



Barbara Ann Alquist

July 1, 1934 - March 14, 2016

Barbara A. Alquist, a long-time resident of Kingsford, passed away March 14 at Manorcare in that city. Born on July 1, 1934 in Michigamme, she was the daughter of the late Glenn and Martha (Anderson) Johnson. Except for three-and-a-half years of early childhood in Detroit, “Barb” grew up in Champion and graduated from high school there in 1952. While working as a waitress at a Champion restaurant, she met Philip Alquist of Quinnesec, an employee of Wisconsin-Michigan Power Company. Upon marrying on June 27, 1953, Barb and Phil settled in Kingsford. Years later Barb returned to school, rooming with her daughter Lisa at Northern Michigan University, from which Barb graduated Bachelor of Science, Magna Cum Laude, in 1984.

Over the years her principal occupation was that of mother and homemaker. Before and during the early years of marriage, however, she worked at various jobs: at Western Union in Detroit and at Caring House and Colenso’s department store in Iron Mountain.

A member of Trinity United Methodist Church of Iron Mountain, and of its “Martha Circle,” Barb participated in many church activities. Her special contribution was creating artistic displays to highlight church functions.

At home her artistic bent expressed itself most conspicuously in elaborate holiday decorations—at Easter, Christmas, Valentine’s Day, Hallowe’en....

From its beginning Barb supported the Pine Mountain Music Festival. While raising her family she was a leader for Blue Birds, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Boy Scouts. Active in the Parent-Teachers Organization of her children's schools, she served in various offices.

Barb loved the water and water sports. An extraordinary long-distance swimmer, she swam miles of the Menominee River and for hours at a time on area lakes. Her favorite was pristine Ottawa Lake in Iron County, where often loons kept her company as fellow swimmers. She also enjoyed kayaking and camping with her family.

In addition to her parents, Barbara was preceded in death by her husband Philip in 2001; two brothers, David and Peter Johnson, and a sister, Patricia Rook

She is survived by her very special friend, Ronald Koelbl of Aurora; children, Roxanne (Steve Hudson) Freeman of Kingsford; Terry (Linda) Alquist of Merriman; Lisa (Michael) Hakes of West Bend, WI; brothers, Glenn Johnson of Waterford, WI; and Greg (Scarlett) Johnson of Ishpeming; a brother in law, John (Pat) Alquist of Quinnesec; a sister in law Joanne Johnson; grandchildren, Bryon (Erika) Freeman, Kevin Freeman, Russ Dumais, Erik, Kyle and Krystal Hakes; and five great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, March 20, from 2:00 to 5:00pm at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain. The funeral will take place at Trinity United Methodist Church on Monday, March 21 at 11:00 am, with the Reverend Geri Hamlen officiating. Burial will follow in the afternoon at Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to Trinity United Methodist Church, 808 Carpenter Ave. Iron Mountain. MI 49801 or the Pine Mountain Music Festival, P.O. Box 406, Hancock, MI 49930

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Barbara Alquist online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

Cedar Ave
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 20. 2:00 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Funeral Service

MAR 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church
808 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Tribute Wall



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. The Bible makes this comforting promise: "Jehovah is close to the brokenhearted, he saves those who are crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:18) It also assures us: "Throw your burden on Jehovah, and he will sustain you." (Psalm 55:22) May these thoughts bring you a measure of comfort at this difficult time.

K - March 24, 2016 at 01:39 PM

RL

Wow! These are great verses. The words are very comforting. Thank you so much.

Roxanne, Terry & Lisa - April 02, 2016 at 01:43 PM

KV

“ Kevin & Amy Venstra lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Alquist



Kevin & Amy Venstra - March 21, 2016 at 03:41 PM

RL

Thank you for lighting the candle in our mothers name.

Roxanne, Terry & Lisa - April 02, 2016 at 01:48 PM

PA

“ *Barb will always be in our hearts and memories. Know that we send our deepest sympathies and prayers to all of the family.*

Bob & Ann Anderson

Patricia Ann Anderson - March 20, 2016 at 05:38 PM

RL

Your kind words and prayers are appreciated greatly. Thank you. She loved her cousins!

Roxanne, Terry & Lisa - April 02, 2016 at 02:48 PM

 Jill
Rady

“ *Girl Scouts wish to express condolences to your family in memory of Barbara for her dedicated service to Girl Scouts in her community. Her selfless investment lives on in those whose lives she touched. We hope you find comfort in remembering her good deeds and spirit of mentoring. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. From the Marquette Girl Scout Center Staff and Volunteers of Girl Scouts of the NW Great Lakes.*

Jill Rady - March 20, 2016 at 12:38 PM

RL

It's a wonderful program for girls. Our family was equally involved with the Boy Scouts. Every child should have the opportunity to participate. Thank you for your condolences.

Roxanne, Terry & Lisa - April 02, 2016 at 02:53 PM

KE

“ Karen Erickson lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Alquist



Karen Erickson - March 19, 2016 at 06:08 PM

KE

The memories of camping ;Golden Sands; your mom swimming all make me smile. The Henford moms and dads and neighborhood gatherings. It was great. Thinking of your mom and all of you .

Karen Erickson - March 19, 2016 at 06:12 PM

LB

I wish to express my deepest sympathy to Barbara's family. It has been many years since our paths have crossed, but as a former Champion neighbor, I have not forgotten who she is. Her brother David and I graduated together. Lolita (Rosebud Pascoe) Barry

Lolita Barry - March 24, 2016 at 04:07 PM

RL

Karen- Thank you for sharing your memories and lighting a candle. Those surely were great days. Our mom kept swimming all these years, with the exception of the last few. We are so fortunate to grow up in such a wonderful neighborhood.

Roxanne, Terry & Lisa - April 02, 2016 at 03:05 PM

RL

Thank you Lolita. We miss all the wonderful friends and neighbors in Champion. Walking up and down that big hill might not be as easy as it once was.

Roxanne, Terry & Lisa - April 02, 2016 at 03:10 PM

LC

“ I'm sorry to hear of Barb's passing. She was a very nice lady. I know my Nannie loved going to church in Barb's corvette. Sending many prayers during this difficult time.

Lindsay Church

Lindsay Church - March 19, 2016 at 07:38 AM

RL

Thank you for your prayers. We all loved and miss your Nannie (Margaret Seymour) too. She was a great friend to our mom.

Roxanne, Terry & Lisa - April 02, 2016 at 03:14 PM

DA

“ *Roxanne, Terry, Lisa,*
We are so sorry to hear of Aunt Barbs passing. She will be greatly missed. I'll never forget the parties at Aunt Hellen's house. She was a wonderful woman and had an amazing life. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you and your families at this difficult time.

David & Carolyn Alquist

David Alquist - March 18, 2016 at 03:24 PM

LH

Thank you so much for your kind words. It is a great consolation to us all for the great memories we had growing up.

Lisa Hakes - April 02, 2016 at 01:04 PM

RL

The above reply is from all of us. Roxanne, Terry & Lisa. (It was our first try. My computer wouldn't let me share. Lisa and I figured out, that it worked on our tablets though.) Love, Roxanne

Roxanne, Terry & Lisa - April 02, 2016 at 02:14 PM



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Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home - March 18, 2016 at 11:47 AM



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Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home - March 18, 2016 at 09:12 AM



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Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home - March 17, 2016 at 03:48 PM

BA

Class of 1952 - Champion High School

Barbara (Johnson) Alquist - April 02, 2016 at 01:23 PM



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Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home - March 17, 2016 at 01:11 PM

TR

My Sincere condolences to the Alquist family

Tim Rice - March 19, 2016 at 07:28 AM

RL

Thank you for your condolences Tim.

Roxanne, Terry & Lisa - April 02, 2016 at 03:20 PM