



Genean A. Granger

April 26, 1943 - March 17, 2019

Genean A. Granger

75, of Iron Mountain, passed away Sunday, March 17 at her home with her family by her side.

She was born April 26, 1943, the daughter of Charles and Helen (McCormick) Lindberg.

Genean graduated from Kingsford High School in 1961. She was a life-long learner. She graduated from Bay College in 1969, went on to obtain her ADN from Bay, then her BSN from Northern Michigan University. She returned to NMU to pursue her dream of writing poetry, and graduated with a Master's in English in May 2014.

Genean worked as a certified Occupational Health Nurse for Grede Foundries for 10 years and Niagara of Wisconsin Paper Corporation for nearly 19 years. She went to Honduras on medical missions, she enjoyed her job and loved the people she worked with.

An avid traveler, she was either planning or on a trip, and her favorite travel companion was her dear friend, Dorothy Anderson. The two laughed themselves through one travel dilemma after another, be it pickpockets in Prague or water buffalo poop on the path to an outhouse on the Serengeti Plains in South Africa.

Through her Master's in English she found a second career in Poetry.

Through NMU and Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society, she participated and won a first in Original Poetry in New Orleans and was the

winner of the 90th Anniversary Convention Theme. She went on to see her poems published and won awards. December 2018 her book of poetry "american bandstand, slices of Life, and other poems" was published.

On March 7, 1970, Genean married Keith Granger.

Survivors include her husband of 49 years, Keith; her daughter, Kristine Granger; her son, Erik (Michelle) Granger; her grandchildren, Per Rahm, Mason and Carter Granger; brother, Richard (Peggy) Lindberg; sisters, Lisa LaHaie, Judy Lindberg, dear sister-in-law, Arlene (Reino) Lake; numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Charles and Helen; her brother, Carl and her sister, Mary Fontecchio.

A memorial Mass will be held at 10:30am on Thursday, March 21st at Immaculate Conception Church. Fr. Michael Woempner will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. A luncheon will follow the funeral Mass at the James Kaczmarek Parish Hall.

In lieu of flowers you can contribute to the continuing memorial scholarship established in Genean's name with the Bay College's Foundation to help a single mother obtain her nursing degree through Bay College.

Genean Granger Nursing Scholarship. Checks addressed to the Bay College Foundation, 2001 N Lincoln Rd, Escanaba, MI 49829 or online at www.baycollege.edu/foundation.

The family wishes to thank OSF Hospice, especially Genean's hospice nurse, Katie and the numerous volunteers that cared for Genean in the past two years.

Condolences to the family of Genean Granger may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 21. 10:30 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
500 Blaine St.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Tribute Wall

MB

“ A specular life lived by a spectacular person. While she was mad about self improvement, genean never sought the limelight it was just drawn to her grace, charm, and spirit. Every time my better nature wins it's because i have asked myself "what would Genean do?"

she had been beating the odds for so long, that I began a process off magical thinking. Genean did live a magical life, but now it's up to us to see that she can live by example through us.

my heart is broken, I cant even imagine the enormity of the loss for Grange, Kissy, Erik and Lisa...sorry that i don't know her other sister's name.

Mary Bell - April 03, 2019 at 10:03 AM

CB

“ To the entire Granger family ~ 🌸

We were all so sad when we heard of Genean's passing. This world has lost a light and laugh and a kindness that is rare. The thought of her in Peace with no medical problems - just her free spirit to soar on - makes the sadness a little less. To Krissy, Eric, and Lisa and Richard, you were all a part of the Sparapani kids' childhood. Know that Darleen and I definitely know the void her loss will open up! But, we also know that your memories of that vibrant personality will hold you in the days ahead. Darleen is still in Jamaica, but sends her sympathy through me. We just returned from Florida last night, so I am sorry I could not attend her services. You are in our thoughts and prayers~

Love and Sympathy,

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Cookie Beauchamp 🌸❤️🌸

Christine Beauchamp - March 25, 2019 at 07:04 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Genean A. Granger.



March 20, 2019 at 09:02 AM

RA

“ Genean - What a sweet, kind, wonderful person. I had the pleasure of working with her for many years at Niagara Paper and she taught me the true meaning of friendship and caring. This world is a far better place for having her be a part of it. My heart goes out to her family that meant so much to her. May your travels continue my friend!

Rick Anderson - Escanaba

Rick Anderson - March 20, 2019 at 08:15 AM

WG

“ I remember Genean as al.ways upbeat and the life of any party. Our prayers are with you Keith and your family. Bill Groleau,,a '61 classmate.

'61

William Groleau - March 19, 2019 at 06:27 PM

OW

“ Keith and family,
So very saddened to hear that his bright light and beautiful gal has left us all. My very deep sympathy to each of you. Genean was such a fun person to be around and brightened our IMHS Class of 52 gatherings over the years. Memories remain with us of her excellent imatation of Lucille Ball along with Keith as Dezi. Her smiles brought light to all who passed by. She definitely loved life and her life with Keith and her family. May God's love uphold you and give your the strength to carry on as Genean would want for you. Keep the happy memories of a life well lived. My love and Prayers.

Orice Walters



Orice Walters - March 19, 2019 at 04:42 PM

JE

“ John and I wish to express our sympathy to the family and say that we will miss Genean's smile.

John and Joyce Erickson

Joyce Erickson - March 19, 2019 at 01:06 PM

FI

“ From your friends at ICSolutions purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Genean A. Granger.



From your friends at ICSolutions - March 19, 2019 at 11:33 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Genean A. Granger.



March 19, 2019 at 11:20 AM

KW

“ Kristine, Thinking of you at this time. May your memories sustain you through this tough time.
Kathy Wolak

Kathy Wolak - March 19, 2019 at 11:13 AM

KC

“ Kristine, although I did not personally know your mother I feel like I have gotten to know her through your trying journey. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family and feel so bad I will not be able to share in your final moments with her Thursday. Stay strong and know we love you at Bay College! Kim Carne

Kim Carne - March 19, 2019 at 09:14 AM

JL

“ Lisa... I am so sorry... there is never a good time to say goodbye... I know how close you were and how much you loved her... ♡♡janis lubenow

janis lubenow - March 19, 2019 at 03:06 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Genean A. Granger.



March 18, 2019 at 08:20 PM

LP

“ Deepest Sympathy to the family and especially to her dear sister, Lisa.
So many sleepovers at your house and days of Genean drawing paper dolls for us. Losing a sister has to be painful. I am so sorry for your loss.
Love,
Linda Gendron Peronto

Linda Peronto - March 18, 2019 at 07:47 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Genean A. Granger.*



March 18, 2019 at 05:03 PM



“ *Kieth, Krissy, Eric, and Family,
We are so sorry to hear of Genean's passing. She was such a warm, kind, and fun loving person. We were blessed to have found a place on Cook st., and have so many wonderful memories of living next door, to Kieth & Genean!!
May you all find some peace and serenity, in this time of sorrow..
Gene Levenburg and Family*

Gene Levenburg - March 18, 2019 at 02:49 PM