



## Barbara Jean Verrette

January 24, 1932 - July 27, 2020

Barbara Jean Verrette passed away peacefully on July 27, 2020 with her family by her side.

Barb was born January 24, 1932 at Swedish Covenant Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. She was the daughter of Jean Elise Hanna, and Daniel Bennett Sill, who passed away when she was an infant. Barbara and her brother, Dan, were loved and adopted by Jean's 2nd husband Clifford M. Fugit.

Barbara's family moved often in her growing up years, which fostered an uncommon closeness with her brother, Dan. She attended several schools across the country, graduating from Iron Mountain High School in 1950. Barbara attended Michigan State University (Michigan Agricultural College) studying advertising, and returned to Iron Mountain to work with her father at A. Sackim Co. Department Store. Barbara was known for her beautiful calligraphy in everything from simple notes and letters, to advertising posters, and treasured family albums.

Barb married James Curtis Verrette on June 2, 1956 and together they lived life to the fullest for 64 wonderful years. They were known by many on their frequent lunches and dinners out as the 'sweethearts'.

Barbara will be remembered lovingly by family and friends for her sassy

humor and quick wit, which delighted all until the very end. Barb was a wonderful cook and especially loved making every occasion, large and small, something special. Barb was a homemaker in the truest sense, and made their home a place all felt welcome and comfortable. Barb and Jim enjoyed the company of good friends and family, entertaining, and travel. They took wonderful excursions including Jamaica, Alaska, Hawaii, the Orient Express, and the Mediterranean, and spent many happy winters in Fort Myers, FL.

She was a 3rd generation member of Drawing Room Club, bridge clubs and a mahjong group, as well as past member of The Chippewa Club, and Pine Grove Country Club. Barb and Jim and their group of dear friends had a "Supper Club" that was a fond part of their lives for more than fifty years.

She is survived by her husband, Jim, and two children - Lisa (Dan) Wender of Iron Mountain, and Robert (Vickie) Verrette of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. Barb also leaves three grandchildren – Jeanna (Bryan) Lienhard, Katherine (Matt) Dziewicki, and Mathew Verrette, five great-grandchildren – Emilia, Clive and Thatcher Lienhard, and Lydia and Theodore Dziewicki; two step-grandchildren, Neil Wender and Nick (Kim) Wender and a sister-in-law, Shirley Fugit. She was predeceased by her parents and her brother, Daniel S. Fugit.

The family extends our most sincere thanks and appreciation to the dedicated staff at Evergreen Assisted Living and Manor Care for the kindness and warm care they gave Barb, especially during the recent difficult months.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial gift to the Dickinson County Hospital Foundation, c/o Barbara Verrette Memorial, 1721 S Stephenson Ave, Iron Mountain, MI 49801.

Family and friends are invited to attend a visitation and time of sharing from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm Friday, July 31, 2020 at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash

Funeral Home. Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

Condolences to the family of Barbara Verrette may be expressed on line at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://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

JUL 31. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ To Uncle Jim, Lisa, Rob and the whole family,

*I will always remember fondly Aunt Barb during family gatherings for her kind gentle presence. I was very sorry to hear she passed. Festive scenes with grandpa Cowell, grandma Dee, uncle Jim and aunt Barb (as my mother called them) will pop into my mind and bring me joy for every Christmas Eve to come. Growing up, she was also a staple of the neighborhood. I can still see the envelopes embossed with her beautiful calligraphy awaiting in our mailbox on N. Evergreen Dr.*

*From our family to yours, deepest sympathies and many prayers. We are very sorry for your loss. I'm sure she's holding a fantastic Bridge hand at a table with Bill and Dee right this moment!*

*Love,  
Paul, Jennie, William & Stella Furlow (Boston, MA)*

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**Paul Furlow** - August 03, 2020 at 01:32 PM

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“ To Jim ,Lisa,Rob,  
*Although years have passed and we have not seen each other. I have so many good memories.you were first good neighbors and grew in to wonderful friends.may God comfort you during these difficult days. My love and prayers. Claire MacLeod*

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**claire macleod** - August 02, 2020 at 01:25 PM