



## Julie Ann Tass

May 9, 1954 - November 18, 2017

Julie A. Tass, 63 of Iron Mountain, passed peacefully on Saturday, November 18th surrounded by her family after a courageous battle with ALS.

Julie was born in Stambaugh, Michigan on May 9, 1954 to Edward and Gerry (Beaudry) Kukuk. Julie was raised in this area and was a 1972 graduate of Iron Mountain High School. She continued her education at Central Michigan University and received her Bachelor of Science in education in 1976. She married Ron Tass on June 12, 1976 at St. Mary and St. Joseph Church in Iron Mountain. Together she and Ron raised three children. Julie was a stay at home mother and after the kids had grown, went back to work as an educational assistant and substitute teacher for the Iron Mountain School System. Julie was a member of St. Mary and St. Joseph Church. Over the years she has been active in many of the church activities. She enjoyed camping, going to camp, reading and being a spectator at all sporting events. She especially loved spending time with family and grandchildren.

Julie's purpose and passion in life was her family. She was a devoted daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. These roles were her mission in life. To know Julie was to love Julie. From the moment you met her, you were accepted and loved. She met her challenges with acceptance and grace, never with a complaint. She was the definition of appreciation for everything done by everyone. She leaves a wonderful footprint from her journey through life and will be missed by all who knew her.

Julie was preceded in death by her father, Edward Kukuk.

She is survived by her husband, Ron; children, Brian (Anne) Tass of Novi, MI, Michelle (Tom) Phelps of Kingsford and Steven (Nicole) Tass of Nashville, TN; her mother, Gerry Kukuk of Kingsford; grandchildren, Mya and Macy Tass, Tyler, Logan and Makayla Phelps.

Visitation will be held Saturday, November 25th from 9:00-11:00am at St. Mary and St.

Joseph Church. Funeral services will follow at 11:00am Saturday at the church. Fr. Janusz Romanek will offer the Mass of Christian burial. Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

Pallbearers will be, Brian Tass, Steven Tass, Tom Phelps, Bruce Dishnow, Dave Quilliam and Michael Quilliam.

Condolences to the family of Julie Tass may be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

# Cemetery

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## Cemetery Park

Cedar Ave

Iron Mountain, MI, 49801

# Events

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**NOV** **Visitation** 09:00AM - 11:00AM

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St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church

414 Prospect Ave., Iron Mountain, MI, US, 49801

**NOV** **Mass of Christian Burial** 11:00AM

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St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church

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# Comments

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“ This may be a little late in expressing my heartfelt sympathy, but I was out of town at the time of Julie's passing. She was one of the sweetest gals I was privileged to know, mainly because of knowing her wonderful parents, Ed and Gerry. My prayers have been and continue for Ron and your family and certainly too for Gerry. I had just visited a little with Gerry the week before at Freeman's. Not sure if she knew me when we sang there with Golden K but she did seem to sing along with a lot of our old songs.

My warm thoughts and prayers continue for all of Julie's family even as God has opened the door and welcomed Julie into her heavenly home. God be with you all.

Sincere sympathy,  
Orice Walters



**Orice Walters** - December 09, 2017 at 11:45 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Julie at Eat Elementary. She was never without a smile or a kind word. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May your memories comfort you. - Kristin Aho Wanhala

**Kristin Wanhala** - December 05, 2017 at 10:25 PM



“ \*East Elementary

**Kristin** - December 05, 2017 at 10:27 PM

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“ We extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to you, Ron and your family. Julie's obituary was a beautiful tribute.

Nancy and Tom Burcar

**Nancy Burcar** - November 25, 2017 at 09:04 PM

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“ What a huge loss for your family. May a lifetime of wonderful memories help ease the pain. I knew Julie since we were kids, and don't have to tell you what a sweet person she was... Steve A.

**Steve Atanasoff** - November 25, 2017 at 11:59 AM

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“ God only takes the most beautiful flowers for His garden. Everyone lost a beautiful person. We are all richer for knowing her, and we all feel pain for the Tass family. Stay strong, team Tass, and lean on one another and this community who all love you very much. :(

**Jeff Harry** - November 24, 2017 at 07:49 PM

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“ I will always remember Julie's smile. John and I are praying with all of you

**John and Joyce Erickson** - November 24, 2017 at 04:21 PM

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“ Although it has been many years, decades in fact, I remember Julie fondly. She was a happy, sweet, energetic woman who truly cared about people. She was friendly, spirited and always involved in school and community activities.

I was deeply saddened to learn of her passing, although I am certain that she was loved and her spirit will continue to shine through. Do not let her passing burden you through the rest of your life - Julie would not want that. Remember her, honor her, be thankful for the years together, memories shared, and life-long lessons learned.

Randy Van Ness  
IMHS Class of 1972

**Randy Van Ness** - November 24, 2017 at 12:53 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy. So very sorry for your loss. Violet and Brian Bonghi. Jennifer (bongi) cooper and family.

**violet bongi** - November 23, 2017 at 11:01 PM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Julie Ann Tass.



November 22, 2017 at 06:04 PM

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“ The world is a less wonderful place without Julie here with us. She embodied everything that defines the most marvelous person. Kind and determined to a fault, but even more so my dear longtime friend Julie was the epitome of faith in God. My memories of dear Julie run deeply. Ron and family, I share in the sadness her absence leaves. Yet the example of how she lived life brings me enormous confidence and peace in the eternal peace she now has with our true Father. I will always hold good memories in my heart like sleepovers, campfires, and eating her mom's yummy homemade cookies with her. God be with all. May the eternal light continue to shine brightly on her.

**Linda Janicki** - November 22, 2017 at 12:56 PM

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“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Julie Ann Tass.



November 22, 2017 at 10:23 AM

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“ Carol Quilliam Birkett lit a candle in memory of Julie Ann Tass



**Carol Quilliam Birkett** - November 22, 2017 at 09:57 AM

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“ Julie's obituary describes her perfectly. She was a wonderful cousin and we will miss her always. We had so many wonderful times with her growing up and throughout our lives.

She fought ALS with strength and dignity.

She was a role model for kindness, joy of life, and love. Rest in peace, Julie. Ron and family,

you had the BEST! Our sympathy and love to all of you. Carol (Quilliam) and Mick and the Birkett Family

Carol Quilliam Birkett - November 22, 2017 at 09:56 AM

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“ From: "Smooth but Aggressive" and spouses purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Julie Ann Tass.



From: "Smooth but Aggressive" and spouses - November 21, 2017 at 04:28 PM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Julie Ann Tass.



November 21, 2017 at 02:01 PM