



Barbara Freeman

March 15, 1953 - March 15, 2010

IRON MOUNTAIN - Barbara Ann Freeman, 57, of Iron Mountain, died on Monday, March 15, 2010, at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain, with her loving family by her side after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born on Aug. 14, 1952, in Norway, daughter of the late Henry "Rico" and Marguerite (Andreoli) Carozolla. She attended school in Iron Mountain graduating from Iron Mountain High School in 1970.

She married Jeffrey Freeman on Feb. 24, 1973, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Iron Mountain. Barb would later attend cosmetology school, and go on to own and operate the nail salon, "Nails, Nails, Nails" here in town.

Barb was an active member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, ushering at Mass and cooking and baking at the fall bazaar. She was an active member of the Lady Elks, working the handicapped auction for many years. She was a member of the Pine Grove Country Club, and the Paisano Club. Barb loved her 'Nortside' Italian heritage, and was involved with Vision 2020.

In her early years, she enjoyed doing needle work, painting, riding

motorcycles, shopping and traveling. She also loved woodworking, crafts, cooking, camping, fishing and watching her son, Jeffrey, race just about anything.

She was a people person who had many lifelong friends, and also made many friends through her nail business. She will always be remembered for her great sense of humor and her quick wit.

Barbie is survived by her loving husband of more than 37 years, Jeff of Iron Mountain; her son, Jeffrey of Iron Mountain; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Cindy (Steve) Gard of Friendswood, Texas, Brad (Carla) Freeman of Kingsford, Becky (Don) Sagers of Schoolcraft, Mich., Heidi (Beaver) Reddinger of Iron Mountain, and Brent (Fernanda) Freeman of Kingsford.

"Uncle Barb" is further survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Thursday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain.

The funeral service will be Friday at 12:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Msgr. James Kaczmarek will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will follow in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in her memory.

Condolences to the family of Barbara Ann Freeman can be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Tribute Wall

MN

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

Matt and Tamara Nash - March 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Barb. I was one of her clients at the nail shop. She did the best pedicures! She always made me laugh. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

Julie Falk - March 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TV

“ *I can't explain the shock we felt when Carla told us about Barb. The first thing I thought of was how Barb was always so full of energy and made everthing so much more fun. I couldn't imagine her sick. Our hearts go out to your family and the tremendous loss that Barb has left. She was a wonderful person and will be dearly missed.*

Tammy and Bill VanVreede - March 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ *I am in Florida and just heard of Barb being sick and now to hear of her passing. My deepest sympathy to you all. I really enjoyed our conversations when I would get a pedicure from her. She was a great person with a real sense of humor. She will be missed by so many. My thoughts and prayers are with you all as you go through this very difficult time. God bless and Gods peace.*

Debbie Oberdorfer - March 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ So sorry about your loss. Barb was one funny person who could make so many laugh. She will be greatly missed. My sincere condolences.

Donna Domitrovich

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DE

“ Jeff and son - We are so sorry to hear of Barb's illness and passing. Will never forget last year's golf tournament when she said "I had Jeffy wear his orange shirt so I can find him in the woods". The story has been repeated many times and made many people laugh. She will always be remembered for her smile and laughter. You are in our prayers

Dennis and Terese Engquist - March 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Jeff and Family,
We are in Loganville, Georgia and just learned of the loss of Barb. She is going to be greatly missed by everyone who she ever touched even in the minutest way. Even tho she had her share of hurt and problems going on she could always find the strength to make you feel better and most of the time manage a laugh. You have our deepest condolences and we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Bob and Lori Massicotte

Robt. And Lori Massicotte` - March 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Dear Jeff & Jeffy - I am so sorry for your loss. Barb was an amazing person and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time.

Stacy Schinderle - March 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Although I only met Barb a few times, she lit up the room each time I saw her. She was an inspiration for other business owners in downtown Iron Mountain and a team player in our revitalization efforts. She was dedicated to making her community a better place to live, and for that I am forever grateful. Your smile and positive attitude will remain in my heart forever Barb. God Bless!

Jonathan Ringel - March 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ND

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I am in Florida but wanted to tell you how sad I am to hear about Barb's death. I just loved her. She made me laugh. I told her all about my recent illness not knowing that she would soon be ill. Her positive attitude was commendable. I know she loved the snowmen I painted for her.

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“ Although we haven't known Barb very long, we have been privileged and honored to have been touched by her presence in our lives. I have described her to people as this "little feisty Italian." Barb had a great expression with which she would build someone up - she would say, "You're the best." She had a good sense of humor, even under the most trying of circumstances. I smile at the association of her and leopard print. Our lives will forever be for the better for having known Barb. Big things truly do come in little packages. Our sympathies and prayers to all of Barb's family and friends.

Don & Judy Evans - March 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Jeff, we are so sorry to hear about Barb's passing. She was such a great, funloving person. Please accept our sincere sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Kathy & Bob Boyle - March 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ I, too, grew up on the great Northside. Barb, Rico, and Marguerite were some of the friendliest people you could ever hope to meet. My sincere condolences to the family.

Michael Nokes - March 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Dear Jeff and family,
We are so sorry for your loss of Barb; Merle really enjoyed talking to her while I got my hair done down the hall. She will be so missed. Sorry we are unable to attend the services as we are in Tucson for the winter.
God be with you.
Merle and Michelle Gustafson

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HP

“ I am so sorry and shocked to hear about Barb. I was one of her nail clients and loved her wonderful pedicures. She was a terrific person, and a feisty fellow Italian! I KNOW she's in heaven getting the pampering she deserves!

Holly Palmer - March 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Barbs passing. She was like a mother to me. Each month, I would meet her in her adorable nail boutique for one of her AMAZING pedicures. We had the BEST talks and she would remember everything like we had just left off the day before. She lived for her close friends from school, they were like sisters to her. She was all about her family and she talked often of mine and how her and my mother grew up on the "Northside" Barb always treated me like her own family, always that warm Italian hospitality. She was so proud of her heritage. She always had a smile, that laugh..wont forget her laugh and never complained. When I last saw her I would never imagined it would be the last time, we hugged, said our "love you's" and happy holidays-she even gave me a gift, that was her, always thinking of everyone else. I sure hope she is in heaven getting the pampering she deserved. Barb was such a wonderful woman and my life is so much better because I knew her.

Michelle Floriano-Schneider - March 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Freeman family, I am saddened at yet another loss from the graduating class of 1970. My prayers are with your family.

Lynn Sauve - March 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Jeff-
I was so sorry to hear about Barb yesterday. Tina and I both send our best to you and Jeff. I wish I could be there to see you now but I will see you sometime soon. I remember Barb as a spunky , funny and talkative woman. Please know that I am thinking about you in this time of loss.
Rick Freeman

Rick & Tina Freeman - March 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Jeff and family, we send our deepest sympathy during this tough time. With our love, Mathew and Angela Berg

Angela Berg - March 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Jeff and Jeff, I am so sorry to hear about "Uncle Barb". I was stunned when I received the news. Barb was always so good to both myself and Christian. He, too, can't believe she's gone. She was truly a "hockey auntie" none of us will ever forget. We had so much fun downstate! I will miss her great sense of humor, her presence at ski jumps and our "hockey mom" get togethers. She always put a smile on everyone's face. You and Jeff are in our prayers.

Love Chryss and Christian Harrington

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TL

“ Jeff and family,

We were so sorry to hear of Barbs untimely passing. Our thoughts are with you in these difficult times.

Tim and Linda

Tim and Linda Lantto - March 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ My sincere sympathy to you all. Barb and I grew up together on Broadway St. We were partners in crime when we were young. I will always have fond memories of our childhood and of her. She was quick witted and could always make you laugh. She will be greatly missed.
Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Patti Amicangelo-Campbell - March 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Dear Jeff and Jeffy, We are so sorry for the loss of your beautiful Barbie. She is going to be greatly missed by everyone who ever crossed her path. No one ever made us laugh like Barb. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you and keep you.
All our love,
Cousin Shelly and Chico

Shelly & Chico Giguere - March 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sorry to hear about Barb. You have my heartfelt condolences

Renee Cram (Roderick) - March 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM