



## Debra Belaire-Gayan

November 18, 1955 - May 19, 2009

KINGSFORD - Debra A. Belaire-Gayan, 53, of 650 S. Westwood Ave., Kingsford, was called home by her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at her home.

Deb was born Nov. 18, 1955, in Iron Mountain, the daughter of Raymond and Nancy (Peterson) Belaire. She graduated from Kingsford High School in 1973 and lived in the area for most of her life. Deb enjoyed knitting and spending time doing arts and crafts. She loved spending time with family, especially her grandchildren.

Deb is survived by her three children, Jim Gayan, Andrea (David) Howorth and Nick (Stacy) Gayan, all of Iron Mountain; her parents, Ray and Nancy Belaire of Iron Mountain; two brothers, Edward (Kathy) Belaire of Pulaski, Wis. and Steve (Pam) Belaire of Superior, Wis; 10 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Private family services will be held.

Burial will be in Homestead-Aurora Cemetery.

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

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Debra A. Belaire-Gayan 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 arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

DJ

“ To the Family of Debbie,  
I am so sorry to hear about Deb's passing away. I am a former cousin in law of Deb's, plus we went to school together. We use to do all kinds of crazy things and never got caught.  
I am no longer in the area but I check out the Daily News to see what is going on up there and to see who has passed away. Deb is the 2nd on from our class to pass away in less then 2 weeks. We are loosing so many from the "Class of 73".  
Please know that she is in a better place. I am keeping your family in my prayers.  
I also know what it is like to loose a child or grandchild as I lost my first 2 grandchildren at ages 23 months and 3 1/2 years old to a very rare condition.  
Please take care  
God Bless  
Denise Jacobson

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**Denise Jacobson** - June 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ To the Family of Debbie,  
You have our deepest sympathy. May it help you to know you are in our daily thoughts and prayers. God bless all of you and give you extra strength and comfort. Sincerely, Geraldine and Wayne [Cousin Geraldine Halada]

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**Geraldine** - May 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Dear Nancy, Ray, Ed, Steve, Jim, Andrea, Nick and Family,  
You have my deepest sympathy and condolences. I am so  
saddened to hear of your loss. I will always have such fond  
memories of Debbie and her wonderful personality.  
May God comfort you and give you peace.  
Love and prayers,  
Cousin Gracie Halada Hannigan and Family

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**Gracie Halada Hannigan** - May 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ To the Belaire family,  
I am sorry to hear of Debbie's passing. May the Lord comfort you  
and your family in your time of loss.  
I have many good memories of the time spent with your family on  
Keyes Lake. Skiing, swimming, surfboarding behind the 10hp merc.  
(I still have the same boat and motor). And the hot dog roasts!! I  
forget the name of the sausage company Ray worked for but those  
weiners were great!!  
Please accept our sincere sympathy. God's blessings to you all.  
Dan Sikora and Family

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**Dan Sikora** - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ i am so sorry to hear about my cousin debbie. yes she was too  
young. i remember deb throughout the years,young than married  
with children and older when we used to go out occasionally to the  
hublite bar. we had some fun.she will be missed.cousin,,,trish  
johnson(williams)audreys daughter

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**patricia johnson** - May 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ Dear Ray,Nancy,Ed,Steve and families; I was so sad to hear about Debbie. Please know that I am sending a hug along with prayers to all of you. She was like big sister to all of us in the neighborhood! What a grand time we had growing up on Hooper Street..... so many happy memories, that seem like only yesterday we were all there playing football,riding bikes,kick the can,Bernies camp, shit creek....you name it we did it. I know she is in a better place now and with our Lord. May you find peace in knowing that so many others share your grief. God Bless you all, Love Randee

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**Randee Richard Oleniczak** - May 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Nancy & Ray - You are in my thoughts and prayers. There is no greater loss than losing a child, no matter how old they are.

*Grace Peterson Sparapani*

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**Grace Peterson Sparapani** - May 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dear Ray, Nancy, Ed, and Steve,  
Don't know if you remember me....Keyes Lake, I lived next to the Trading Post and hung out with Debbie. Hard to believe so many years have gone by and we are grandparents. Sorry to hear of her passing. She was much too young to go. My best to you all and her family, too.

*Jeannie*

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**Jean Hagstrom Bor** - May 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Ray, Nancy, Ed & Steve, I'm very sorry to read of Debs passing. The years have gone by so fast, and reading of this only brings back fond memories of the old Hooper Street days. My family & I offer our sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathy to each of you.

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**Mike Sarder** - May 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ our prayers and thoughts are with you. deb had such a beautiful personality and her smile was one that made you happy. she will be missed. bill and pat bottger

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**Pat Bottger** - May 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ we are really sorry to hear of the loss of you mother/daughter. please accept our condolences. our prayers and thoughts are with all of you.

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**sharon weber** - May 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM