



Beverly LaVerne Keehr

January 17, 1935 - April 13, 2021

Beverly LaVerne Keehr, 86, formerly of Iron Mountain, passed away from COVID on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at Dickinson County Healthcare Systems in Iron Mountain.

Beverly was born January 17, 1935, in Iron Mountain, MI, the daughter of the late Otis and LaVerne (Crago) Edlund. She graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1953, and while working that summer at Michigan Bell, she and her best friend, Mary Ann LaVigne, met Fred Keehr and Don Hart, best friends home on leave from the Navy, at the A & W rootbeer stand. On August 21, 1954, Beverly married Fred, and soon after, Mary Ann married Don. After their wedding, they moved to San Diego where Fred was stationed in the Navy. Bev continued to work for Michigan Bell, and when Fred got out of the service, they settled in Inkster, MI, living next door to Fred's brother Bert (Winnie) and their three sons for the next 15 years. Bev's three oldest daughters, Michele, Melanie and Melissa, were born in Inkster. Bev wanted to move back to Iron Mountain, so in 1971, they did just that. Daughter Heidi was born in 1972. Bev was a homemaker, briefly working at the Dickinson Inn before it was demolished. She enjoyed camping, fishing, but especially BINGO, and taking daily trips to the casino. She was also a life member and former president of the DAV Auxiliary.

Bev is survived by her husband of more than 66 years, Fred; four daughters,

Michele (Scott) Marrow, Melanie (Johnnie) Dabb, Melissa (Dave) Diedrick and Heidi (Mark) Prudhomme; eleven grandchildren, Amber (Chris) Perry, Joshua Carlson, Ryan (Ashley) Prudhomme, Jordan (Becca) Marrow, Zachary (Casey) Harvath, Jesse (Chelsye) Marrow, Nicholas (Samantha) Harvath, David (Ashley) Diedrick, Dayton (Breeze) Diedrick, Tatyana (Jake) Johnson and Breanna Diedrick; 14 great-grandchildren, Cole, Logan, Maniya, Brody, Natalie, Javen, Evelyn, Matthes, Bentley, Carter, Greyson, Sierra, Theodore, Bentley, Boston and one on the way in August, Jovie Johnson. She is also survived by two brothers, Russ (Sonia) Edlund and Doug Edlund, whom she was especially close to, as well as his children, Kathy (Scott) Doda and Douggie (Cathy) Edlund; brother-in-law, Bert (Marilyn) Keehr; sisters-in-law, Shirley (Guy) Helstab, Winnie; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Beverly was preceded in death by her beloved sister-in-law, Chris Edlund; infant grandson, Tyler Clement; and infant sister, Martha Lou.

The family would like to thank Freeman Nursing Home for their kindness and compassion for the last six years.

Per Bev's wishes, the family will have private services.

Condolences to the family of Beverly LaVerne Keehr may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Tribute Wall

YF

“ *Your Sister Shirley, Guy and Family. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Beverly LaVerne Keehr.*



Your Sister Shirley, Guy and Family. - April 20, 2021 at 12:59 PM

ME

“ *A love story that spanned nearly 67 years. Mom was a homemaker, dad always took care of her. Even when alzheimers was slowing taking her. It wasn't until she lost her leg that she had to go to Freeman's. Dad visited several times a day to make sure she was eating and back in the evening to put her pjs on and tuck her in. On Thursdays he'd make them a picnic supper, cooking pasties. Years passed, he never missed a day. Then Covid shut them down for visitors. He persevered outside her window, still several times a day. Looking in to see if she was eating, holding up signs and cards telling her he loved her. The photos wrapped in saran he'd hold up for her to see. In bad weather I'd try to get him to stay home, to no avail, I'll drive slow, I have an umbrella, there's a good light outside her window, I'm out of the wind. Finally a nice warm day last summer, an outdoor visit, but he couldn't touch her and had to keep 6 feet distance. It nearly killed him. The Covid bans were lifted, he scheduled a visit, had to wear a mask and a shield and 6 feet away. He kept saying, nice weather is coming, he had high hopes. On the morning of April 13th he got the call, mom failing, within hours she was gone. He finally got to hold her hand and kiss her goodbye after 404 days of waiting. Yes he kept track of the each day. She had Covid in the fall, it never phased her, vaccinated in January, Covid came back to get her and took her in 1 day. Melanie (Keehr) Dabb*

Melanie - April 16, 2021 at 02:00 PM

DM

*Mel—What a beautiful tribute to an everlasting love story. Thanks for sharing.
The journey of covid has tested the endurance and resiliency of far too many....Alzheimer's journeys as well.
Your mom was truly blessed with his devotion. May she Rest In Peace.
Diane*

Diane McKinnon - April 17, 2021 at 03:02 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Beverly LaVerne Keehr.



April 16, 2021 at 11:14 AM

OW

“ To Bev's family and husband Fred,
Bev was a year behind me at IMHS but always knew her as a very nice, friendly person. Then in the past several years I'd see her and Fred and visit a little with both of them at Freemans' when the GK sang there each month. I admired the care given her by Fred and their singing along with us the Golden Oldies. She still managed to sing and smile through all her difficulties.



One day, It was an interesting sight to watch with her and Fred, from our cars ,,a deer with his head in an ice cream bucket. It was running all over trying to get the bucket off,.as they were coming back from an outing.

My prayers go out for all who loved Bev along with her 53 Classmates. God's comforting love embrace you.

Orice Walters

Orice Walters - April 15, 2021 at 07:51 PM

ME

Thank you, that brought tears to my dad's eyes

Melanie - April 16, 2021 at 02:01 PM

DA

Our deepest condolences to all of you. We are very fond of Fred and understood his deep love for Beverly. I remember how upset he was when they wouldn't put a phone in her room during COVID restrictions and we were able to set up a specific time for him to call and talk to her. The day he cried because they had cut her hair so badly. Fred will surely need you girls as he will be lost without his Beverly. We have all of you in our prayers.

Dickinson County Office of Veteran Affai - April 16, 2021 at 02:55 PM

ME

Thank you, he was just talking about you today Denise, how much you help him, just showed me the stickers you gave him for his truck today

Melanie - April 16, 2021 at 04:54 PM

DM

“ *Diane McKinnon lit a candle in memory of Beverly LaVerne Keehr*



Diane McKinnon - April 15, 2021 at 01:19 PM

DM

“ *To the Keehr family—my heartfelt condolences to you all. I still have a tag sale item that Bev got but “recirculated” later in life. To this day It still puts a smile on my face. May you find comfort and peace in treasured memories that live in your hearts forever.*
—*Diane McKinnon*

Diane McKinnon - April 15, 2021 at 01:18 PM

ME

Thanks Diane, my dad was glad to hear from you. Mel

Melanie - April 16, 2021 at 02:02 PM

LH

“ *Lynn Hart lit a candle in memory of Beverly LaVerne Keehr*



Lynn Hart - April 15, 2021 at 11:58 AM

AP

“ *Grandma loved rummage sales. Or finding “treasures” she found a shoe on the side of the road one time, and decided to pick it up. Later down the road she did find the second shoe. I was always shocked she even picked up the first shoe. 😬❤️*

Amber Perry - April 14, 2021 at 06:31 PM

ME

Your right she loved a good sale!

Melanie - April 14, 2021 at 10:34 PM

AP

I didn't see your comment. Thank you for everything.

Amber Perry - April 24, 2021 at 09:01 PM