



Elizabeth "Betty" Childs

May 22, 1932 - February 10, 2011

Elizabeth A. "Betty" Childs, 78, of Iron Mountain, died Thurs. Feb. 10, 2011 at her home. She was born on May 22, 1932 in Kingsford, the daughter of the late Raymond and Eva (Jossart) Gussert. Betty graduated from Kingsford High School in 1951.

She married Michael Chapman on Aug. 2, 1952 at American Martyrs Catholic Church. The couple had six children and Elizabeth always thought she was unique because she worked with each of them at one time or another at different restaurants. She worked for many years at Briggs and Stratton in Milwaukee, retiring in 1998.

On Feb. 20, 1999 she married Matthew Childs in Las Vegas in a double wedding ceremony with her sister Joanne and her husband John Schriener. Betty and Matthew spent the winter months in Punta Gorda, FL and summers in Iron Mountain.

Betty was a beautiful seamstress and shared this talent with her family. She made thousands of Raggedy Ann Dolls and many quilts. She had a great sense of humor and was great at telling jokes. She was very creative and she and Matthew enjoyed dressing in costumes that she created to make everyone laugh.

Elizabeth will be fondly remembered by her grandchildren who lovingly called her "Grandma Liz" and her nieces and nephews who called her ABC "Aunty Betty Childs"

She is survived by her husband Matthew of Iron Mountain six children Linda

(Charlie Hackney) Chapman of Wauwatosa, WI, Harry (Maria) Chapman, Michael Chapman, Barbara Chapman, and Tony (Lynne) Chapman, all of Twin Lakes, WI and Lola Chapman of Waterford, WI, two sisters Olive (Hal) Schlag of Crivitz and Joanne (John) Schriener of Milwaukee, two brothers Jim Gussert of Aurora, and Dick (Ginger) Gussert of Clintonville, WI, twelve grandchildren Donica Lintner, Aaron Antonissen, Kirsten Antonissen, Heather Tierney, Neal Chapman, Richard Chapman, Raymond Chapman, Elena McFadden, Eva Lofton, Christopher Chapman, Gina Chamness, and Pamela Mazzone, and seven great grandchildren Michael Antonissen, Nathan Lintner, Aiden Chapman, Annabelle Chapman, Lexi Chamness, Keagan Chamness, and Dorian Chamness, two stepchildren Raymond Childs of Cincinnati, OH and Sheila (David) Faw of Goshen, OH, eight step grandchildren and eight step great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by three brothers Bob, Raymond, and John "Chuck" Gussert, one sister Rose Jensen, and one stepdaughter Deborah Childs.

A celebration of Betty's life will be held during the weekend of her birthday, May 22, 2011. Burial will be in Quinnesec Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Dickinson County Cancer Unit.

Condolences to the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Childs can be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Tribute Wall

GI

“ *Still thinking about you always! Love you.*

Gina - July 07, 2018 at 08:16 AM

BD

“ *Still miss u mom...*

Barbara Chapman - Twin Lakes, WI - Daughter - April 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ *Happy May Day Grandma, I know it is late, but I know how much you enjoy getting flowers for May day.*

And Have a wonderful Mother's day, I am glad you get to spend it with your mother.

Love and Kisses

Gina Elizabeth - Grandchild - May 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ *Will always remember you. Thank you for all the smiles and laughs! Cant wait to see you again... Love you Grandma!*

Eva Lofton - Granddaughter - February 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Please accept my deepest sympathies for your loss. The lost of a love one is the most painful experience we have in life. There is a void that cannot be filled. Rest assured the Bible promises we will hold them again and enjoy their smiling faces forever. It is God's purpose that no one dies ever again and everyone live on earth in Paradise. God never wanted anyone to die but to live happy healthy lives forever on earth. We have to exercise faith in his Son, Jesus Christ, to gain these blessings. God gives us his Word so we can gain comfort now and have hope for the future.

Pat Freeman - February 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Hi Mom, miss you. See you in heaven and in my dreams.....

Barbara Chapman - Twin Lakes, WI - Daughter - February 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ ABC will always be remembered for her quick wit, her sense of humor, her sense of style, and her creativity. It was always great fun when our large families got together. In fact, it was her son Mike that got my husband Mark and I together some 36 years ago. Let's take comfort that she is now been released of her pain and has joined Grandma Eva, my mom and dad, Bob, Chuck, Guzzy and Marge (what a card game must be going on up there!). Thanks for the memories Auntie Betty and save a place for me at the card game!

Sue

Sue Jerling - Eagle River, AK - niece - February 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ To all who knew & loved Aunt Betty,

It's hard to put in writing how much she meant to me and all of our family. No matter how bad you thought your life was, she would pull you back to reality and make you laugh at the same time! I think Betty taught me more about being strong and being a good person than anyone else in my life. I will miss her with all my heart as will all the rest of the Gusserts /Jossarts /Chapmans /Jensens /Schlags /Marquardts/Childs/and the rest of the family!

Love you Auntie Betty...

Nancy & Jeff Cook - Brookfield, WI - Neice & Nephew in Law - February 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *May you celebrate the life of your mom, and hold onto the good memories. The special people in our lives are never really gone. They have a cherished place in our hearts. May you feel the comfort of our Lord in this most difficult time.*

Susan Morris - friend of barb chapman - February 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *Aunt Betty, our thoughts of you are always of good times, great stories and jokes, and a family that welcomed us with open arms. Thank you for being there for us and allowing us to be a very close part of your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of your family and extended family. We will miss you always. Julius, Brian, and Lorie.*

Julius N Jacobson - Nephew - February 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ ABC--I always loved that nickname!! You will be sorely missed but never forgotten. God's blessings to Matt and all my cousins, aunts & uncles, love, kris

kris czerwan - February 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ ABC was truly one of a kind! She was such a character and brought life to a room when she entered. I have many fond memories of her when I was growing up. There was never a dull moment when Aunt Betty was around. She was a fun and crazy aunt, and I always looked forward to visiting with her. She had a great sense of style and a fabulous sense of humor. I will miss you Aunt Betty!

Carolyn Miller - Hartville, OH - Niece - February 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ ABC
We will never forget you and miss you already. You left us with many memories and we will always be laughing at those memories when we think of you. Say hi to Toot! Tell her I miss her too.
Gail

Gail Johnson - Wisconsin Rapids, WI - Niece - February 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Grandma Liz, Thank you so much for the great memories we have shared together. I will always remember our last trip to the movie theatre to see a black and white Charlie Chaplin film. You truly were my inspiration for many things and you will be in my heart forever. Next time we meet, let's have a vodka tonic and do some catching up. I love you Grams.

Kirsten Antonissen - Granddaughter - February 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *Grandma, I love you so much. I made the best of my time with you and I will remember all our laughs, projects, time spent together. You are the best grandma ever.*

Donica Lintner - granddaughter - February 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *My condolences to your family. may the God of all comfort , comfort your family during this time of grief. (2 Corinthians 1:3,4)*

JAMES LONG - Houston, TX - February 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM