



Bette Jane Christian

May 7, 1940 - August 11, 2014

Bette Jane Christian, 74, of Sagola, passed away surrounded by her loving family on Monday, August 11, 2014 at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain.

She was born May 7, 1940 in Iron Mountain, daughter of the late Michael and Lorraine (Bouchard) Sparapani. Bette graduated from Holy Name High School in Escanaba in 1958. She married Clarence "Chris" Christian on August 8, 1980 in Escanaba. Bette was the director and head cook at the Sagola Township Senior Citizens Center for almost 30 years. She was a member of St. Rose Catholic Church in Channing. Bette enjoyed baking and was well known for her delicious rye bread. She also enjoyed reading, gardening, sewing, cross stitch and spending time with family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Clarence "Chris"; five children, Thomas (Toni) Christian of Sagola, Michael (Julie) Samuelson of Escanaba, Clarence Jr. (Tina) Christian of Norway, Michael (Anna) Christian of Felch, and Matthew (Susan) Samuelson of Burnsville, MN; a sister, Diane (Larry) Rank of Phoenix, AZ; 15 grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and her special cat, Polly.

Bette was preceded in death by a son, Mark Samuelson; a brother, Michael Sparapani; and two sisters, Delores "Sis" Annear and Arlene Savard.

Visitation will be on Thursday from 12:00 noon until 2:00 pm CST at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain and from 3:00 until 4:00pm CST at St. Rose Catholic Church in Channing. The funeral service will follow at 4:00 pm CST on Thursday at the church. Fr. Dan Malone will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Interment will be in the Holy Cross Cemetery in Escanaba.

Bette's grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Bette J. Christian online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 14. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Avenue
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
(906) 774-7676
nashfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation

AUG 14. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

St. Rose Catholic Church
703 Bell Ave.
Channing, MI 49815

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 14. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Channing, MI 49815

Tribute Wall

TC

“ To this moment in time not a day goes by where i don't think of her. i miss her so much and lately its been so much harder. thank you for all the amazing memories grandma.

Toriana Christain - May 08, 2017 at 12:49 PM

CC

“ Bette told me, on our 34 anniversary (August 8), that life is for the living, and that death is part of life. Thank you everyone for your kind words and prayers. They're helpful in this time of mourning. Thanks again.

Clarence Christian - August 19, 2014 at 07:47 PM

TF

“ Thank you everyone, you support. Means a lot to us and is greatly appreciated.

the christian family - August 15, 2014 at 03:50 PM

EC

“ Dear Chris & family.
I first met Bette when she worked for Delta-Do-It-Center in Kingsford, MI back in the late 1980's!. She surprised me by telling me we were related through marriage. Always energetic and upbeat with a ready smile that she carried forward through the years. Although we didn't have an opportunity to visit once Delta closes, I will always remember Bette for her outgoing personality. On behalf of the Rudolph Cudnohufsky family members, please accept our sincere condolences for your precious loss. Bette is now "Safely Home" where disease and pain are nonexistent.

Love and Gentle Hugs from your cousin Gene

Eugene R Cudnohufsky - August 14, 2014 at 10:16 AM

CF

Thank you Gene

christian family - August 15, 2014 at 03:56 PM

RS

“ Mike, Anna and the Christian Family, We are so, so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. It is never easy to lose a parent. We're sending prayers and our love to you all.
May the memories make you smile.

Ron and Lynn Stickel

Ron & Lynn Stickel - August 13, 2014 at 02:51 PM

MA

Thank you so much. We love and miss you

mike and anna - August 15, 2014 at 03:52 PM

JS

“ There are no words...We have been neighbors for almost 8 yrs now, Betty welcomed us to the neighborhood and always made us feel at home. We will miss her so very much!! She had a kind heart, a wonderful sense of humor, and we are grateful that we were able to get to know her. Heaven is brighter and know she will always be with you! Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Jessica Schultz - August 13, 2014 at 10:57 AM

MA

Thank you Jessica

mike and anna - August 15, 2014 at 03:54 PM

DP

“ Uncle Chris, Tommy, Clarence, Mike, and family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this very difficult time. Heaven gained another angel with the passing of Bette. Love you, Dina Perrault (Degenaer)

Dina Perrault - August 12, 2014 at 09:51 PM

MC

Thank you for your love and support. It means the world. Love you

mike christian - August 15, 2014 at 03:48 PM