



Janice Marie Rusch

March 30, 1944 - February 19, 2026

Janice Marie (O'Blenes) Rusch, 81, of Randville was called home to Jesus on Thursday, Feb. 19, 2026.

She was born in Norway on March 30, 1944, the daughter of the late Alvin and Rose (Canavera) O'Blenes. Janice graduated from Norway High School 1962. After graduation she moved to Minneapolis where she worked for an insurance company. A few years later Janice moved back home. She met her true love, Larry Rusch, after his discharge from the Navy and on May 11, 1968, they were married at First Baptist Church in Norway. They shared 56 years together before Larry preceded her in death on Oct. 8, 2024. Janice also enjoyed her time with Shopko working from 1985 until 2017, leaving just a couple years before the store closed.

Janice was a faithful member of the Randville Bible Church and received great comfort and encouragement from her weekly visits with her church family. She was the loudest family cheerleader for the Green Bay Packers. She kept both her mind and hand-eye coordination sharp with puzzles of all sorts, sewing, and embroidery work. Great care was taken to make holiday gatherings extra special and her food was superb. "Gramcracker" doted on her grandsons and her most recent royal addition to her household, Janice's pampered feline companion, Nefertiti.

Janice will be deeply missed by her 2 daughters, Pamela (Peter) Alfredson and Paula (Ian) Miller; 2 grandsons, Ethan Miller and Eric Alfredson; sister, Barbara (Paul) Heupel; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home, 901 Carpenter Ave., from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 27, 2026, with Pastor James Janofski officiating the funeral service at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Norway Township Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Janice Marie Rusch online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Cemetery Details

Norway Twp Cemetery

1 WPA Rd
Vulcan, MI 49892
(906) 563-7362

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Avenue
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
(906) 774-7676
nashfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Janice Marie Rusch.*



February 25 at 10:35 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Janice Marie Rusch.*



February 24 at 05:45 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Janice Marie Rusch.*



February 24 at 05:25 PM



“ *We are sorry for the loss of your Mother and Grandmother. Praying for peace in that you will see her again someday. Vicky (Olson) & Ed Patterson*

Vicky Patterson - February 24 at 10:59 AM

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“ Forest Resource Services, LLC purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Janice Marie Rusch.



Forest Resource Services, LLC - February 24 at 09:18 AM

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“ Forest Resource Services, LLC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice Marie Rusch.

Forest Resource Services, LLC - February 24 at 09:18 AM

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“ We are sorry to hear about the passing of Janice. You all are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Bill, Darcia and Lyam Schooler - February 23 at 01:23 PM