



## Beryl Miench

May 15, 1931 - May 15, 2010

Beryl Miench, 79, of Iron Mountain, died on Saturday, May 15, 2010, at Hyland Nursing Home in Iron Mountain.

She was born on June 25, 1930, in Iron Mountain, daughter of the late Dalbert and Maude (Williamson) Miench. She attended the Iron Mountain schools, graduating from Iron Mountain High School in 1948. She went on to the University of Michigan, where she graduated in 1952.

Beryl worked at radio station WMIQ as the continuity director from 1952 to 1956, returning to the same position in 1958 until retiring in 1992. She also hosted the radio talk show "Tips 'n' Talk." She lived her entire life in Iron Mountain, with the exception of bicycling through Europe in 1956 and 1957.

Beryl is survived by cousins, George Zaio of Iron Mountain, Mary (Zaio) Kilgore of Jacksonville, Fla. and cousins in Canada. She is further survived by other extended family.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church in Iron Mountain.

The funeral Mass will follow at 11 a.m. at the church. Fr. Daniel Moll will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

George Zaio, Mike Zaio, Rick Olds, Mike Quilliam, Ray Paoletti, and Ted Corombos will serve as pallbearers.

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

Condolences to the family of Beryl Miench may be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 18. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church  
414 Prospect Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ During my later high school days (1954-56) I worked at WMIQ, first as a transmitter engineer, and later as the weekend studio engineer. I remember her well along with Mr. Johnson (station manager), Gill Hurd (chief announcer), Chuck Gallop (chief engineer) and the other staff at the station. My condolences to Beryl's family and friends, she will be missed greatly.

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**Pete La Count - Sierra Vista, AZ - co-worker - May 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM**

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“ Beryl will be sadly missed by myself and my sons, Austin and Gavin. I first met Beryl when I visited her home with my co-workers to be a witness on her Will. At that time she expressed sadness that she had no one to care for her beloved cat, Rumbles. She stated the only reason she went through chemo was to have more time with Rumbles as her family wanted to put the cat down, or as one family member told me "drown the cat in the river." Being the owner of other cats, I volunteered to give Rumbles a good home if need be. After Beryl went into the nursing home my sons and I picked up Rumbles and have welcomed her into our family. We went to visit Beryl a few times to let her know how Rumbles was doing. She was always so appreciative and really seemed to love having someone come visit her at Hyland. My boys and I will always remember Beryl and her smile that just seemed to light up the room.

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**Kristy Etzel - Iron Mountain, MI - friend - May 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM**

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“ *Beryl and I worked together from 1986-91m at the former Iron Mountain/Kingsford Broadcasting Company. I was a young announcer, she was a seasoned pro. I always knew when Beryl was writing commercial copy...she would come into the production studio, on a mission lol. Back then, we didn't have CD's or DVD's...all the sound effects and music was on vinyl. She would have me play cut after cut after cut, until she heard what she wanted for the clientele. I was so impressed by her knowledge and experience. I also would co-host her Tips & Talk show with her from time to time. I enjoyed that very much. She was always great to work with, and I will cherrish the memories forever.*

*My sincere condolences to Beryl's family and friends during this difficult time.*

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**Laurn Fontaine - Iron Mountain, MI - Co-worker - May 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM**

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“ *Beryl was first class all the way. A lady who live dher life on her own terms!! I worked with Beryl in the early 80's at WMIQ and considered her a friend for many years after wards!! Beryl had a wry sense of humor I enjoyed very much!!  
I have a feeling that if you had asked Beryl if she had ant regrets in life she would have said, "not one!!"  
Now that is the way to live your life!!!*

*God bless, Beryl!!! You were an original!!!*

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**Pete Frecchio - Iron Mountain, MI - co-worker - May 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM**