



## Joan Hoffman

October 10, 1958 - November 15, 2021

Joan Hoffman, 63 passed away unexpectedly at her home in Iron Mountain on November 15, 2021.

She was born to Bernice and Richard Kuklinski Sr. on October 10, 1958 in Milwaukee. Soon, the family moved to a dairy farm in Bevent. She graduated from Rosholt HS in 1976. She then earned an associates degree in accounting. She married Duane Hoffman on December 4, 1982 in Bevent and then moved to Iron Mountain. There they raised three children.

Joan spent her free time on music and reading. She was organist at American Martyrs Church in Kingsford for over 30 years. She loved reading. She was never without a book. Through a series of serendipitous job changes that moved her throughout Breitung Twp Schools, she ended up as Media Specialist at Kingsford High School. She spent her summers scouring garage sales for new books and reading nearly all of them before shelving them at the high school. She liked to joke that she was going to be the 80 year old librarian at school because she never wanted to retire. She made the library feel like home to all who entered, offering a listening and supportive ear alongside the books. For many students, she was more than the librarian, she was a friend, confidant, and cheerleader.

But her most favorite role in life was mother. She was fiercely proud of the

three independent and wonderful children she raised and she never stopped reminding all three in secret that they were her favorite. After her grown children moved away, she enjoyed sharing New Mexico and Puerto Rico with Chris, the towering Redwoods and a volcano with Karen, and getting matching Project Semicolon tattoos on a mother-daughter weekend with Emily.

She is preceded in death by her father, Richard Kuklinski, Sr. and father-in-law, Edwin Hoffman.

She leaves behind her husband of 38 years, Duane; children, Karen (Matthew) Kidwell of Eureka, CA, Emily (Greg Peters) Hoffman of Green Bay, WI, and Christopher (Monica) Hoffman; her mother, Bernice Kuklinski of Bevent; mother-in-law, Elaine Hoffman of Ladysmith; sister, Carol (Brian) Sorge of Three Lakes; brother, Richard Kuklinski, Jr. of Bevent; and a very large extended family.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 pm on Sunday, November 21st at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain and again on Monday, November 22nd from 9:30 to 10:30 am at the funeral home. A funeral mass will follow at 11:00 am on Monday at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. Fr. Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Quinnesec Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial scholarship will be established and contributions may be made at <https://gofund.me/268a96f5>

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

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

# Cemetery Details

## Quinnesec Cemetery

Menominee Street  
Quinnesec, MI 49876

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 21. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

NOV 22. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home  
901 Carpenter Avenue  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801  
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## Funeral Mass

NOV **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Martyrs Catholic Church  
908 W. Sagola Ave.  
Kingsford, MI 49802

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ Dear Duane, we are so sad to hear of your wife Joan, our former Neighbor passing. So very sorry for your loss. Sincerely,  
Duane Hongisto

Duane Hongisto - November 27, 2021 at 07:54 PM

AJ

“ Sorry to hear of your loss Duane and family. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Anna Johnson - November 20, 2021 at 10:56 PM

JA

“ So very sorry to hear of Joan's passing. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Jane (Susa) Braun and family

Jane - November 20, 2021 at 06:47 AM

HL

“ Homes for Independent Living purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joan Hoffman.



Homes for Independent Living - November 19, 2021 at 12:40 PM

HE

“ Duane and Family: So sorry to hear of Joan's passing. Our sympathy to you and your family. May she Rest In Peace. Harry and Barb Essock

Harry Essock - November 19, 2021 at 11:55 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Hoffman.*



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November 18, 2021 at 11:07 PM

 Mary Proden

“ *Our deepest heartfelt sympathy to all of you, Joan's family. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Mary Proden** - November 18, 2021 at 09:49 PM