



Bernice J. Erickson

May 26, 1937 - November 19, 2023

Bernice Julia Erickson, 86 of Kingsford, passed away on Sunday, November 19, 2023 surrounded by her loving daughters after a battle with dementia and other health issues. Bernice was born on May 26, 1937 in Niagara, WI to Bernard and Ada (Andreoli) Rutkowski.

She attended Niagara High School and graduated as her class's salutatorian. For most of her working career, she worked at J.M. Malin as a secretary. She was an avid antique collector and owned the Curiosity Shop in Iron Mountain. Bernice always believed that her guardian angels were looking over her, and she was a loving pet owner, and enjoyed traveling.

One of her greatest achievements was choosing to go to college in her 50s, and receiving a scholarship from the Zonta Club for her schooling. She earned a registered nursing degree from Bay de Noc Community College that she used to work in the dialysis unit in Crystal Falls, MI.

She is survived by her sister Irene Donovan of Kingsford; daughters Linda (Alburtus) Smith of Virginia Beach, Virginia and Dawn (Thomas Miksa) Griggs of Iron Mountain; grandchildren Amanda Griggs, Abby (Anthony Adams) Griggs, and Jacob (Sydney Loukus) Griggs of Iron Mountain; and great-grandchildren Isaac and Anabelle Carpenter of Iron Mountain; as well as many friends and family who will miss her.

Burial will be a private ceremony for family. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that all who wish to remember Bernice make a donation to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, which was a charity that she supported all of her life.

Condolences to the family of Bernice J. Erickson may 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

DM

“ Dawn I'm so sorry to hear about your mom she was a great friend to my mom and I can't believe they passed on the same day. What you said about them holding hands on the way to heaven I loved that❤️ My deepest sympathy to you and the family

Dianne Martin - November 27, 2023 at 12:34 PM

MS

“ She was sp courageous to begin a new career in her 50s. She became an RN and offered company to so many patients.

Martha Schinderle - November 25, 2023 at 08:44 AM

 Rachelle Splittstoess

“ We are so sorry to learn of Bernice's passing. We have so many wonderful memories of good times with her. Our sincere sympathy to the family. Please know that we are thinking of you all and keeping you in our prayers. John Ross, Sherri (Ross) Bennett and Shelly (Ross) Splittstoesser families.

Rachelle Splittstoesser - November 22, 2023 at 02:02 PM

RG

“ Rochelle M Giguere lit a candle in memory of Bernice J. Erickson



Rochelle M Giguere - November 21, 2023 at 07:27 PM

RG

“ *Fly high Auntie. We love you and we will miss you. Shelly, Chico and Andrew*

Rochelle M Giguere - November 21, 2023 at 07:26 PM