



## Carla Winkler

April 1, 1948 - April 1, 2013

Carla Ann Winkler, 65 of Breitung Township passed away on Monday, April 1, 2013 at her home surrounded by family after a lengthy battle with brain cancer. She was born May 16, 1947 in Rhinelander, Wisconsin, daughter of Valeria (Denton) and the late Robert Rhode. She attended school in Rhinelander, graduating from Rhinelander High School. She went on to receive her Associate Degree in Cosmetology and Electrolysis. Carla moved to Spread Eagle in 1974. She owned and operated Carla's Electrolysis and Beauty Salon for many years. She was a member of the National Ski Patrol for many years at the Pine Mountain Ski Resort. Carla married H. Christian Winkler on July 14, 2001 in Iron Mountain, and together they spent nearly 12 wonderful years. She loved the outdoors, skiing, living on the Menominee River, and spending time with family and friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Rhode, and a nephew, Michael A. Rhode.

Carla is survived by her husband, H. Christian Winkler of Breitung Township; her daughters, Erika A. Justus of Kingsford and Lauren Justus (Luke Lavin) of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Mother, Valeria Rhode of Rhinelander, Wisconsin; brothers, Michael C. (Mary) Rhode of Rhinelander, Wisconsin, Mark (Enedelia) Rhode of Fayetteville, NC, Robert (Lisa) Rhode of Lake Tomahawk, Wisconsin, and Charles Rhode of Mosinee, Wisconsin; a sister, Lauren (El) Felton of Rhinelander, Wisconsin; 11 nieces and nephews

Visitation will be on Sunday April 7, 2013 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. The Celebration of Carla's Life will follow at 4:00 pm at the funeral home. Rev. David Anderson will officiate.

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

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

The family would like to sincerely thank the O.S.F. Hospice Organization, Dr. Morel and his staff, and friends and family for their kind care and support of Carla during her lengthy battle with brain cancer.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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

## Celebration of Life

APR 7. 4:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Carla will live on in the hearts of all of the people who "love" her. She made it very clear how much she loved us, especially Chris, Erika and Lauren. I miss the presence of my dear friend but I treasure my memories of her. Carla will live on in my heart forever.*

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**Marsha Page - Sault Ste Marie, MI, MI** - April 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *we are so sad at the passing of Carla. our thoughts and prayers have been with her and the family. we have some very special memories of Carla . Just the sweetest girl ever. mush love to the whole family..*

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**bunny denton and steve denton - rhinelander, WI - aunt and cousin** - April 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *We were very sad to hear of Carla's passing. Our thoughts and prayers will be with her family. Carla never just cut your hair. It was always an adventure to visit with her. One never knew how long the haircut would take but you always knew it was going to be an enjoyable time. We have missed her smiling face since we moved to Florida. Just typical of Carla to leave this world on April Fool's Day. We will always remember the times we got to spend with her.*

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**Bill and Jeanne Rauscher - Rotonda West, FL - former clients** - April 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Carla. I wish I were there at this moment in time to celebrate your life. We have shared a long journey, and I will deeply miss you. I think about you, Marsha, and me cramming our small children into my lime green Volkswagen & heading to town!! I think about Erika, Lauren, Robbie, Lisa, Michelle, & Nicole growing up together. I think about our loving friendship that grew stronger through our years of sharing life. You are with me now & always. I am sitting in the adoration chapel in Thomazeau Haiti, loving you for all that you have given to me, my children, & others. Let the celebration of your life begin! I am with you, my dear friend.*

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**Jan Dooley - Niagara, WI - Loving friend** - April 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *I am so very sorry for the loss of your wife, sister, and mother. I had no idea she was sick. I knew she had breast cancer a while back.*

*I just want to share that she was one of the nicest people I've ever known. Very high quality. Kind, generous, hard working, intelligent, and honest.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you. I just can't believe it.*

*Respectfully,*

*Mary Kay Paul*

*Mary Kay Davis*

*(Ryan, Sara, and Kelly's mother)*

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**Mary Catherine Paul (Mary Kay Paul) (Mary Kay Davis) - Kingsford, MI - Friend of Carla's** - April 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ *Carla brightened a room just by entering it. Her dazzling smile, her love of life, and her sense of humor made her special. I never left an appointment without feeling better than when I walked in.*

*The world truly has lost a special person, and my heart goes out to Chris and Carla's daughters.*

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**Holly Wissing - Oxford, OH - friend** - April 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *Though I was only a client for about the last six months of Carla's practice, I knew from the start what a great, loving person she was. I always looked forward to my visits with her, as she made a person feel special each time she saw you! She will be greatly missed. May God's peace comfort and shield you in the coming days.*

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**Sandy Wolf - Iron River, MI - Client** - April 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *your a wonderful person and ill miss u dearly.*

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**Danielle Cournaya - kingsford, MI - friend** - April 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ I will miss you. You were my best friend, and my mothers. I love you very much. You were a good hair dresser. You would always cut my mothers hair, and did a good job. You would always take me out to eat, and cut my hair. You were a sweetheart, the world wont be the same without you, you made this earth a better place. Thank you for being such a wonderful friend to me, Someday I will see you in heaven where there is no pain. Thank you for being in my life. My condolenses go out to chris and erica and everyone elses lives she has touched. I love you very much and will always love you. You are always in my heart and on my mind I miss you already and will miss you always, your a wonderful person and it makes me proud to be your friend. You are a wonderful person and will be missed dearly.

-Love you with all my heart

*Ryan Reed*

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**Ryan Reed - iron mountain, MI - Dear friend - April 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

CF

“ Carla lived a "Mother's Legacy", a portion of which follows:

*...One day they came to a hill, and beyond the hill, they could see a shining road and golden gates flung wide. And the mother said, "I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk with dignity and pride, with their heads high."*

*And the children said, "You will always walk with us, Mother, even when you have gone through the gates." And they stood and watched her as she went alone, and the gates closed after her. And they said, "We cannot see her, but she is with us still. A mother like ours is more than a memory, she is a living presence."*

*Your mother is always with you. She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street, she's the smell of certain foods you remember, flowers you pick and perfume that she wore, she's the cool hand on your brow when you're not feeling well, she's your breath in the air on a cold winter's day. She is the sound of the rain that lulls you to sleep and the colors of a rainbow. She is Christmas morning.*

*Your Mother lives inside your laughter. And she's crystallized in every teardrop. A mother shows every emotion... happiness, sadness, fear, jealousy, love, hate, anger, helplessness, excitement, joy, sorrow... and all the while, hoping and praying you will only know the good feelings in life. She's the place you came from, your first home, and she's the map you follow with every step you take. She's your first love, your first friend, even your first enemy, but nothing on earth can separate you. Not time, not space... not even death!*

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**Carl and Mary Salerno - Jackson Hole, WY - Friends** - April 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ My prayers go out to you erica and chris, and the rest of carlas family and friends. She was a wonderful person and I know she touched your lives just as she touched mine.

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**Danielle Cournaya - friend** - April 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Dear Chris, Erika, Lauren & Family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this most difficult time. Carla was a wonderful person with a heart of gold. We know all that knew and loved her will miss her dearly. She is no longer suffering and is in a much better place.

We are on vacation and will not make it home to visit with each of you on Sunday. Please know our prayers are with you and your entire family. May our Lord sustain you in the days to come with good and happy memories of a great lady and mother.

Love and Peace to each of you,  
Rich & Kristi Celello

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**Rich & Kristi Celello - Iron Mountain, MI - Friends** - April 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ I will always cherish my memories of Carla. We grew up together on Sutliff Avenue in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. We often laughed hysterically about our memories of growing up in the 50's, including building forts and having snowball fights with the boys. Carla was always a "fighter," and she fought her brain cancer with amazing dignity, courage, positiveness, and determination...she was and will be a model of how to live and die with passion and dignity. Until the end, she remembered things I did not. I will miss you, sweet spirit sister. May you ride on angels' wings.

To Chris, Erika, Lauren and extended family: May you find comfort, peace and strength knowing Carla leaves a legacy of love....and laughter even in the toughest circumstances.

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**Georgia Lange Clarke - Santa Cruz, CA - A best friend** - April 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Carla was a sweet friend. Always had something nice to say to everyone. My wife and I always enjoyed visiting when we went up the river. We know she will be missed very much. Take it all one day at a time and be at peace. Gratefully, Larry and Rebecca

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**Larry Lilienthal - Iron Mountain, MI - Friend** - April 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Erika -- thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time for you and your family.

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**JOY CARLSON - MI** - April 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Such a warm and lovely person..she will be missed. Erika, love to you and the family....*

*Shelby and Pette*

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**Shelby and Peter Merckx - Florence,, WI - Friends** - April 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *Carla was a wonderful woman who always put others before herself. I have many fond memories of her and am happy she has found peace. May you and your family find comfort in knowing she is in a better place (and probably having a glass of Fortisimo).*

*Please let me know if you need anything. Also, my mom called this morning and sends her deepest sympathy. Prayers are with you.*

*Love, Andrea*

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**Andrea Celello** - April 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ *My deepest sympathy to Carla's beloved daughters, husband, and family.*

*How I remember her laugh! We enjoyed each other's humor and perspective on life so much. And I considered her a good friend. I had not seen Carla for a number of years and yet it feels like yesterday. I will miss her but know she is in heaven as she was already an angel here on earth.*

*May all the good memories give you comfort and peace.*

*With love,*

*Elsa*

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**Elsa Brule - New York City, NY - friend** - April 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Chris .. I'm so sorry to read about the loss of your wonderful wife Carla . .you two were such a pleasure to work with while at Danielson Insurance Agency. Know you are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. . at least you were able to get her home from Mayo and enjoy some skiing and travels together .. hold the memories you have close to your heart and God will get you through these tough times.

Amy Orn

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Amy Orn - Norway , MI - April 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM