



Catherine E. Lemke

July 2, 1941 - September 18, 2019

Catherine Estelle (Norton) Lemke, 78, of Kingsford, passed away on Sept. 18, 2019 at ManorCare Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Kingsford.

Cathy was born July 2, 1941, in Alpena, MI to Marvin and Sally (Hopson) Norton and grew up in Gladwin, MI, graduating from Gladwin Rural Agricultural School in 1959.

Cathy married David Lemke on May 12, 1962 in Gladwin, MI. Cathy and Dave, along with their children Sally and Jeff, moved to Iron Mountain in 1969 when Dave received a transfer to the Michigan State Police post in Iron Mountain. Cathy worked at JCPenney and then for many years as an assistant at Franks Chiropractic. A life-long Episcopalian, Cathy was a member of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

Cathy had many interests including reading, sports, and nature. Over the years, she enjoyed motorcycling with Dave, mystery novels from the library, and Friday night fish fries with good friends. She was an avid Lions and Spartans fan, and especially enjoyed March Madness. She took pleasure in watching the bluebirds return each year to the birdhouses she and Dave tended, and spoiling their cat. But more than anything, she enjoyed spending time with her family, watching the accomplishments of her children and grandchildren and attending their graduations, sporting events, recitals, and plays. Whether it be by choosing a unique Christmas ornament or baking a

favorite treat, Cathy made sure each of her children and grandchildren felt special.

Cathy is survived by her husband of 57 years, David Lemke; their children Sally Lemke of Oak Park IL and Jeffrey (Patty) Lemke of Cary, IL; their five grandchildren Adam Lemke-Bell, Charlie Lemke-Bell, Mitchell Lemke, Lucy Lemke, and Gavin Lemke; several nieces and nephews; and a number of very special friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Marvin and Sally Norton, brother William Norton, and sister Judith Neely.

Visitation will be held Saturday, Sept. 28 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain. A graveside interment service will be held on a future date at Highland Cemetery in Gladwin, MI. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Almost Home Animal Shelter in Quinnesec.

Condolences to the family of Catherine E. Lemke may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **28.** 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dave and Family, We are so sorry to of your loss. Cathy was such a sweet person. We know she will be missed. You are in our thoughts and prayers in the days ahead.*

Bill and Jan Lukes

Biil Lukes - September 30, 2019 at 05:06 PM

DN

“ *Dave & Family: We express our deepest sympathy for your loss. Cathy became a great friend at Bianchos Silver Sneakers exercise class. Dave, we have kept in contact since your days at M.J. Electric and me at Systems Control. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. I am sure Cathy will look down on you from above.*

Dan & Karen Niemi

Dan Niemi - September 29, 2019 at 11:54 AM

DB

“*Dave and family, our sympathy on the death of your wife, and mother. We have so many memories over the period of years, Our Friday night dining, the six of us, traveling to so many different restaurants, enjoying each other's visiting and laughter. Cathy will be missed. We miss our Friday nights. Our God is a loving God, and I know that He already has Cathy with him, and I am sure she is visiting with Jo and Don. Someday we will all be together again. May God give to you much peach, and mend your heart. Take care of yourself, and hope to see you. Take life, one day at a time. Know You will be watched over, as Cathy looks down.*

Dot 'n Durl Bradley

Dot 'n Durl Bradley - September 27, 2019 at 10:11 PM

LM

“*My favorite memory was when Cathy and Dave welcomed us into their lovely home for a visit one winter, with our 2 very young children. She willingly babysat 2 babies while we went to watch the ski jumping nearby. I had on my winter coat, all ready to go (I thought.) Cathy started laughing when she saw me. "That's not warm enough!" She pulled out her snow mobile suit for me to wear. I've never been warmer!*

Laura Myers - September 27, 2019 at 08:07 AM

DN

“*May all the best memories of Aunt Cathy bring you solace during this time. I hope that all the great moments you were able to have with her bring you comfort. My heartfelt condolences to the family during this time. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

David Norton - September 26, 2019 at 10:32 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Catherine E. Lemke.*



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September 24, 2019 at 11:36 AM



“ *Jeff and Patty: From motorcycles to bluebirds, what an obituary rich with memories! I send my sympathy on your loss and admiration on a life well lived. Deb Sutinen*

Deb Sutinen - September 23, 2019 at 10:31 PM



Thank you so much!

Sally Lemke - September 24, 2019 at 12:11 AM

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“ So very sorry to read of Cathy's passing. I always enjoyed talking with her whether at The Franks office or about our children when in school or with David someplace. My sympathy and thoughts and prayers are with the Lemke family. Heavens Gates have opened wide as Cathy stepped into her new home already prepared for her. God's loving arms comfort and embrace each of you and her grandchildren.
Orice Walters.



Orice Walters - September 22, 2019 at 11:59 PM

SL

Thank you for your lovely remembrances of our mother!

Sally Lemke - September 24, 2019 at 12:10 AM