



Petoskey Northmen Hockey

Fighting Cancer

In Memory of Kelly Elizabeth DeWitt

"Never Give Up - Fight the Fight"



Petoskey Northmen

VS

Traverse City West Titans

This game is being dedicated to the memory of Kelly Elizabeth DeWitt, who lost her courageous battle with Melanoma on Christmas Eve, 2016. Kelly leaves behind her husband Gregg and 4 sons - Tyler (21, University of Toledo Hockey), Bryce (17, Petoskey High School Hockey), Cayden (13, Petoskey Middle School student) and baby Jaxon (3).



All proceeds from this event will benefit the DeWitt Family

PURPLE JERSEY SPONSORS

(Listed by number and player wearing jersey)

#2 Bryce DeWitt (or worn by DeWitt family members)

Frank & Susan Eldredge in memory of their daughter, Kelly Eldredge DeWitt

Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors in memory of Kelly DeWitt

Lake Area Collision (Steve & Karen Whittaker) in memory of Kelly DeWitt

The Side Door Saloon (Don Damerow) in memory of Kelly DeWitt

Center for Pulmonary & Sleep Medicine (Dr. Dwayne Griffin) in memory of Kelly DeWitt

Nisus Research Department of McLaren Northern Michigan in memory of Kelly DeWitt

Northern Periodontics (Vaughn McGraw) in memory of Kelly DeWitt

The Howell Family in memory of Kelly E. DeWitt

“This sponsorship is on behalf of not only the Howell Family, but also Bryce’s former teammates. Kelly and the DeWitt Family were a big part of our program and words couldn’t describe what she meant to us. We are so grateful for all she gave us and for her generosity as she really made us part of her own family back in Ohio.”

Brad Rieger in memory of Kelly DeWitt

Laura Rieger in memory of Kelly DeWitt

#1 Taylor Troxel

Fred & Lisa Sitkins in memory of Sharleen Kari

“Sharleen Kari deeply loved God and consistently expressed it through her relationships with others. She freely shared her cooking and crafting talents with children & adults on mission trips, with local groups, and those who entered her home. In 2009, Sharleen lost her 5 year battle with breast cancer at age 59.”

#3 Matt Rogers

Jamie Pagel in memory of Ed Pagel

#5 Taylor Fettig

The Fettig Family in honor of Tim Fettig and in memory of Claude Fettig

Contractor’s Supply (The Walker Family) in memory of Linda Beier

“Linda fought a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer, benefitted research for future victims of that disease, and is greatly missed.”

#6 Eric Dallos

Paul, Molly & Steven Fochtman in memory of Maureen Fochtman

“Momo as she was known to her 5 grandchildren was a longtime Petoskey resident, wonderful mother, friend, and a shining example of care, intelligence, kindness, and a warm big heart!”

The Dallos Family in memory of Julieanne Dallos Pershing

#7 Noah Dallos

Zach & Karen DeYoung in honor of Brittany Buchholz

“Our cousin, Brittany, is currently battling ovarian cancer.”

#8 Coach Robert Higgins

The Higgins Family in memory of their Grandparents

“Both Jen and I have lost grandparents to cancer but they fought the fight. We memorialize Forrest, Shirley, and Harvey.”

#9 Max Koch

The Koch Family in memory of Grandma Linda

Sweetwater Catering (The Waterman Family) in honor of Jill Crissman

“A beautiful wife/mother/grandmother with a very strong Christian Faith & very loving! Her strength, courage & stamina would make any hockey coach at any level extremely impressed.”

#11 Mitch Forton

Larry & Michelle Forton in honor of Amy Wilson

#12 Brendan Baker

Nick Baker in honor of all those lost to cancer and those fighting the fight

#13 Trevor Reece

Lyle & Laura Reece in memory of Don & Norma (Grandma & Grandpa) Reece

“Don & Norma Reece both put up a gallant fight with cancer! May you rest in peace!”

#13 Coach Matthew Kopke

Matthew, Bryan, Sonali & Kaiden Kopke in honor of Linda Kopke and memory of Eleanor Sisler

“Best Mom, Grandma. Very loving & caring and gives unselfishly to all in the family and even to all her patients in her 48 years working in health care. Mom lives strong and is a fighter. Keep fighting mom. Be strong. We will all beat this together. You are deeply loved by your family, friends and everyone you have come in contact with.”

#14 Oli Peuker

Oli Peuker in honor of his Grandma Rita Peuker and good friend Bryce DeWitt

Mark & Brenda Kulbieda & Family in memory of Whitney Wangeman

“Whitney was a very young and talented nurse who developed a rare ovarian cancer. She battled with dignity and courage for a year and a half and leaves behind a husband, Ian, and two small children, Madilyn and Carl. She contributed to the surgical care of hundreds of patients with her big smile and bright spirit. She was taken too soon and is deeply missed.”

Coach Brent Ward in memory of Arline Carr

“Arline Carr was a mother of 4. She was my Grandmother from my Mother’s side (Suzanne Ward). She passed away in ‘99 from the effects of breast cancer.”

#16 Devon LaFond

The LaFond, LaFave and Trusock Families in memory of Cheryl DePuydt

“Cheryl was like a second mother to many and esophageal cancer took her way too early in her life. Throughout her battle, she always kept a positive attitude. Which was no surprise to anyone, because that was how she was. She left a lasting impression on everyone that was lucky enough to know her. As a figure skating coach and college instructor, you couldn’t have asked for a better role model. She taught young figure skaters and college hockey players alike, the meaning of the words commitment, values, ethics and morals. Those qualities are still apparent in anyone who had the good fortune to have Cheryl DePuydt in their lives.”

Camp Quality Michigan in honor of all kids with cancer

#17 Kyle Hebner

Sheila (Grandma) Hebner in memory of Bob Hebner & Jim Kloss

“Bob & Jim adored their grandchildren.”

Best Western of Harbor Springs and June’s Harbor Salon in memory of Lora Erxleben

“Lora Erxleben was an avid supporter of her friends and family’s athletes in Harbor Springs. Lora and Mike have three kids, Michael, Katherine & Christopher. Lora fought a courageous battle against cancer until last year and is deeply missed by her friends and family.”

#18 Samuel Wathen

B.C. Pizza Harbor Springs (The Wathen Family) in memory of Donna Passage

“At age 29 battled uterine & ovarian cancer, at 55 battles and survived breast cancer, and lived until age 77.”

John Kane in memory of Mary and Barry Gold

Rob DeYoung Family in memory of B. DeYoung

“Mom DeYoung - a mother and confidant to not just her family, but to so many who needed love and encouragement. She lived out her faith.”

#20 Coach Brent Ward

Paul & Tanya Whitley in memory of Jigs Whitley (Brother) and Jerry Whitley (Father)

“Jigs Whitley - Caring and tough as nails.”

“Jerry Whitley - Backbone of family, ultimate family man.”

#21 Mitch Pulaski

Roy Pulaski in memory of Mary Ellen Pulaski

“In memory of Mitch’s Grandmother, Mary Ellen, who courageously fought the fight and was an inspiration to all of us.”

Jeff & Susan Pulaski & Family in honor of Carole Lamberti

“Carole Lamberti is a true inspiration to all of us. We are so thankful she has been successful in her fight against cancer.”

#23 Carter Johnson

Chris & Kelly Johnson & The Donovan Family in memory of David Peter

“Dave Peter was Carter’s Uncle who passed away from colon cancer at the young age of 30. He was a wonderful husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend. He loved hockey and the Spartans! He is forever in our hearts.”

#25 Max Scholl

The Scholl Family in honor of Gus Guthrie

“Gus is a very special Cancer Warrior who inspires us all with his huge smile and indomitable spirit. We love you Gus!
Love, Uncle Stefan, Aunt Kim, Max, Mamie, Oli and Bobo”

The Scholl Family in honor of Lisa Scholl

“Aunt Lisa is Max & Mamie Scholl’s favorite Aunt! She is always willing to help and inspires others by her faith and kindness. We love you, Aunt Lisa!”

Lisa Scholl in memory of Sally Scholl (Grandma Sara)

“Grandma Sara fought valiantly against cancer with every fiber of her being. Her love and charity for others is an example for all of us to live by. Although you have been gone for ten years, you will always be missed! We love you!”

Marian Henthorne in memory of Fred Henthorne

“Max & Mamie Scholl’s Grandpa “GG” lost his battle with colon cancer last July. He adored his wife Marian, Son Christopher, daughter Kim, grandchildren Max and Mamie “Short Stuff”, and all his four legged friends, including Chinook, Bear, Chip, Casper, Mandy & Dusty.

The Scholl Family in honor of Gerry Chamberlin

“Gerry you are an inspiration to all who know you! As a father to your beautiful girls Lilly and Lucy and a husband to your wife Laura, your love knows no bounds. You are a profile in courage and loved by all.”

#74 Danny Sysko

Mike & Michelle Sysko & Family in memory of Danny Sysko

“Dan Sysko’s Uncle (Mike's brother) Danny lost his battle with cancer in 1998 at age 12. His jersey is being presented to his last hockey coach, Bill DeLyon.”

Mike & Michelle Sysko & Family in memory of Carl VanderWall

“Carl lost his battle with cancer last year, and is survived by his wife Jennifer and his three children. Carl was a dearly loved and highly respected father, husband, coach and conservation officer who will forever be missed by all who knew him.”

Mike & Michelle Sysko & Family in honor of Mary Evans

“Jersey #74 is being presented to Ben & Lucille Blaho in honor of Lucille's sister, Mary Flynn Evans, who is currently battling cancer and unable to be with us tonight. Mary, you are in our thoughts and prayers, and we wish you a speedy recovery.”

Numbers Not Yet Assigned at Time of Publication

The Waldvogel Family in memory of Roger Lintz

“Roger was an incredibly kind, generous and gracious man who cared deeply about his family, friends and community. He devoted so much of his time, talents and treasure to others and always supported our youth in both athletic and academics. Roger will forever be remembered for his kind heart, compassion for others and love for his family and friends.”

The Rapin Family in memory of Jim Rapin

The Scholl family in honor of Darby Walker

“Hope, love and courage exemplify Darby Walker’s fight against leukemia. Diagnosed almost two years ago, Darby has fought valiantly, and will graduate with her class from Petoskey High School this year with honors, despite frequent hospitalizations and treatments at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. In spite of her own condition, Darby remains focused on helping others, and is organizing a fundraiser this July for the Make-a-Wish Foundation. We love you Darby!”

Thank you to our silent/live auction item donors and special volunteers!

National Hockey League

Harbor Fence Company (Kent & Jill Warner)

Up North Flags and Poles (Dan & Pat Bongiovanni)

Sweetwater Catering (Tyler Waterman & Family)

The Side Door Saloon (Don Damerow)

AAA Petoskey Insurance Agency

Saginaw Spirits

Kalamazoo Wings

Northern Michigan University Hockey

B.C. Pizza of Harbor Springs

Strait to the Pantry (John & Chris Dallos)

Roast and Toast

Stained Cup Coffee – Harbor Springs

Starbucks Petoskey (D&W)

Kelly’s Hallmark

RC’s Hockey Shop

Danielle Donovan

The Fettig Family

Grand Traverse Pie Company

Johan’s Bakery

Ray Swidorski

Comfort Quilts (Kathy Slack)

Anne and Bert Rowe

Jersey #74 is being presented by Danny Sysko to Jennifer Vanderwall. Jennifer's husband(Jennifer and her family are being escorted tonight by fellow conservation officer Lt. Jim Gorno, Carl's former supervisor).