



## Diane Rochon

September 18, 1956 - September 18, 2013

Diane (Chitko) Rochon, 57, of Goodman, passed away on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at Unity Hospice in De Pere following a courageous 13 year battle with M.S.

She was born April 1, 1956 in Laona, WI, daughter of the late Stanley and Mary (Pisczor) Chitko. Diane graduated from Goodman Armstrong Creek High School in 1974 and went on to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in Education from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. She was employed by the Goodman Armstrong Creek School District for 24 years as a music teacher and band director, retiring in 2002. Diane was a talented musician and played several instruments. Her fall concerts were always well attended and enjoyed by the community. Diane was a member of St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church. She enjoyed attending concerts at performing arts centers, playing cribbage, puzzles, baking and crafts. She loved the outdoors and spent time bird watching and tending to flowers. Most of all, Diane loved being a grandma.

She is survived by a daughter, Nicole (Jason) Briesemeister of De Pere, WI; a granddaughter, Adilyn Briesemeister; four siblings, Barb (Quinn) Vanden Heuvel of Appleton, Robert (Catherine) Chitko, Stanley Jr. (Kathy) Chitko and twin Dennis Chitko, all of Armstrong Creek; and many nieces and nephews.

Diane was preceded in death by a niece, Kara Chitko.

Visitation will be from 3:00 to 6:00pm on Sunday at the Armstrong Creek Community Center in Armstrong Creek, WI, followed by a prayer service at 6:00pm with Deacon Jerry Cross officiating. Visitation will also be held on Monday from 9:00 to 11:00am at St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church in Armstrong Creek. Funeral services will follow at 11:00am on Monday at the church. Msgr. Paul Koszarek will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Pine Hill Cemetery in Armstrong Creek.

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

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Diane Rochon 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.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **22.** 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Armstrong Creek Community Center  
Old Highway 101  
Armstrong Creek, WI 54103

## Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **23.** 12:00 AM (CT)

St. Stanislaus Kostka  
Highway 8  
Armstrong Creek, WI 54103

## Visitation

SEP **23.** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Stanislaus Kostka  
Highway 8  
Armstrong Creek, WI 54103

# Tribute Wall

WF

“ Condolences to the whole family from our family.

*I know both Bob and Dennis Chitko and consider them friends and my neighbors. I know you will miss your sister greatly and we understand the loss and heartache. This has been a tough year for Armstrong Creek in losing so many people who are dear to us, but it is more of a loss when they are family. I know it will leave an empty spot in your hearts but the memories will always be there.*

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**Walter Leja - Armstrong Creek, WI - Friend of family** - October 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ We send our deepest sympathy to the Chitko & Rochon family. Diane was a beautiful, energetic woman. Our families have been close friends for as long as I can remember. God be with you in this time of need.

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**David Sinkula - Green Bay, WI - Family Friend** - September 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ I pray for the comfort of God's loving arms for Diane's family and friends. May the Lord bless you and keep you, may He turn His face toward you and give you His peace during this difficult time.

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**Chris Wilke (Budek) - Green Bay, WI - highschool friend** - September 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

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**Roger & Pat Reifsnider - Waupun, WI** - September 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TS

“Mrs.Rochon" was a wonderful teacher who inspired many to reach for the stars. I still to this day play my instrument that she encouraged me to play. Both my daughters have played it as well. I am forever grateful that I joined band & was taught by her. She will be sadly missed.

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**Tina (Mazur) Janikowski - Pembine, WI - Former Student** - September 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KD

“Dear Diane I thanks the Lord to give me the opportunity to leave for a year in your home this wounderfull experience change my hold life. Like we used to say when we talk on the phone there are always special people that mark you life and your heart. Now you are in the Prescensens of the Lord please pray for us, your family and your friends that loved you.

*My sincereres condolences for you Nicole, you know your mother was unique a big hung for your beatuful daughter I`m sure Diane was very proud of her like she was of you.*

*Katty Narvaez*

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**Katty Narvaez - Quito, Ecuador - exchange student daughter** - September 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ To the family of Diane, especially her beautiful daughter Nicole. I am so sorry I am unable to be with you during this sorrowful time. You have my most deepest condolences on the passing of such a wonderful, vibrant music extraordinaire. As a member of the "Hat Ladies" at music convention, we always kept our music colleagues wondering what our wardrobe would be each year. We had so much fun at convention every year up until Diane just wasn't physically able to handle it anymore. I have so many wonderful memories of my friend....shopping , slumber parties when we got together just the 4 of us, to chat, drink some wine ,laugh and tell stories. You are the second close music friend I have lost in the past year....and although I am deeply grief stricken, I am so honored to have known you, my dear friend, to see the love in your eyes when you spoke about your beautiful daughter Nicole and her husband Jason and of course her precious granddaughter Adilyn. I know you and Connie have put on some brand new "Hats' up in heaven and are leading all the Angels in a music Band.  
Love you always,my friend  
MaryAnn

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MaryAnn Glime - Lena, WI - Music Friend - September 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Nicole, Barb ,Bob ,Stanley, Dennis and family,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Diane fought a hard battle and did it with much dignity. We know that God has rewarded her with everlasting life. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time and always. We have great memories of High School with Diane and also good times when our children were little when we use to get together. Bob and I are sorry that we are unable to attend Diane's service. Take care and keep the faith!  
Bob and Judy (Sendzik) Christnovich.

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Judy Christnovich - Neenah, WI - Friend - September 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ We once shared a friendship that we thought was timeless. Our memories of those days with Diane and all of you are. Our deepest sympathy and love to all of you.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.  
Steve and Becky

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**Steve and Becky Mischka - Monroe, WI - September 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

PS

“ Chitko/Rochon Family,  
You are in our thoughts and prayers as you send a beautiful angel to heaven. "Mrs. Rochon" was a wonderful leader, mentor, teacher, and person. She will be forever missed, but never forgotten.  
Love,  
Peter Janczewski and Family

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**Peter Janczewski and Family - Burnsville, MN - Student - September 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

KF

“ To Diane's family and her beloved Daughter, Nicole, I send my most sincere and warm condolences in the passing of my gorgeous friend and one of the 'Hat Ladies'. We were a group of four (Connie Kramer, Diane Rochon, MaryAnn Glime and Karen Kugel) who thoroughly enjoyed each other's company and were remembered at the WMEA's Conferences each October, for wearing hats and causing a bit of a fun stir.

*My Friend, Diane, will always cause memories of how much she loved her Daughter, how devoted she was to her music program and how much fun she was.....always smiling, always caring and compassionate and always ready for the next adventure.*

*My wish for her is that you celebrate her life, not her passing.*

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**Karen (Kugel) Toohey - Canberra, Australia - Friend** - September 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Nicole, Jason, Adilyn and all of the Chitko family -

*Diane will always be in our hearts. We will miss her laugh and great sense of humor. She was definitely one of the good ones! Be comforted in the memories of all the good times shared with her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Tony, Sue and Andy Jodarski*

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**Tony & Sue Jodarski - Oshkosh, WI - Friends** - September 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Dear Barb, Bob, Stanley and Dennis, My heart goes out to all of you at this time. It is with joy when I remember Diane of days ago. Mom and Dad always enjoyed her company and spoke words of kindness of what a lovely young woman she is. Seeing her at her daughters wedding years ago gave me hope that she was doing well and still as beautiful as always. May your memories be as sweet.  
Love, Cousin Bev (Chitko)

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**Beverly (Chitko) Wegner - Wausau, WI - cousin** - September 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ To the FAMILY

Thoughts and prayers go out to all of you ~  
Robbie & Allyn Dunlap

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**Roberta Dunlap (Tomaszewski) - Plover, WI** - September 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ To Barb, Bob, Stanley, Dennis and daughter Nicole,

I am so sorry for your loss. Diane fought a courageous battle and seemed so upbeat and positive the last time I saw her. May God be with all of you during these difficult days. May your closeness as a family be your strength.  
-Bonnie and John

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**Bonnie (Sendzik) and John Wilgreen - Iron River, MI - Friend** - September 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you at your great loss. Her memory will be in our hearts forever. She will be missed by us all. Diane is in heaven now beating Grandpa at cribbage.*

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**Peggy - Goodman, WI - sister in law** - September 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM