



## Heather Lynne Sidebottom

April 14, 1972 - December 31, 2025

Heather Lynne Sidebottom, beloved wife, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 31, 2025, in Detroit, Michigan, at the age of 53. Heather was born on April 14, 1972, in Detroit, and resided in Chesterfield Township, MI, where she built a life rich with love and laughter.

Heather is survived by her loving husband, William Sidebottom, who stood by her side through all of life's adventures. Her brother, Mark Ragatzki, and her uncle, Mike (Paula) Ragatzki, along with her cherished niece, Britney, will forever hold her memory close to their hearts. Heather is also lovingly remembered by her cousins: Cathy (Joe) Vanfleteren, Ron Collins, Jeff Collins, Jason Collins, Stephen (Kyla) Ragatzki, Henry Ragatzki, Daniel Ragatzki, Stephanie (George) Hajal, Mallory Ragatzki, and Avery Ragatzki. Her extended family includes her parents-in-law, William and Carolyn Sidebottom, her sisters-in-law, Susie (Jerry) Witt and Lorie (Chad) Browe, and her nephews, Codie (Heather) Witt and Logan Witt.

Heather was predeceased by her parents, Mark and Diane Ragatzki, her grandparents, Paul F. and Marie A. Ragatzki, her aunt, Christine Collins, and her uncle, Paul A. Ragatzki. Though their loss was felt deeply, Heather carried their legacy with grace and dignity throughout her life.

Professionally, Heather dedicated herself to her work as a Medical Biller, a

role in which her attention to detail and compassion for others shone brightly. Her colleagues remember her not only for her professionalism but also for her warm smile and generous spirit.

Heather's life was enriched by many dear friends and extended family, including her "adopted" parents Keith A. (Paoletta) Kazyaka, and close friends Stacey Thoms, Elena (Michael) Arini, and Sandy Teer. Each of these relationships was a testament to Heather's ability to touch the lives of those around her.

Heather's kind heart, infectious laughter, and unwavering support were gifts to all who knew her. She will be deeply missed, but her spirit will undoubtedly live on in the hearts of everyone she encountered.

Visitation for Heather will be on Friday, Jan. 9th from 2-8 pm with a 7 pm service at Wasik Funeral Home-Gendernalik Chapel, 35259 23 Mile Rd. (New Baltimore)

Her family invites all who knew and loved her to gather in remembrance and gratitude for the life she lived so beautifully.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 9. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Gendernalik Chapel  
35259 23 Mile Road  
New Baltimore, MI 48047

## Funeral Service

JAN 9. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Gendernalik Chapel  
35259 23 Mile Road  
New Baltimore, MI 48047

# Tribute Wall

BK

“ Bob K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Heather Lynne Sidebottom.

Bob K. - January 09 at 02:15 PM

LJ

“ Linda J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Heather Lynne Sidebottom.

Linda J. - January 09 at 01:31 PM

JV

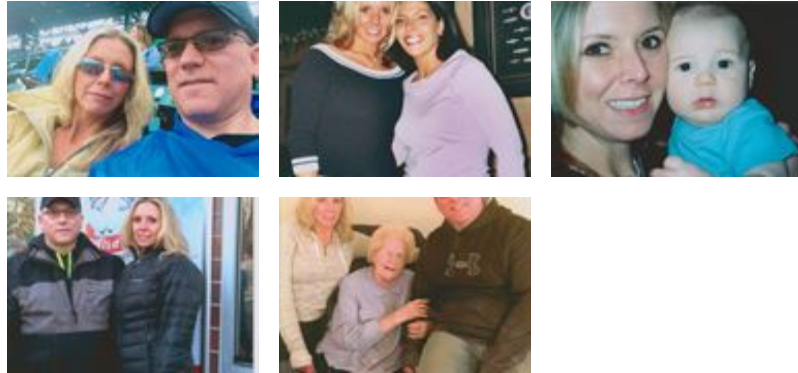
“ Joe Jr. and Lindsay Vanfleteren purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Heather Lynne Sidebottom.



Joe Jr. and Lindsay Vanfleteren - January 09 at 07:16 AM



“ 104 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - January 08 at 12:31 PM



“ Patrick oliver planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Heather Lynne Sidebottom.

Patrick oliver - January 08 at 09:11 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Heather Lynne Sidebottom.



January 08 at 09:11 AM



“ Mark C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Heather Lynne Sidebottom.

Mark C. - January 07 at 08:39 PM

MG

“ *Michael & Karen Garza purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Heather Lynne Sidebottom.*



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**Michael & Karen Garza** - January 06 at 11:11 AM

CS

“ *Bill and I will be so grateful that we had Heather in our lives..she was a great daughter in-law..she made our son happy and that was the best thing she could have done.. to Bill sr. She was always toots and he will miss that..love to our beautiful Heather..rest in peace toots...❤️❤️❤️mom and dad*

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**carolyn & bill sidebottom** - January 05 at 08:51 PM

“ I could write several novels filled with the memories I share with Heather, and I feel incredibly blessed to have so many. She was an amazing sister-in-law and truly a sister to me. What I cherished most, though, was the deep love she had for my brother. My big brother is my world, and his happiness has always meant everything to me. Heather and Billy shared a one-of-a-kind love, and she brought him so much joy.

Heather stood by my side through both the good times and the hard ones. She was a bridesmaid in my wedding and went above and beyond to make my day unforgettable. When my husband faced health challenges, she was one of the first to surround us with love and support. When COVID hit and I tested positive, she and my brother showed up to shovel our snow. During my husband's surgeries, she brought us home-cooked meals. She spoiled us not just with gifts, but with genuine care and thoughtfulness. Every gift she gave was personal and meaningful—she had a beautiful way of making people feel seen, special, and deeply loved.

And her cooking—no one cooked like Heather. We will miss her cheesy potatoes and Pasta e Fagioli more than words can say. I also can't think of Heather without thinking of a spotless home. Those who knew her well will smile at this, because you know it's true. She took such pride in the home she shared with my brother, and it was always beautiful. Despite years of pain, she worked tirelessly to care for it, and that dedication was just one more reflection of who she was.

Heather, you will be missed beyond measure. It's hard to imagine life without you. I love you, and I hope you are now free from pain and resting in eternal peace.



Lori Browe - January 05 at 03:06 PM

FA

“ From The Michigan Handball Association purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Heather Lynne Sidebottom.



From The Michigan Handball Association - January 05 at 08:50 AM

MS

“ Miranda Skiles purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Heather Lynne Sidebottom.



Miranda Skiles - January 04 at 11:24 PM

EM

“ Ed & Christine Manoviec purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Heather Lynne Sidebottom.



Ed & Christine Manoviec - January 04 at 09:16 PM

MB

“ Mom & Dad, Witts and Browes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Heather Lynne Sidebottom.

Mom & Dad, Witts and Browes - January 04 at 06:36 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Heather Lynne Sidebottom.*



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January 04 at 06:36 PM



“ *Galat family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Heather Lynne Sidebottom.*

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**Galat family** - January 04 at 03:55 PM



“ *Galat family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Heather Lynne Sidebottom.*



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**Galat family** - January 04 at 03:55 PM



“ *Todd H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Heather Lynne Sidebottom.*

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**Todd H.** - January 04 at 03:29 PM

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“ - The Ragatzki Girls planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Heather Lynne Sidebottom.

- The Ragatzki Girls - January 04 at 02:54 PM

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“ - The Ragatzki Girls purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Heather Lynne Sidebottom.



- The Ragatzki Girls - January 04 at 02:54 PM

AF

“ All our love, The Mullin Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Heather Lynne Sidebottom.

All our love, The Mullin Family - January 04 at 02:02 PM

AF

“ All our love, The Mullin Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Heather Lynne Sidebottom.



All our love, The Mullin Family - January 04 at 02:02 PM