the troubles she was dealing with yet not being able to help still haunts me today and always will. However, I do believe that she was called home so He could help her knowing how much she touched and helped others here. I always kept her high school picture admist my angel collection I proudly display in my dining room. It wasn't until her departure from "us" that I realized why I must have kept it there. She was an angel and belonged there, along with all the others. I'll never forget Bec and all the great times we had together in swing choir and through our pre and post high school years. The confidence and courage she gave me during our teen years helped me to become the determined person I am today. God bless everyone who helped my dear friend in her time of need. My deepest sympathy to her family and friends. Patti Jain <br><br> Bec until we meet again I'll keep making my dreams come true knowing you are there to help me through- love Patti (PJ) imported-begin###Patti Jain Galeaz###imported-end###

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“ She lived her life to the fullest and tried to make the best of every situation. <br><br>Becky accomplished more in 42 years than most people do in a life time. <br><br>Her memory will forever be strong in the hearts of those who's lives she touched. imported-begin###Maria (Cotsones) Eicke###imported-end###

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“ Becky and her family lived down the block from us growing up.   
½ There were five of us who always played together, Sue, Scott,   
Becky, my brother David and I all play together during our grade   
school years. ½ I have fond memories of playing "Kick-the-Can" in   
the alley. ½ We were all good kids and had great fun growing up   
on Small Avenue. ½ Although Becky had a short life, I trust she   
had a good life. ½ I offer my deepest condolences to her family.   
½ She will be fondly remembered in my heart.##imported-  
begin##Mary Prindle Fawver##imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Becky was a friend even   
at " Park A Tot" Daycare and into Highschool. My Sincere   
Condolences to eevryone.##imported-begin##Marcia Drechsel-  
Fishman##imported-end##

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“ Becky was a friend and kindred spirit in many ways. We both partied too much in those early years at Denver, but always with the thought that we were searching for some greater path than the mundane. Perhaps it was that search that led her to some parts of the path that are best not travelled. I wish her peace and love for all eternity, and my heart goes out to her family, who I know she loved deeply. "Ad Asperna de Esprita"-from the latin "To the Stars Through Adversity" or "It Is A Rough Road To Heaven" Peace --MD--  
Michael Daddy

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“ I would like to extend my heartfelt condolences to Rebecca's family and friends. I met her through Lloyd and he talked about what a wonderful person she is all the time! I know she is going to be greatly missed! My thoughts and prayers go out to everyone who was touched by Rebecca in their lives. God Bless!  
Todd Callahan

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Karen Flesner Bobalik

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“ Our deepest sympathys to the family and friends. She will be missed...  
The Satterwhite Family  
Jeff, Jordan, and Kyleigh  
Jeff Satterwhite

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“ Dear Sally, Pam, Andrea and Cynthia, <br><br><br><br>I a very sorry to hear of the passing of Becky. ĩ½I was shocked to hear it. ĩ½You have my sympathies.<br><br><br><br>Dave Prindle###imported-begin###David Prindle###imported-end###

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“ Dear Brent and Derek - <br><br>I know this is a very sad time for you both but one day you will remember some of the fun things your Mom said and did. ĩ½She is watching over you now. ĩ½She just had a very rough time here, you know. ĩ½I'm sure she is at peace now. I will miss you both. ĩ½I always looked forward to seeing you both and spending time with you. ĩ½Maybe we will meet again one day. My deepest sympathy to all of Becky's family from ours. <br><br>My dear Lloyd - <br><br>We will get you thru this. I know your pain is great, you loved Becky so much! I don't believe there is anything you wouldn't have done to make her happy. ĩ½She is at peace now and we must go on without her and we will. ĩ½We will remember her beautiful smile and laugh later at some of the good times we shared with her. May God give you much strength. ĩ½Love, Mom<br><br> <br><br>###imported-begin###Karen Mincy###imported-end###

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“ my thoughts are with you all. i am very sorry for your loss and will be thinking of you during this time. take care, cindy, friend and neiighbor.###imported-begin###cindy szydlowski###imported-end###

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“ On behalf of the Clarkston Chiefs Youth Football team our heartfelt condolences go out to your entire family. ¶¶¶imported-begin¶¶¶Larry W. Malace II¶¶¶imported-end¶¶¶

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“ Very saddened and shocked to hear the news. ¶¶¶Our family will be thinking and praying for yours.¶¶¶imported-begin¶¶¶Jim Frieling¶¶¶imported-end¶¶¶

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“ We are sorry we will not be able to attend either memorials. ¶¶¶Max and I extend out deepest sympathy. ¶¶¶We have such good memories of our children growing up together. ¶¶¶Becky was such a sweet little girl as we remember and know she was a very special sister and daughter. ¶¶¶We extend our love to Becky's family. ¶¶¶¶¶imported-begin¶¶¶Max & Denise Prindle¶¶¶imported-end¶¶¶

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“ Our family prays for healing for both families and Savanna, Derek and Brent. ¶¶¶Once, when Lloyd and Becky came back from a snow ski trip, I asked Lloyd how it went. ¶¶¶He said, "Well, it was kind of embarrassing". ¶¶¶I asked why, and he said, "She's so good and so fast, she spent most of her time at the bottom of the hill waiting for me!!". ¶¶¶May both families spend their days reminiscing of the wonderful times together they shared. ¶¶¶¶¶imported-begin¶¶¶jaye and lisa wilson¶¶¶imported-end¶¶¶

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“ I have many happy memories of the time we spent together before Ed and I were married and during our young married lives. Becky was one of the the most beautiful, intelligent, talented and creative people I have ever met. We owned a boat together in Connecticut for many years. She sang at my wedding. She gave me my Bridal Shower (complete with a male stripper) and also my Baby Shower (she hand-painted the table cloth with little baby feet) and she was the Godmother of my son Gerrit. We took care of our babies together. We sang together in our father-in-laws living room. We vacationed together. We tackled NYC. I have already been missing her presence for many years. I am grateful that she has found the peace she so deserves. I will continue to love and care for her boys the way she would want me to. I will tell them many happy stories about their Mom.<br><br><br><br>##imported-begin##Cathleen Van Itallie##imported-end##

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“ Becky was a great friend and will be missed by many. i¿½My deepest sympathy goes out to Becky's family.##imported-begin##Dreu LaMere##imported-end##

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“ To Brent and Derek, your mom loved you both so much and whenever she was away from you, she would say how much she wished you were there. She was so proud of you both.  
  
Lloyd loved Becky and had so much admiration for her accomplishments in life. There is now a terrible void in his life, as in many other's lives. There are those that struggle in their own minds and we can't comprehend the pain. She is at peace finally and her mind can finally rest.  
  
Becky, God has taken you into his arms and will hold you for eternity.  
  
My sympathies go out to Becky's family and especially to my dear brother who will continue to morn such a loss in his life. You did all you could for her Lloyd, more then most would have. Know that she loved you too and try to think of the happy times, she would have wanted it that way.##imported-begin##Lori Winslow##imported-end##

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