



Arlene Cavalieri Sullivan

October 20, 1937 - March 5, 2025

Arlene Cavalieri Sullivan of Iron Mountain, passed away on Wednesday, March 5th, 2025.

Arlene was the daughter of the late Louis Anthony Cavalieri and the late Ruth Pearl (LaHaie) Cavalieri. Arlene attended high school in both St. Helena, CA and graduated from Iron Mountain High School. She later went on to earn her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education from Northern Michigan University. While there, she was inducted into the Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society. After college, she went on to teach in the Felch school district as a foreign language teacher and as a librarian. During her first year teaching in Felch, she met her future spouse, Tom Sullivan.

Together they applied for graduate school at Northern Michigan University, and two years later she received her Master of Arts in Education. Arlene went on to earn a second Master 's Degree as Education Specialist. She was inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society in all disciplines. She then went on to teach in the Florence school district as a foreign language teacher and a librarian. She spent a total of 32 years as an educator.

Arlene loved to travel and enjoyed several wedding anniversaries at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island during Labor Day Jazz Weekend. Arlene and Tom traveled to Hilton Head Island for the Heritage Classic and golfed many

of the fine golf courses on the island. Arlene traveled to Napa Valley CA, visiting with family, a wine train tour, and once on a hot air balloon ride.

Arlene especially enjoyed traveling abroad. Her first trip was to Spain with a coworker from school. She traveled with her mother, Ruth, on a grand tour of Europe, to London, Rome, Switzerland, and Paris. She went to Ireland for a summer vacation with a friend and to the Canary Islands with her cousin, Geri Mindok. She went to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico with her brother, Francis. She traveled to Florence, Italy with her brother and niece to visit her great niece, who was studying abroad. They stayed at a picturesque apartment overlooking the Ponte Vecchio bridge.

Arlene is survived by her brother, Francis Cavalieri, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family members.

Along with her parents, Arlene was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Bernard Sullivan, and by her father and mother-in-law, Matthew and Gertrude (Nault) Sullivan.

There will be no services. A family celebration of life was held for Arlene at an earlier date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Salvation Army.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Arlene Sullivan online at www.ernashfuneralhome.com.

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

Tribute Wall

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“ She was a great librarian at Florence HS. She was always very supportive, and seemed amused and pleased I could make good use of the card catalog (this was the 80's) to find books. She had a habit of cutting out the more explicit pictures in the swimsuit edition of Sports Illustrated.
— Tony Dal Santo

Tony Dal Santo - May 02, 2025 at 07:05 PM

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“ I am very sorry to hear of the loss of Arlene. My Sympathy to all during this very difficult time. Mary Pepin



Mary Pepin - March 15, 2025 at 09:02 PM

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“ Peggy Sullivan Smith And Wayne Smith lit a candle in memory of Arlene Cavalieri Sullivan



Peggy Sullivan Smith and Wayne Smith - March 06, 2025 at 08:33 PM

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Peggy & Wayne Smith - March 06, 2025 at 08:30 PM