



## Donna Dumke

May 9, 1933 - March 23, 2011

Donna Dumke, 77, of 509 Pelham St. in Iron Mountain, died peacefully at home on Wednesday, March 23, 2011.

She was born May 9, 1933 in Laona, WI daughter of the late Raymond and Emmy (Verdon) Brooks. Donna married Howard Dumke on March 3, 1954 in Laona and he preceded her in death on July 15, 2007. She was employed at Freeman's Nursing Home as a nurse's aide from 1965 to 1978. Donna then worked for a few years as a secretary for Town Disposal/Great American Disposal. For the last 23 years she has owned and operated Tri-City Cab. Donna was an avid Green Bay Packer fan and loved Brett Favre. She enjoyed cooking, making crafts/flower, watching Packer Football, tennis, and Drum & Bugle Competitions. Most of all, Donna enjoyed spending time with her family, friends, her dog, Bitsy and her cat, Toy.

She is survived by 11 children, Kathy (Henry) Patrick, Howard Dumke, Lori (Dale) Baldwin, Tim Dumke, Vicki Wojdyla, Jim Dumke, Tommi Sue (Terry) Quick, Heidi (Mark) Lehto, Bill Dumke, Rebecca (Aaron) Trager and Chris Dumke; a brother, Lawrence Brooks of McColl, SC; a sister, Shirley Johnson of Milwaukee; a brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Esther Dumke of Lake Wales, FL; a special sister-in-law, Lois Barnes of Eagle River, WI; 24 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren; special family friend, Dan Anderson; a special son, Jeff Brisson; and several nieces and nephews including a special niece, Georgia Stapleton of Shawano, WI.

Donna was also preceded in death by an infant son, Lawrence Robert Dumke; a grandson, Jeremy J. Dumke; a brother, LaVerne Brooks and a special son, Jay Walsh.

Visitation will be held from 12:00 noon until 2 p.m. on Saturday at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain.

Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. Rev. Jim Danielson will officiate.

Burial will be in the Laona Cemetery. The family requests that flowers be omitted.

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

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home with the funeral arrangements

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **26**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

MAR **26**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

NF

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Nick & Jill Romagnoli - Traverse City, MI - Friend of Family - April 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dear Kathy, I am so sorry to hear about your mom. My prayers are with you.

maureen julian pasten - woodbury, MN - friend of family - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ I would like to express my sympathy to the family of Donna Dumke. My Dad has always talked so nicely of the Dumke family. He was unable to attend the service because his Grandson, (my son was married on Sat.) My Dad is Ronald Brooks of Cavour-son of Art and Irene Brooks. I agree with my cousin Agnes Duda Keller-Donna looks like a twin to our late Aunt Dorothy Brooks, sister to my Dad.

God Bless to you all.

Lori Brooks

Lori Brooks - Crandon, WI - distant cousin - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family. I am the daughter of Susan (Brooks) Pratt who lived in Cavour. She was the daughter of Arthur & Irene Brooks. I guess that makes us distant cousins. I have never met Donna and I am really amazed at how much she looks like my mom's sister, Dorothy Brooks. They could be sisters. Please know I am thinking of your family during this difficult time.

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**Agnes Keller - Crandon, WI - Distant Cousin** - March 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Our deepest condolences to the immediate family and all the extended family of Donna Dumke. She was a very warm and kind woman who was a delight to be around. Her life should be celebrated, as it was a full life and she shared so much with so many other people. She will be sorely missed by all.

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**Dr. Michael and Joan Zevitz - Norway, MI - Physician** - March 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ I first met Donna when she was a cook a pine mountain and I was a busboy. I liked her immediately and over the years whenever we talked, and occasionally argued, my respect for her continued to grow. She was a good person and will be missed.

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**Charlie Hassell - Kingsford, MI - Family Friend** - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ ma(as many people called her) was a very special lady and hard worker. she had a big heart and loved her family dearly! my thoughts and prayers are with the family and her friends. rest in peace ma.  
geri gardiepy (smurf) & ray gardiepy

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**geri gardiepy (smurf) - friend** - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

IF

“ Lori and family I am sorry for your loss, you and your family are in my prays .

Idaq - iron mtn, MI - friend - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I WORKED WITH DONNA AT FREEMAN'S NURSING HOME FOR MANY YEARS. SHE WAS SUCH A HARD WORKER, AND ALWAYS HAD A SMILE FOR EVERY ONE. SHE WAS A DEVOTED MOM AND A NICE FRIEND. TO THE FAMILY , GOD BE WITH ALL OF YOU AND MAY YOU FIND COMFORT IN KNOWING SHE IS NOW AT REST.  
DORIS SWANSON THOMAS  
NORWAY, MI.

DORIS SWANSON THOMAS - NORWAY , MI - FRIEND - March 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Lori and Tommi and family,  
My sincere condolences in the loss of your beloved mom. Hold on to the lifetime of memories you have with her as you celebrate her life and love.

Sally Heidtke - Kingsford, MI - co-worker - March 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ so sorry about your loss. Donna was a good person and will be sadly missed.

angie - friend - March 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ WE AE SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS,GOD BLESS YOUR  
FAMILY

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**GREG AND LORI MAAS - IRON MOUNTAIN, MI - FAMILY FRIENDS** - March 24,  
2011 at 12:00 AM