



## Bernadette Colantonio

March 13, 1922 - March 13, 2013

Bernadette "Bernie" Colantonio, 91, of Iron Mountain, passed away peacefully with her Loving family by her side on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at Maryhill Manor in Niagara, where she has been residing the past 6 months.

Born in Escanaba on January 11, 1922, Bernie was the daughter of the late Richard and Clorvena (Badger) St. Martin. Bernie married John "Jap" Colantonio in 1979, and he preceded her in death in August 2002.

Bernie worked at various area restaurant's including the Dickinson Hotel, the Knife and Fork, and Pine Mountain. She was also employed by Norway Gravure.

After retiring in 1979, Bernie and John resided in New Port Richey, Florida every year for the winter months. While in Florida, they enjoyed walking, golfing, dancing, and gathering with their Floridian friends.

Bernadette was an avid golfer, and was a member of Pine Grove Country Club in Iron Mountain and Oak Crest Country Club in Norway. While a member, she won first place awards in Derby Days in 1985 and 1988. She enjoyed playing music at numerous nursing homes through the years with the band "Alvito" which consisted of her sister, Albertine and her friend and music partner, Vito Basile of Norway. She loved her bus trips to the casinos with her daughter Judi, her many visits to the Senior Center, and visiting with friends at McDonald's. She was a longtime member of St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic

Church.

She will be sadly missed by her four daughters, Judi (Dave) Lindblom of Kingsford, Linda (Jim) Manko of Colgate, WI, Sandra (Ted) Tavonatti of Green Bay, WI and Chris (Gregg) Chaloupka of Manitowoc, WI; one son, Rick (Linda) Stanchina of Iron Mountain; four sisters, Madeline Calhoun of Rice Lake, Pearl Gerue of Escanaba, Betty Thome of Green Bay and Henrietta Charbonneau of Brooksville, Florida. Love for her family always came first, and her knowledge and zest for life will carry on in the hearts of her grandchildren, Stephanie (Dan) Riopete, Jean (John) Arvan, Doug (Becky) Sundelius, Brenda Thurston, Dean (Teresa) Lindblom, Jeff (Sheila) Lindblom, Brad Manko, Tammy (Corey) Martell, Danny (Erin) Reath, Scott (Nicole) Stanchina, and Brian Stanchina; fifteen great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Carol Stockman of Escanaba; a grandson Randy Sundelius; three sisters, Albertine, Viola and Phyllis; and three brothers, Harold, Earl and Gerald.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to the caring staff at Maryhill Manor Nursing Home.

Visitation is scheduled for Saturday, March 23, 2013 from 11:00am to 1:00pm at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. The funeral service will follow at 1:00pm at the funeral home. Fr. Matt Settle will officiate. Burial will take place in the Spring at Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

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

Condolences to the family of Bernie Colantonio may be expressed 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.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **23**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

MAR **23**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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901 Carpenter Ave.  
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# Tribute Wall

CD

“ Hi Mom:

*I miss you so very much already. It is hard to believe that you are actually gone from this earth. I will miss our daily phone calls and our two-a-day phone calls on the weekends and all the time i got to spend with you these last six months. I will look to the good lord for the strength that i need to get through this. I will always remember the special mother-daughter relationship we had. I know that you are in a better place with all of our dearly departed. I know that you are close to me and i am able to talk with you anytime. Love and miss you so much but i know you are ok now. I will be talking to you probably even more. Love and miss you Mom. May you be forever with me.*

*Love you Chrissy*

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**chris chaloupka - manitowoc, WI - daughter** - March 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HD

“ *Chris and Family: This is a tough time to go through, I will pray for you all during your grieving process, take care..*

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**Holly McCarthy-Biolo - Kevil, KY - Friend of daughter** - March 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ *How I'll always remember that devilish sparkle in your eyes and that huge smile on your face. We would have such fun when you and Auntie Al would come to visit me in my bridal shop with the "boys " in tow. You both would be dressed "to the nines" always finished off with your favorite jewelry. We would laugh and carry on looking at all the dresses as long as the boys could tolerate. You are such an important part of so many precious family memories! I'm thankful you are at peace now. Love and hugs until we are together again...*

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**Patti Gerue Reinagle - Chetek, WI - Niece** - March 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *We are sorry for your loss and we are sorry we can't be there.*

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**Bill and Irene Manko - Iron Mountain, MI - brother-in-law and sister-in-la** - March 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *I am trying to keep a smile on my face. I know that is what you would want. I know that you are at peace and with grandpa now. I miss you so very much already! I am so happy that I was able to spend the day with you just before you left us. You looked so beautiful that day. Your hair was done and make-up on, and you had your jewelry on. I remember trying to get your necklaces off before getting you into bed. You had a good day and enjoyed the party.*

*All My Love:*

*Tammy*

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**Tammy Martell - Green Bay, WI - grand-daughter** - March 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM