



## Renea Hulbert

January 16, 1962 - January 22, 2009

Renea Hulbert

47, of Richmond Township, died Thursday evening January 22, 2009 surrounded by the love of her family after a courageous battle against cancer. She was born Tuesday January 16, 1962 in Highland Park the daughter of the late Joseph Phillips and Sally (Hube) Phillips of Warren.

Her marriage to Lloyd Hulbert was April 1, 1989 in Warren.

Renea was an L.P.N. and 1983 graduate of the Detroit College of Nursing and resident of Richmond Township since 1994. She was active with the Richmond Good Old Days committee and will be remembered by her infectious laugh.

Surviving in addition to her husband Lloyd of 19 years their three children, Dexter, Kally and Emily Hulbert; mother, Sally Phillips of Warren; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Kirk D. and Suzanne Phillips of Brussels, WI, Russell C. and Helen Phillips of Sterling Heights, Joseph J. and Misty Phillips of Lake Orion and Scott B. and Jill Phillips of Lake Orion; nieces and nephews, Sarah, Alex, Jake, Addy, Avery, Bryn, Lara, Lexie and Reese Renea; mother-in-law, Kathy Newkirk of GA; several aunts and uncles and many dear friends.

Her family honors the memory of Renea and invites you to visit and share Sunday 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Kaatz Funeral Directors, Richmond. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Monday at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Richmond, with 10:00 a.m. visiting. Pastors Gerhardt Doroh and Randy Lett will officiate. Memorials are suggested to "Wishes of the Family".

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## Service

JAN **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Lutheran Church  
67055 Gratiot Ave.  
Richmond, MI

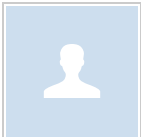
# Tribute Wall



“ I am a friend of Reneas from quite a whlie ago i haven't seen her in years but got wind that she moved in my area (i live in East China)...i was tring to find her to no avail when i picked up the "voice newspaper" today and saw her obituary. I can not believe my eyes and i am deeply saddened. we parted ways not on the best of terms but i always had hopes of seeing her again. We had GREAT times together.. too many to list and she was there for me during a very difficult period in my life. I kenw the whole phillips family very well and my heart goes out to them. Lloyd i can not imagine what you are going thru i was there when you first got together with Renea seems like another lifetime to me. I am praying for you and your children i grew up without a mother and i know what its like.....my spirit right now is crushed. let this be a lesson that if you want to reunite with someone do it NOW!! pleasee let me know if there is anything available for donations to the family ...all my love and prayers go out to you all###imported-begin##Jill Hughes Ruehlen###imported-end##

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February 07, 2009 at 02:39 PM



“ I just found out Feb. 1 that Renea passe3d away, even though I have not seen her in 20 years, I have great memories of her- going out on her boat, when she bought her house in Warren, she went with me, my sister, and karen to visit my brother in North Carolina she made that trip so memorable we took so many pictures that I will treasure them always. My thoughts and prayers are with you Llyod and the kids.###imported-begin##Laurie (Yoakum) Freeman###imported-end##

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February 05, 2009 at 10:04 PM



“ First I would like to thank everyone who paid their respects to my beautiful sister. My brother Scott's eulogy summed up a lot about my sister and our family. I just wanted to add that Renea was such a wonderful sister, mother & friend to so many. My heart is broken and that part will never heal. I just hope that I will be able to touch as many lives as Renea. Renea will continue to touch many more as time goes on through memories, stories and her LOVE that she gave to everyone she met. I also would like to say that Renea did a great job raising her kids, Dexter, Kally & Emily Jo were truly LOVED by their MOM and will always be. I know that Renea's kids will always LOVE her. Renea's Husband Lloyd was her perfect soul mate, they LOVED each other since the day they met. The two of them brought the best out in each other, it was a joy to see them laugh, dance and bring happiness to everyone they met. In closing I just want everyone who reads this to know that I was so LUCKY to have Renea for a sister and so proud to be her little brother. Renea I will miss you each and everyday but I know that you will be looking over all of us. Renea I LOVE YOU !!!!!##imported-begin##Russell Phillips##imported-end##

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February 01, 2009 at 06:09 PM



“ Lloyd, Dex, Kally and Emily -  
We just heard of your loss. We are devastated for you and wish we had known before the service so we could have attended and supported you in this difficult time. Please know that our hearts and prayers are with you all and if there is anything, no matter how small, that we can do for you, please do not hesitate to call on us. Neighbors gotta stick together, you know?  
All our love and good wishes - The Flores Family##imported-begin##Jose and Diane Flores##imported-end##

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January 29, 2009 at 02:29 PM



“ As requested by a few people, here is what I wrote for my sister.

#### RENEA'S EULOGY:

*I want to thank you all for being here today. As you know, Renea was not only my sister; she was truly my best friend. Her and I were very close and our love went way beyond a traditional brother sister relationship. What a sad day for all of us. We come here today to celebrate the life of Renea, but most importantly we come here together, as family and friends, to acknowledge our enduring love for her.*

*As many of you know, Renea was the consummate caregiver. As a child, Renea played such an important role in raising each one of us boys. When Joe was born he had a severe case of asthma and Renea was always there to comfort him, hold him and take care of him. This lasted about 5 years but her attention and caring ways to Joe never wavered. I remember when I could not fall asleep at night, Renea would come tickle my face and sing me to sleep. There was never a hesitation when my Mom asked her to take care of Joe and I, she immediately stepped in and took the role of a mother. Now with Russ on the other hand, she was his protector. When someone picked on him or upset him, guess who was there as a body guard, Renea. She would never back down when it came to protecting her family. Our father instilled this in each one of us, but she truly exemplified this. I don't care what the situation was, if one of the brothers were upset or angry, right wrong or indifferent, she would always stand beside us and protect us. Now don't get me wrong, whenever she felt it was necessary, she would give Russ a good beat down every once in a while, but they always had a very special relationship. After High School, Renea and Russ became inseparable. They had such a close bond as a brother and sister, which continued throughout her life. Her relationship and love with Kirk was absolutely undying. She always worried about him and her love never faltered for him. Although Kirk spent most of his time up north, Renea was consistently keeping contact with him. They*

*shared a very special bond and she loved her big brother.*

*Renea shared such a special relationship with our Mom. No matter what day it was, my Mom could always count on a phone call from Renea. The letters that she wrote to my Mom exude loving thoughts of compassion and honor for a mother. As Renea was in the midst of facing this battle with cancer, my Mom had open-heart surgery. Just as we expected from her, she took over and remained the perfect caregiver. She never missed a day at the hospital. She never missed a turn when my Mom required 24-hour coverage. She was always there; no matter if she was sick and feeling the strong effects of chemo, she was there. Renea had a very nurturing side, which she takes directly from my Mom. They were the first to welcome any of our friends into their home, cook a meal, and make everyone feel welcome. It was so very obvious...They loved each other. Through good and bad, they remained best friends.*

*I was reading through Renea's journal that she kept when she was diagnosed with this cancer. This journal contained many scriptures and passages from the bible, but it also contained her personal thoughts. Every time she described her prognosis or her current health situation, she always referred to being grateful. In fact, the journal is riddled with passages, speaking of her great fullness, even though she faced such a difficult road...she was grateful.*

*She was grateful mostly for her children. I see so many of Renea's wonderful traits in each of them that reminds me so much of her. As you know, Renea had a very distinctive laugh that will always be engrained in our minds. When I hear Dexter laugh, although it may not be exactly the same, it echoes sounds of Renea. Dexter also inherited Renea's sense of humor. He loves to joke around and make people smile. Even on the cloudiest of days, he can make it bright and lift you just like Renea could. Dexter can walk into a room, much like Renea, and make it better just because*

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January 28, 2009 at 11:08 PM



“ You probably don't remember my name but I am Mary Minton's sister, Karen. I, along with my husband John, just wanted to say our prayers and thoughts are with you at this difficult time. We remember fun times and lots of laughs with you and Renea when you lived in Warren across from Mary & Dave. Celebrating 2 New Year's eve's with you are times to cherish. Please know we are thinking of you and that Renea is now in God's loving hands. Sincerely, Karen Hebel###imported-begin###Karen Hebel###imported-end##

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January 27, 2009 at 07:21 PM



“ Dear Sally and family, my sincere condolences for the loss of Renea. When my sister called me to tell me that Renea had lost her battle with cancer, I introduced her to my husband (Mark Ryan)I prayed that God has taken her to a place where the sun always shines, and joy has filled her soul. May God bless you and give you strenght during this trying time. Paula Ryan###imported-begin###Paula Ryan - Weisman###imported-end##

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January 26, 2009 at 12:40 PM



“ Lloyd,  
I am so sorry to hear about Renea's passing. Jim Horan called me last evening. I was out of town for the weekend or else I would have visited to pay my respects.  
As you know, I've kept Renea in my thoughts and prayers over the course of her illness and you can be assured that I will continue to pray for you and your family.  
If there is anything you need or that I could do, you know where to find me.

*In Sympathy,*

Gene

PS: Cheryl offers her condolences as well.##imported-begin##Eugene Groesbeck##imported-end##

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January 26, 2009 at 09:47 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Michael & Sheril Licavoli and Shannon Grenke##imported-end##

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January 26, 2009 at 08:32 AM



“ The Hulbert Family,  
We are truly sorry for the loss of Renea! We have been thinking and praying for the family.##imported-begin##Jodi Denno##imported-end##

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January 25, 2009 at 10:54 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. I will miss Renea so much. We had a lot of fun together and I am happy to have those times to remember her by.##imported-begin##Candi & Joe Kowalski##imported-end##

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January 25, 2009 at 06:13 PM



“ I am a co-worker of Spankys'(Russel)Just from being at the two golf outings held for her, I could tell she was loved by alot of people amd will be missed. I am very sorry for your loss. My prayers go out to her and your whole family.##imported-begin##Michael Suchota##imported-end##

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January 25, 2009 at 05:31 PM



“ Lloyd and family,  
There are no words, no sayings or songs that will ever make this easy.  
Time does heal all wounds but it will never take away the memories of the love you have all lost. She may be gone from this earth but lives still in all your hearts forever and in little things around you.  
Watch the sunrise in the morning that is her smiling at you everyday, the stars at night her eyes still watching over you as she always did, or the sweet scent of a flower she wants you to stop, smell, smile and remember her with.

Our prayers and thoughts are with you now and in the future.##imported-begin##Gail England and P. R Butts##imported-end##

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January 25, 2009 at 05:02 PM



“ *Spanky, I prayed that god will give you and your faimly the support to get through this difficult time in your life, and he will* **###imported-begin###James Harris Local 1700###imported-end###**

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January 25, 2009 at 02:21 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with your family* **###imported-begin###Billy and Heather Rowley, Tarah Weeks###imported-end###**

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January 25, 2009 at 02:15 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss, sisters are the one person who brothers will always protect and always stick up for. Our players are for you and your family. May God bless you. Jeff and Stacey* **###imported-begin###Jeff and Stacey Klayo###imported-end###**

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January 25, 2009 at 02:11 PM



“ *To Lloyd and kids, From John, Pam, Jenny, and Todd from your old neighborhood across the street on Parent Street. Just a note to let you know we heard of your loss and though we haven't been in touch for years, We were saddened by the news as if we were family. It reminded us of what great people you all are and how much Renea will be missed.* **###imported-begin###John Orbaczewski###imported-end###**

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January 25, 2009 at 12:26 PM



“ Lloyd my heart and prayers go out to you an the children. Take comfort in knowing that another Angel has found her way home, happy again an painfree, yet always still close by. Her laughs and memories are burned deeply within everyones hearts. Peace Etirnal.##imported-begin##Edward W. Ereaux##imported-end##

January 25, 2009 at 12:06 PM



“ May your sister be at peace with the lord##imported-begin##George Collr##imported-end##

January 25, 2009 at 11:02 AM



“ Sally and family, so many years have gone by, but memories of Renea will remain. My deepest sympathies for your loss. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Wanda Rotarius##imported-end##

January 24, 2009 at 01:26 PM



“ I stare at the cursor blinking in the blank white box provided to begin my message and I cannot even find the words. This loss is felt by so many. By knowing the Phillips and Hulbert families, I know how much Renea meant to all of you and how much she touched everyone - and it was not limited to just her family, her heart had room for everyone. We wish you strength during this difficult time and will continue to keep you in our prayers.  
Dave,Marlene,Randi,Michael##imported-begin##The Ciuffoletti Family##imported-end##

January 24, 2009 at 11:31 AM



“ I am sorry for your loss. May the love of God and Jesus Christ comfort you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Melanie McFarland Spoon##imported-end##

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January 24, 2009 at 11:28 AM



“ Sally and Family  
May God bless and comfort you during this difficult time. I'm so very sorry to hear about the loss of Renea. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Love,  
Nicole, Ryan and Andrew Hauk##imported-begin##Nicole Hauk##imported-end##

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January 24, 2009 at 09:51 AM



“ To the Hulbert family, I send my deepest sympathy. I remember Renea in here training class at Avon. She was so upbeat, positive and supportive to everyone! She taught all of us with her knowledge. I am thankful I had Renea cross my path! She will be in my heart always.##imported-begin##Michele hojsack##imported-end##

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January 24, 2009 at 09:26 AM



“ May god be with you and your family during your hour of hurt and pain.##imported-begin##Shawn Dean##imported-end##

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January 23, 2009 at 10:04 PM



“ God Bless you Russell Phillips (Spanky) and your family. She was a beautiful woman and she will live through each one of you! Love Always,  
Yvette Adams  
UAW Local 1700###imported-begin##Yvette Adams###imported-end##

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January 23, 2009 at 09:02 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy for your loss. We pray for strength and comfort for the family & friends.###imported-begin##Tom & Sharon McFarland###imported-end##

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January 23, 2009 at 08:41 PM



“ Sally and family,  
  
We are so sorry for your loss. Renea will be missed by all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
  
Deepest sympathy,  
Teri, Bill & Lily Fulton###imported-begin##Teri Spencer-Fulton###imported-end##

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January 23, 2009 at 08:33 PM



“ All my thoughts and prayers go out to Lloyd and the children. Renee touched my life with her hope and faith in life. Renee's fight for life should be an inspiration to us all. God bless you all in the days, weeks and months ahead.###imported-begin##Cindy Cooke###imported-end##

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January 23, 2009 at 07:42 PM



“ Please know that even though I can't be there in person, I am with you with my thought's and prayers. I will never forget Renea's smile and laugh, or how she could always make everyone else smile and laugh. Her sense of humor was truly a gift. My heart goes out to the Hulbert and Phillips family.

Love, Dorothea Chapman and Family

Queen Creek, AZ###imported-begin###Dorothea Chapman###imported-end##

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January 23, 2009 at 07:38 PM



“ Peace and blessing to you and your family at this time. Always keep the fun memories alive in your heart of Renea. You are in our hearts and prayers always.

Mike, Cheryl, Kayla & Kyle###imported-begin###Mike & Cheryl Hartel###imported-end##

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January 23, 2009 at 06:17 PM



“ Spiritual Thoughts and words of CARING are with each and everyone of you. Renea was an extremely CARING, beautiful lady; to whomever, and whatever she encountered. She stood for courage, and I always admired her for her upbeat attitude during the battle of her illness. I will miss her tremendously within our Richmond Festival Family. We embrace and love her family, and her family will always be a part of our Festival Family.

LOVE AND PRAYERS I CONTINUE TO EXTEND TO ALL OF YOU  
!!!!###imported-begin###Karen Lang###imported-end##

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January 23, 2009 at 05:49 PM



“ I am so sorry for your lost. But I also rejoice in Renea' being with Jesus. Her pain has gone-but yours will linger. I only knew Renea' a short time thru working with each other at the Richmond Good Ol'Days festival but I always felt richer fore knowing her. May God hold each of you in His arms until the pain lessens(years from now-am sure),May your heart lift in Glory when you all meet again in Him.  
My prayers and Blessings thru these hard days.  
Dossie Collins###imported-begin##Dossie Collins###imported-end##

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January 23, 2009 at 05:10 PM



“ My heart goes out to all of you.###imported-begin##Linda Sepos###imported-end##

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January 23, 2009 at 04:09 PM



“ To the Hulbert Family,

*My thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow. Renea was a beautiful person with great courage. She will be missed.*

*God Bless you all and may HE give you the strength and courage to get thru these tough times.*

*Karen Savoie###imported-begin##Karen Savoie###imported-end##*

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January 23, 2009 at 04:02 PM