



Harriet Goodchild

October 23, 1943 - October 23, 2011

Harriet A. Goodchild, 68, of Iron Mountain died unexpectedly on Sunday, October 23, 2011 at her home. She was born March 15, 1943 in Iron Mountain, daughter of the late Edward and Marguerite (Stokes) Learned, and granddaughter of Hattie Stokes, who raised her.

Harriet was a 1961 graduate of Iron Mountain High School. Just last weekend she celebrated her 50th class reunion with her classmates. On March 14, 1964 she married Larry Goodchild at Trinity United Methodist Church and they made their home in Iron Mountain.

She was very dedicated to her job. Her work at the Crystal Lake Community Center will be long remembered, having been there 32 years, spending the last 20 years as Director.

She was an innovative seamstress, artist and collector who shared her talent for making gifts, crafts and costumes with all who knew her, especially her grandchildren. Her ability to find beauty in, and transform antiques and collectibles into lovely and useful décor was evident in her lifelong home, where everyone was always welcome. She also enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, going to the casino and camping.

Harriet is survived by her loving husband of 48 years, Larry, two daughters,

RoxAnne (Randy) Deneau of Iron Mountain, and Shelly (Anthony) Nottoli of Denver, CO, one brother Samuel Learned of Niagara, three grandchildren, Natasha (Robby Theobald) Deneau, and Jonas and Elliot Nottoli, her dog Maxine and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, grandmother and brother Ronald Learned.

Visitation will be Thurs. from 1-3pm at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 3pm Thurs. at the funeral home. Rev. Paul Mallory will officiate.

Condolences to the family of Harriet A. Goodchild may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **27**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

OCT **27**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JG

“ I love you grandma. You were always the nicest person I ever knew. You were kind and loving to me and all of my family. I will miss you.
With love,
Jonas

Jonas Nottoli - Denver , CO - Grandson - October 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ I met Harriet a couple of years ago when photographing her with her daughter, Shelly and extended family in the Denver area. She struck me as being the quintessential Mother figure: Wise and loving but with enough business savvy to make sure everything around her ran smoothly. Sorry to hear she has passed. My heartfelt condolences to you, Shelly and the entire extended family.

Sincerely,
Susan Goddard

Susan Goddard - Denver, CO - Business - October 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Oh, how I will miss the stories that Harriet and Lar would weave at Shelly's dining room table...LOUD stories...boisterous stories, about ALL the Goodchild antics,... How we all laughed.

Larry, I can't wait to give you a big hug. We will cry and we will laugh. You are going to have to keep up on the story telling. (Now you can finally add those extra details.) Hurry up and get here!

RoxAnne, I am holding you up in my heart, wanting you to take a break. You are an amazing woman/daughter/mother/sister/friend and we are all blessed to know you.

Shelly, you know you are surrounded with a sea of love and I am right there next to you through this and everything else. I will get out Jim's fancy sewing machine and figure out how to use it so I can step into one tiny part of Harriet's amazing creative presence in your life. Let's go fabric shopping!

I love each of you and share my whole heart -- full of joy -- to each of you in celebration of such a dynamic woman.

Debra Johnson - Denver, CO - Friend - October 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Shelly and family,

You are in our prayers during this difficult time. Take care of each other. Moyra and Scott

Scott and Moyra Hower - Colorado Springs, CO - October 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *Shelly and family,*

Please know you are all are in our thoughts and prayers.

*With profound sympathy,
Tiffany Wise*

Tiffany Wise - Raleigh, NC - Colleague - October 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Dear Shelly - We were so sorry to hear of the sudden passing of your Mom. Words fall short - but know you have our deepest sympathy. Warm hugs to you and your family. Leslie & Steve*

Leslie Spencer - Castle Rock, CO - Friend - October 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Shelly,*

So sorry to hear about your Mom. I only spent a short bit of time with her when she was visiting you in Denver - mostly at soccer games. I'm sure she was proud of you and who you have become. I know you brought her a lot of joy for many years.

Jeff, Sandi, Atticus, Reily and Zoe

Sandi Pond - Denver, CO - Friend - October 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Shelly,

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during these difficult times.

Ashley Summers

Ashley Summers - Seattle , WA - October 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Dear Larry & Family

Every time I walk our little road at the river, I will remember Harriet sitting by the trailer with Maxie. We would discuss flowers while Max ate a treat I always had in my pocket. She will be missed. You have my sympathy.

Rose Fontana

Rose Fontana - Green Bay, WI - October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

“ Dearest Larry,
Knowing that there is nothing that can be said at this time that will bring you comfort. I would like to whisper this to you anyway.
Our hearts are heavy with the pain and sadness your are feeling. We were saddened when we heard of your beautiful wife Harriet's passing into a new life. She brought you much happiness though out your many years together. Through your love, you were so proud of her... as she has been so proud of you Larry and the family you had co-created and raised together. Her love will always be within you, deeply seeded in your heart.
Your wedding vows went like this.. "I do, ... until death do us part."
The good news is...Harriet's love for you will remain with you forever.
We will miss your bride's presents, her beautiful smile and bright eyes, her kindness, and quiet demeanor. She emanated peacefulness and gentleness like her moon flowers.
Our deepest sympathy is with you,
+ May God bless you Larry and console your heart with times of peace.

Dear Roxie and family,
It was wonderful to see the joy between you and your mom. You had become best friends... as you are also with your dad. Many blessings have been showered upon you all these years... time shared with love given and love received among you. Your yearly good times at River's Bend filled with much laughter and happiness enjoyed together! Your daughter's truest of blessings was her being in the special love and attention that only Grandmas can give along with the special love and attention that only Grandpa can give ...and daily witnessing the love between your parents. You surrounded her with parental and grandparents love daily. What a gift you gave your daughter! What a gift you gave your parents! What a gift you all shared...caring, loving, involvement in each other's lives daily.
We are saddened Roxie by your family's loss and our deepest sympathy to you.
+May God bless you and console you at this time of your deepest

sorrow.

With sympathy and love to you Larry, Jeff and Lana - Iron Mountain, MI - Lifetime friendship - October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Dear Shelly and family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I will always remember Harriet as a "cool and fun" mom and will never forget the good times she allowed the Class of '83 to have at the Goodchild home.*

Danny Bianco - Iron Mountain, MI - Friend - October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Dear Shelly,
Please accept my deepest sympathy on the passing of your mother. Moms are very special people, and I am positive yours was the greatest. May you find comfort and strength in your faith and the love of the many friends and family around you. Again, my condolences to you and your family. Take care of yourself.*

Lisa

Lisa Cheers - October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Though I never met Harriet I grieve with the family. She was a beautiful lady!*

Rosemary Opbroek - Omaha, NE - Employee of Daughter, Shelly - October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear Larry, Shelly and RoxAnne,

So sorry to hear of your great loss. Spent a lot of time at the Goodchild house as a child. Harriet was always great to all of us. She was such a wonderful person and will not be forgotten.

With Love, David

David W. Brottlund - Milwaukee, WI - Friend - October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *My deepest sympathies are with you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Sincerely,
Jill Chapin*

Jill Chapin - Dallas, TX - Co-worker of Shelly Goodchild - October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Shelly and family,
I was so saddened to hear about your mom's passing. She was like a second mom (and Lar, a dad) to me and made me feel like such a part of your family whenever I was with you. Please know that you are in our thoughts, especially at this difficult time. My parents, GG and Annette wanted me to also express their condolences . What a beautiful picture of your mom!*

Renee (Anair) Swan - Tecumseh, MI - friend - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Shelly - our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time - Janice and David Thompson*

Janice Thompson - Denver, CO - Friend - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *I am very sorry for your loss.*

Bruce Storey - Denver, CO - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *Shelly - on behalf of your Denver Division and Colorado State Board of Directors at the March of Dimes, we want to offer our condolences and let you know we are thinking of you and your family during this difficult time.*

Kathryn Marshall - Denver, CO - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Dear Larry and family,*

*We send our sincere sympathy on the death of your dear Harriet. May the memories of your good times together console you and carry you through your grief. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Martha and Bob Schinderle*

Martha (Nicholls) Schinderle - Portage, MI - October 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Dear Larry and family,*

So sorry to hear of Harriet's passing. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. RIP Harriet.

Sandie and Charlie Mitchem

Sandie and Charlie Mitchem - Holiday, FL - October 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM