



Faith A. Ross

July 3, 1940 - February 12, 2016

Faith A. (Van Toll) Ross passed away February 12, 2016, at the age of 75 in Sterling Heights. She was born on July 3, 1940 to Cyril and Cyrilla Minne in Detroit. She graduated at St. Anthony High School in Detroit, earned her Bachelor Degree in Liberal Arts from St. Mary's College/Notre Dame and went on to earn her Master's Degree in Library Science from Wayne State University. Faith was the head of Wayne State Medical Library and the Midwestern University Medical Library. She is survived by her granddaughter, Erin Huss Kissinger and her grandson Brendan Huss; great granddaughter Myana Kissinger and step great granddaughter Katelyn Kissinger; sisters Hope Renshaw, Lorraine Schneider and Elaine Rogers. She is predeceased by her daughter Carol; Husbands Joe Van Toll and Everett Ross; her parents Cyril and Cyrilla Minne. Her last ten years were spent in the loving care of the Harbor Chase Memory Care. Her hobbies included hand crafts, sewing and reading. A memorial service for Faith will be on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc., 49150 Schoenherr Rd. Shelby Twp. MI 48315

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
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Tribute Wall

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“Faith was a leader in the medical library community in Detroit, during her time when she was director at Wayne State's Shiffman Medical Library I was a hospital librarian at Henry Ford Hospital during that She was intelligent, kind and had a great sense of humor. What a loss to the library community.
Fern M. Cheek

Fern Cheek - February 25, 2016 at 11:07 AM

DL

“It was my privilege to have worked for Faith at the Shiffman Medical Library in the earliest days of my library career and when I was also starting my family. She was a kind, caring, and compassionate teacher and mentor who listened well, made me laugh, and taught me the most about leadership through example. She also gave me the best advice about how to balance the demands of a new profession and being a new mother. I regret that we lost touch over the years but I have always appreciated and been grateful for the profound influence she has had on the trajectory of my life. I am sending my deepest sympathy to her family and friends. Faith was a very special woman.

Sincerely,
Diane Landsiedel

Diane Landsiedel - February 25, 2016 at 06:08 AM

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“ *The medical library world has lost someone very special...an advocate, a mentor, a scholar, a cheerleader. But the most significant loss is that of a truly genuine and caring friend. Faith leaves us with wisdom, humor, and love of family. She will forever remain in my heart.*
Please keep me informed of the memorial service.
Daria Drobny

Daria Drobny - February 24, 2016 at 09:01 PM

PA

“ *Faith was indeed "a kind caring woman and a valuable member of our profession," as was stated in the e-mail I just received. She protected my job when it was under threat unfairly; she mentored boatloads of people, including me; she was generous with co-authorship as much as with her quirky sense of humor. Faith had a powerful and compassionate sense of ethics. She went above and beyond, consistently, both as a colleague and as a friend. When I needed to find a new house (my first time doing this myself!), she actually made arrangements and drove me to Michigan, along with offering tips and tricks for the process. Faith was earthy and full of heart and wise. And the profession still owes her and her colleagues a debt for the fantastic seminal article on the value of librarians in cost reduction in hospitals!*

Effect of online literature searching on length of stay and patient care costs

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=8003169>

PF Anderson - February 24, 2016 at 06:31 PM

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“ I remember Faith well from her days as Director of Shiffman Medical Library. She was incredibly smart and hardworking, always so positive, and, most important, so very, very kind. She was a wonderful role model and mentor. I lost touch with her after she left Michigan, but have often thought of her over the years. She set a standard to aspire to.

My deepest sympathies to her family. Nancy Bulgarelli MSLS

Nancy Bulgarelli - February 23, 2016 at 08:47 PM

JR

“ I'm sorry I don't know what to say. I knew Faith, of course, but Hope was my close friend, and I only knew Faith kind of as an occasional friend. I would see her when I would be at your house (I loved your whole family so much!). She was pretty and smart and fun, like all the rest of you! I know, even in these later years, that death of a sibling hurts. I am so sorry for this loss for all of you! I'm so glad you were able to help take care of her in these later years. I hope you will let me know when there might be a memorial service for her. Blessings to all of you, and your families. Love, Jeanne Reese

Jeanne Reese - February 23, 2016 at 08:19 AM

SS

“ Also a medical librarian, long retired, I well remember our MDMLG colleague Faith Van Toll. In addition to being Director of the WSU Medical Library for a number of years, she was active in the Metropolitan Detroit Medical Library Group and instrumental in formation of the Michigan Health Sciences Library Association (MHSLA). I last knew that she had moved on to Chicago after her second marriage. Period. So sorry that her final ten years were, undoubtedly, challenging. But Faith was good with challenges. Would appreciate being apprised when plans for her memorial are in place. Perhaps a family member there can provide the scoop on her "Faith, Hope and Charity" claim. Sincerely, Sandra Studebaker, MSLS

S A. Studebaker - February 22, 2016 at 01:29 PM