



Debra Olsen

July 16, 1955 - July 16, 2013

Debra J. Olsen, 58, of Greenleaf, passed away on Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at her home.

She was born Jan. 13, 1955 in Monterey Park, Calif., the daughter of Leonard and Virginia (Sironen) Bietila. The family moved to Iron Mountain in 1969 and Debby graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1973. She married Kim Olsen on Dec. 8, 1973 at the First Covenant Church in Iron Mountain. They lived in Colorado for a number of years before moving back to Iron Mountain for a few years. They then moved to the Green Bay, Wis., area in 1993.

Debby had a saving relationship with Jesus, was a member of the Spring Lake Church in Green Bay and a prayer warrior. Debby was an AWANA leader and Sunday School teacher for years. Debby was active in 4H and the Brown County Fair. She loved music and was very talented at playing several instruments including the violin and piano. She liked arts and crafts, and enjoyed sewing. She was active in sports, playing tennis, volleyball and golf. She was also an avid gardener. Debby was very motherly and loving, and she cherished all of her relationships.

Debby is survived by her husband, Kim; five children, Penny (Jon) VanderPol of Maribel, Wis., Jerod (Abigail) Olsen of Saumico, Wis., Polly Olsen of Greenleaf, Ben (Kelsey) Olsen of Greenleaf, and Bret Olsen of Greenleaf; her

parents, Len and Gina Bietila of Iron Mountain; one brother, Leonard III (Julie) Bietila of Norway; three sisters, Cindy (Mark "Skip") Swan of Wyoming, Sandy (Dean) Norlin of Oregon, and Patty (Kevin) Hooper of Ishpeming; eight grandchildren, Nathan, Samantha, Brianna, Sabrina, Hannah, Justin, Simon and Natalie; her mother-in-law, Judy Olsen; a sister-in-law, Beth (Bob) Swanson of Iron Mountain; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Thursday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Spring Lake Church in Green Bay. Funeral services will be Thursday at 6 p.m. at Spring Lake Church. Rev. Gene Heacock will officiate. Visitation will be Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain.

Burial will be in Homestead-Aurora Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Debra J. Olsen online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 18. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Spring Lake Church
2240 Klondike Rd.
Green Bay, WI 54311

Funeral Service

JUL 18. 6:00 PM (CT)

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2240 Klondike Rd.
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Visitation

JUL 19. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

BF

“ We are so very saddened to learn of Debbie's death. We had such a wonderful telephone conversation at Christmas. Our hearts are heavy for your family during this difficult time. We will always be grateful to the friendship Kim and Debbie extended to us in Iron Mtn in 1974. A friendship from The Lord. Please accept our deepest sympathies. Love and prayers to you. Bill and Rachelle Birch. Traverse City Mi

Bill and Rachelle Birch - Traverse City, MI - Friends - July 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ My prayers and love to Debbie and her family. Always

Maureen Julian pasten - Arizonia - Friend&classmate 1973 iron mnt - July 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ My sister, Debby, will be greatly missed. No longer will we have hour(s) on the phone talking and solving the world's problems. You cannot be replaced. You had a kind and giving heart and I will greatly miss you. There is a great hole in my heart.

Patty Hooper and family - Ishpeming, MI - youngest sister - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ My condolences to the Bietilas, Kim and the family. I was happy to see Debby at our class reunion just a few weeks ago. She is an inspiration to all with her testimony. God bless you as you go on and remember her sweet spirit. May God comfort you.

Melodie (Anderson) Hayes - Duncan Falls, OH - Friend and Classmate - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ It was very nice seeing Debbie at our class reunion on the 28th. Her attitude was amazing and truly inspirational. I know she touched a lot of people that evening.

My thoughts and prayers go out to Debbie's entire family.

Pam (Frendewey) Anderson - Iron Mountain, MI - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I am sad to say that I never had the chance to get to know Debby real well but I know from others' testimonies that she was a woman of great faith and prayer.

News of her death has touched me in a special way as I too, lost my mother to cancer, after she had just turned 59. I will be lifting all of you up in my prayers.

In Christ, Shelly Siemering Springlake Church

Shelly Siemering - July 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ To Kim and family,

Debbie was always one who took everything to God in prayer as the old hymn says, Ephesians 6:18. She has led the way for us.

It was so good to be able to see and converse with Debbie at the Spring Lake Church on Sunday, April 28. That visit will always be an inspiration to us;.

Our condolences in the Lord to each of you as you carry on.

Psalm 116:15: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

*Love & blessings,
Ted & Donna Loy*

Ted & Donna Loy - Normal, IL - brother and sister in Christ - July 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM