



## Brooke Johnson

June 21, 1982 - June 21, 2012

Brooke A. Johnson, 30, of Aurora, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, June 21, 2012 at her home.

She was born August 7, 1981 in Iron Mountain, daughter of Laurie (LaVarnway) Johnson and the late Thomas Johnson. Brooke graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1999. She continued her education at Northern Michigan University where she obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology. Brooke has been employed for the last three years as a job coach supervisor at Trico, Inc. in Kingsford. She loved being outdoors and enjoyed camping & hiking. Brooke also enjoyed doing crafts, scrapbooking, photography, and spending time with her family and friends. Brooke said that the birth of her daughter, Maya, was the happiest day of her life.

She is survived by her mother, Laurie Johnson of Iron Mountain; her daughter, Maya Jean Meno; her fiancé, Randy Meno of Aurora and his daughter, Autumn; sisters, Ashlee (Tony) Punzel of Iron Mountain and Kristen Johnson (Mike) of Port Washington; a nephew, Collin Punzel; a niece, Megan Keltner; grandmothers, Noleen LaVarnway and Marian Johnson; aunts, Jodi LaVarnway and Debbie (Gordon) Jacobson; uncles, Mike (Heather) LaVarnway and Todd (Dawn) Johnson; cousins, Jamie LaVarnway, Justin, Ethan, Nolan and Allison LaVarnway, and Dana and Keri Jo Johnson; her Godparents, Jim and Winnie Fornetti; and her future mother and father-in-law,

Dianne and Dave Stebbins.

Brooke was preceded in death by her father, Tom Johnson; her grandfathers, Roy LaVarnway and Curt Johnson; and her uncle, David LaVarnway.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 4:00 until 7:00pm at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 11:00am at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. Fr. Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Dickinson County Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers will be Randy Meno, Tony Punzel, Mike LaVarnway, Todd Johnson, Jim Fornetti, Pat Daugherty, John Hogberg and Doug Schupp.

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

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **26**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUN **27**. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Martyrs Catholic Church  
908 W. Sagola Ave.  
Kingsford, MI 49802

# Tribute Wall

CC

“ *To brookes family... brookie was such an amazing unique girl, our condolences are sent to you all and she will forever remain in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Chelsea scott and the entire scott family - Marquette, MI - Friend and co worker from coachl** - July 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *Laurie:  
My deepest sympathy to you and your family. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. May God give you comfort and strength in the days ahead.*

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**Michael A. Wilson - Glenview, IL - Steve & Mary Bosilovatz Grandson** - July 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *To the Johnson Fami8ly,*

*You have my deepest sympathy for your loss. thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Dawn Robinson - Iron Mountain, MI - co-worker** - June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *Our deepest condolences and prayers for the Johnson family. We trust that the care and regard folks express and show you during this difficult time will provide you with reprieve, support, love.  
Sincerely, Pam and Bob Macaux*

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**Pamela and Bob Macaux - Florence, WI - son's former classmate** - June 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Hi Laurie & family, I am so sorry about your loss and I know that Michael and all of their classmates share such sadness. She was always such a pleasure to have at our house during those high school days and I am just hoping and praying that all of you are coping during this very difficult time for you. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Peggy

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**Peggy Connors** - June 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Laurie and family, we are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers and asking God to bring you comfort and strength in this difficult time.

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**Mac & Jan Frick - Kingsford, MI - Friends** - June 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Laurie, Ashlee and family-  
There are no words to describe how sorry I am for your loss. You have been through so much and do not deserve this pain. Please know that you are constantly on my mind and in my prayers. May God comfort you and give you strength in the days ahead.

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**Abby Larson - Grand Rapids, MI** - June 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Laurie, Ashlee, & family,

My deepest condolences go out to you and your family. I am so sorry for your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Chris Kelm - Milwaukee, WI** - June 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Laurie & family,

*I can't even imagine what you all are feeling at this time. You're in our prayers and hope that God hears them.*

*Jeri & Les Reinhard  
(Winnie's sister)*

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**Jeri Reinhard - Iron Mountain, MI - Friend** - June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Laurie, Noleen & Family:

*So sorry to hear of your Brooke's untimely passing. There are no words except to let you know that we are sending prayers and sympathies your way. May God bless and keep you at this sorrowful time.*

*Renee Swanson*

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**Renee Swanson - Kingsford, MI - Friend** - June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Rest in peace my Dear Best Friend Brooke Johnson. You will be missed everyday of my life. And I will cherish the 12 years we had together and all our memories. I love you so much! You are the most amazing, beautiful, caring, fun, loving and unique person I know. I will see you again one day Brooke : (*

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**Lori Suokas - Clawson, MI - Friend** - June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Laurie and family,  
I just want to send out our sympathy to you in the unexpected loss of you daughter/sister. I can't even imagine the pain you must all be feeling right now. No words can even begin to comfort you. I am just so sorry for you all.  
Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. May the love and support of family and friends help to get you thru the difficult days you face ahead. May you find Gods peace.  
With our sincere sympathy,  
Debbie and Mike

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**Debbie and Mike Oberdorfer - Kingsford, MI** - June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Hello Laurie.....I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to you in this sorrowful time in the passing of your most lovely Daughter Brooke. May the Lord comfort and heal your broken heart.

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**Bruce Tippett - Marinette, WI - School mate** - June 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ So very sorry for your tragic loss. My thought and prayers are with you all.

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**Jenni Lindstrom - Aurora, WI - Friend** - June 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ I am honored to have met brooke thru my ex husband she was a good person and i have great memories of her, its sad to see her gone, her daughter will always be reminded of what a great mom she had. so sorry for your loss

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**Friend - Iron Mountain, MI - friend** - June 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ I am so very sad for all the family at this time it is unimaginable to lose a daughter so very young .My heart goes out to all of you at this time. I am so glad I got to meet her through my daughter Lori she was a amazing girl. It is so very hard to see my daughter Lori so devastated with losing a best friend. My daughter had not too long ago gone to the UP for her honeymoon to spend a few days with her and ending up staying the whole entire time with them thats how much she loved and enjoyed Brooke..

I am sending prayers to all the family and friends that were so lucky to have known her... Nancy(mother of her good friend Lori)

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**Nancy christophersen - troy, MI - friend** - June 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ There are no words to express the heart ache and sadness I have for you and your family. Brooke was such a good friend, and will be missed, and remembered forever. I pray the God wraps his arms around you, and carries you through this.

Love, Megan

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**Megan (DeGroot) Holman - Holland , MI - Friend** - June 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Laurie  
You are in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you .

Mary

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**Mary Couper - Iron Mountain, MI - friend** - June 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ I just wanted to express my deepest condolences to the entire family. The loss of a child is something that no one should ever have to go through - you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Take comfort in knowing that she is with her dad and will see you all again someday.

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**Carlene Larson Cecilio - Marquette, MI** - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WZ

“ No words can possibly express my deep and heartfelt sympathy over your loss of Brooke. I was so touched to read about her baby Maya's birth and Brooke's joy in that experience. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers...

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**Wendy Zambon** - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dear Laurie, Ashlee and family - I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I have many fond memories of Brooke through IMHS. Brooke had such a sweet smile and a good sense of humor .

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**Jean Ivory - Bloomfield Hills, MI - Former teacher and coach** - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Laurie, Noleen and family,

*You're in my heart and prayers.*

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**Judy Gormand - Pittsburg, CA - cousin** - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ *Dear Laurie and family,  
I cannot fathom that which you are all going through at this time or  
tragic loss. Please know that you are all in my prayers and thoughts!  
Brooke was such a special young lady and I do have many fond  
memories of her in my class!*

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**Cheryl Wender-Menghini - Iron Mountain, MI - Former Teacher** - June 22, 2012 at  
12:00 AM