



## Diane M. Gronert

September 29, 1944 - November 5, 2013

NIAGARA, Wis. - Diane Marie Gronert, 69, of Niagara passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2013, at Dickinson County Hospital in Iron Mountain.

She was born on Sept. 29, 1944, to Michael and Mae (Trudell) Ponzio. She graduated from Niagara High School in 1962.

Diane married William Gronert on Oct. 31, 1964, and together they shared 48 wonderful years. As a couple, they worked hand in hand raising two boys, Michael and Scott. Together Bill and Diane owned and operated Culligan Water Conditioning of Iron Mountain for nearly 20 years.

In her spare time she enjoyed swimming, picking four leaf clovers and crocheting afghans and spending as much time as possible with her grandkids Megan and Jack. Her passion was her gardens, giving away perennial plants by the truck load.

Diane is survived by her sons, Michael Gronert (partner Tom Paulikas) of Milwaukee, and Scott Gronert (Emmy) of Iron Mountain; and grandchildren, Megan and Jack Gronert.

Diane also leaves her four brothers, Ray (Sharon Ann) Ponzio of Niagara, Bruce (Deborah) Ponzio of Florida, Robert Ponzio of Escanaba, and Russell

(Lisa) Ponzio of Escanaba; three sisters, Patricia (Bob Lee) Carrington of Ann Arbor, Debra (Milan) Christi of Denver, Colo., and Carol (Jeff) Ballard of Huntington Beach, Calif.; and many nieces and nephews. All of Diane's brothers, sisters, and their families were very special to her and she felt very blessed to have such a big family.

Diane was preceded in death by her parents Michael and Mae Ponzio; her husband Bill Gronert; and her sister Sharon Vaught.

A celebration of Diane's life will held on Monday, Nov. 11, at 1 p.m. at Maranatha Assembly of God Church in Kingsford.

The family wishes to thank the staff at the Golden Living Center in Florence for their loving care.

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

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ My wife Gladys and I (Don Nelson) are very sorry to hear of the passing of Diane. We were very good friends of both Bill and Diane. I grew up with Bill in Niagara and later met Diane. We live in Denver but have a home near Sagola and visit with Diane when we were there. We saw Diane this past summer at the nursing home and she was in very good spirits. We will miss Diane as we have missed Bill "Grunt".

*Don and Gladys Nelson*

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**Don Nelson** - November 23, 2013 at 02:32 PM

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“ Our Sympathies to the family of Diane. Diane and Bill we a very special couple -( I babysat for the boys most of my high school years.) Our thoughts and prayers to all of you.

*Tom and Barbara (Ver Burst) Aderman*

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**Barbara Aderman** - November 18, 2013 at 09:00 AM

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“ My sincere sympathies. I remember going to school with Diane for years - the class of '62. So sad to hear the news of her death. I married Norm Nabbefeld and moved to Massachusetts in 1968 and have been here ever since.

*Yvonne (Moreau) Nabbefeld*

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**Yvonne (Moreau) Nabbefeld** - November 17, 2013 at 03:21 PM