



Bonnie L. Burkman

December 1, 1943 - November 30, 2013

Bonnie L. Burkman, 69, of Kingsford, died Sat. Nov. 30, 2013 at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital. She was born on Dec. 1, 1943 in Iron Mountain, the daughter of the late Elvir Carlson and Geneva (Fronsee) Carlson Samson.

Bonnie graduated from Channing High School in 1961. She married Bruce Burkman on July 22, 1961.

Bonnie enjoyed knitting, sewing, cooking, baking, and going to the casino. She was a dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother. Her granddaughter, Ashley, was her pride and joy. Bonnie was an avid sports fan, cheering for the Michigan State Spartans men's basketball team and for the Detroit Tigers.

She is survived by her husband of fifty-two years, Bruce of Kingsford, one son Craig (Karen) Burkman of Granite Bluff, one granddaughter Ashley Burkman of Granite Bluff, one brother John (Karyn) Carlson of Granite Bluff, two sisters Janice Martinson of Merriman and Kathy Carlson of Iron Mountain, one brother-in-law Vernon Burkman of Yuma, AZ, one sister-in-law Evelyn Burkman of Milwaukee, a special friend Sheila Hammerberg of Kingsford, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one brother Kenneth Carlson, her stepfather Clyde Samson, and many brothers and sisters-in-law.

Visitation will be Thurs. from 11am-2pm at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2pm Thurs. at the funeral home. Rev. James Danielson will officiate. Burial will be in the Foster City Cemetery.

Condolences to the family of Bonnie L. Burkman can be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Cemetery Details

Foster City Cemetery

Hwy M69
Foster City, MI 49834

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

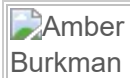
Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Funeral Service

DEC 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Iron Mountain, MI 49801
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<https://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com/>

Tribute Wall

Amber
Burkman

“ I hope it isn't too late to leave a memory. I've been sitting here pondering words to write, or things to even say since I heard the news. I'm still in utter disbelief. Nothing truly sank in until I was sitting in my truck after work, listening to Justin Moore's song "If Heaven Wasn't So Far Away" and staring at the stars in this snowy Washington sky. Auntie Bonnie was a ray of sunshine in my life, she always had a way of making me smile, I often wished we didn't live so far away and that I could see her more often. I will never forget when my Grandpa and I made the trip to Michigan for their anniversary (see photo attached) - they had no clue we were showing up. I snuck up behind her and handed her flowers and then she realized who I was, all I hear is her saying "You little shit you".. it still makes me laugh and brings a smile to my face. I wish I could have said goodbye, my mom had to restrain me from hopping in my truck and driving to Michigan to be there to say good bye. Uncle Bruce, Craig, Karen and Ashley - I love you all, and I'm sorry I couldn't be there. As I know my Grandma Kay is looking down on us and protecting us, I know Bonnie is right there beside her being our guardian angels.

Auntie Bonnie, I love you very much, and I will never forget all the great memories I had with you.

Love always, Amber Burkman.



Amber Burkman - December 06, 2013 at 12:58 AM

PQ

“ We have so many memories where do I begin. My Uncle and your father best of friends-
Janice and I would babysit for your son - Family are in my thoughts and prayers!!!!

Patsy (Steele) Quas

Pat Quas - December 04, 2013 at 07:13 PM



“ *Kiersten Malone lit a candle in memory of Bonnie L. Burkman*



Kiersten Malone - December 04, 2013 at 06:48 PM

TB

“ *Keeping you in our prayers. So sorry for your loss. My Mom has so many happy memories of the good times they had. Very special lady. Terri and Gwen.*



Terri Burgelbaugh - December 04, 2013 at 11:44 AM

CH

“ I want to share one of my "sneakiest" memories of Bonnie. She used to babysit me when she was possibly 16 and I was 7. She would sit on the floor, and I on the couch, and I would comb and style her hair for her. She thought that I was doing this only to be nice, but I had an ulterior motive as well. While I was doing her hair, she would be writing letters to Bruce, who was in the service. She had the most beautiful handwriting in the world. The letters always started out "My Dearest Darling," so I would be reading the letter over her shoulder. This is the first written expression of love I had ever seen, and it stuck with me forever. So glad I got to spend an evening with Bonnie a few short weeks ago. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bruce, Craig, Karen, Ashley and the entire family. She will never be forgotten!!!

*Carla and Mike Hiatt
Granite Bluff*

Carla Hiatt - December 04, 2013 at 10:05 AM

JB

“ I always remembered Aunt Bonnie as a good cook. She made really good pasties!! When we would come back to Michigan from Washington State she always made sure we were well fed when we were there.

What a beautiful smile she has, great sense of humor and I always remembered her laugh.

Still never understood how she or Uncle Bruce could drink warm pop. Maybe it's a Michigan thing; I have to have ice in mine. She always looked at me like I was nuts to add ice. Still loved her tho. ? I will miss you dearly Auntie Bonnie. May you rest in peace. Love you always, Jodi

And big hugs to Uncle Bruce, Craig, Karen and Ashley.... I love you's.

Jodi Burkman - December 03, 2013 at 08:10 PM

Angela Paterson

“ *Angela Paterson lit a candle in memory of Bonnie L. Burkman*



Angela Paterson - December 03, 2013 at 03:37 PM

BJ

“ *We extend our sympathy to the family. Bonnie, Bruce and Family have been liflong friends and neighbors. We will cherish the years of memories and keep Bonnies family in our prayers with their loss.*

*Deb and Bill Johnson
Granite Bluff*

Bill/Deb Johnson - December 03, 2013 at 02:50 PM

CC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go with all of you during this sad time. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.
Sincerely, David and Carol Christesen*

Carol & David Christesen - December 03, 2013 at 01:51 PM



“ *Truly Beloved Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bonnie L. Burkman.*



December 03, 2013 at 12:39 PM