



## Alma Gembolis

June 21, 1918 - June 21, 2010

Alma H. Gembolis, 92, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Monday, June 21, 2010 at Freeman Nursing and Rehabilitation Community in Kingsford.

Alma was born April 23, 1918 in Norway, MI daughter of the late Louis and Fortunata (Corozolo) Barbacovi. She married Stanley Gembolis on November 1, 1937 in Bessemer. He preceded her in death on October 30, 1982. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Wakefield. She was an artist and loved to paint. She also enjoyed baking, cooking, and sewing.

Alma is survived by two sons, Louis (Sheree) Gembolis of Kingsford and Stanley (Ardith) Gembolis of Highland, IN; three daughters, Judith (Charles) Christenson of Superior, WI, Barbara (Dan) Miller of Caro, MI and Jeanette "Gina" (Robert) Olivanti of Iron Mountain; a brother, William Barbacovi of Bessemer; a sister, Helen Whitburn of Bessemer, MI; 17 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. She is further survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Mae Luoma.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 10:00am to 11:00am at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Wakefield. Funeral services will

follow at 11:00am at the church. Fr. Louis P. Bracket will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Wakefield. Alma's family will serve as pallbearers.

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

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

# Tribute Wall

SG

“ *My fondest memory of going to Grandma and Grandpa's in Wakefield was all the food she would make for us. We never left there hungry. I'll miss you!--Sandy*

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**Sandy (Russell) Galloway - New Richmond, IN - Granddaughter** - June 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Alma was a nice dear lady. I enjoy when our parents play cards together. I always like going to her house. I am very sorry to hear about your loss Darlene Barbacovi*

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**Darlene May Barbacovi - Desplaines, IL - cousin** - June 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *To Alma's Children, I have fond memories of visiting your family in Wakefield. I remember when Alma began painting. I can picture her paintings hanging in the living room. I also remember all of the times your folks and mine (Inez and Pups) visited and laughed together. Your mom lived a very long life and you were lucky to have her for so long.*

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**Polly Barbacovi Madel - Chicago, IL - cousin** - June 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *I will always remember Noni with Red Roses from her carrying them at her wedding and for her love of gardening and blooming flowers around her. The church smelled heavenly with the scent of fresh flowers today at her service and I couldn't help but think she is smiling in heaven surrounded by flowers and in Grandpa's arms. He's twirling her around and singing "I've been waiting for the girl with the hole in her stocking!" my amore, Noni*

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**Deb Roettger - grand daughter** - June 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ To all of Noni's family and friends, I extend my heartfelt condolences. She was a second Mom to me for most of my life and I have missed her these past years. We had MANY talks at the kitchen tables over the years. Our shared lives will always be part of my own memories. I have missed her and will always have fond memories of her. She was a great mother-in-law to me and a loving Noni to Sarah, Jessica and all her grandchildren.

*My thoughts and peayers are with you all. She and Stanley are together again - which is how she wished it.*

*I think of you ALL often and hope all is going well in your lives.*  
JoAnne

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**JoAnne Berkseth - Ludington, MI - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM**

JA

“ Aunt Alma will be in my heart, I remember going to Iron Mountain to visit, I will miss her dearly. The Family is in my Thoughts and Prayers at this time of Sorrow..... JUDY

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**Judy Ossanna - Ironwood, MI - Aunt - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM**

LF

“ I am so sorry to hear of Alma's passing. She was such a good friend to my mother, Jennie Nelson Koski, and to my sister Sally, when Alma lived in Wakefield. My mother grew up on the Nelson farm, now Indianhead, so she knew the entire Gembolis family well. I remember the pretty flowers in her yard. My thoughts are with the family during this difficult time.

*Linda (Sjoblom) Salmi*

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**Linda (Sjoblom) Salmi - Shelby Township, MI - Friend - June 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM**

SG

“ *Gina and Louie,  
I am so sorry for your loss. My heart and prayers are with you as  
you pass thru this difficult time.*

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**Siri Sholten - Sagola, MI - Friend of Gina** - June 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ *What great sorrow to hear about Aunt Alma. She was very special  
to me because she was my Godmother.  
I have many fond memories of her in my heart.  
My prayers and thoughts will be with the family.  
Rita*

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**Rita Barbacove Barbari - Altamonte Springs, FL - Niece** - June 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM