



Josephine M. Freeman

October 27, 1933 - February 17, 2019

Josephine M. Freeman, 85, of Kingsford, passed away on Sunday, Feb 17th surrounded by family.

Josephine was born Oct 27, 1933 in Iron Mountain, daughter of the late Joseph and Genevieve (Bertrand) DiBiase. She has been a lifelong resident of this area and married Robert Freeman in 1954 at Immaculate Conception Church in Iron Mountain. Josephine was a bus driver for the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Transit for many years. Although she retired years ago, many of her students kept in contact with her and is still known as their "favorite bus driver." She touched the lives of everyone she met and was known to all as Gramma Jo. She loved playing cards, her trips to the casino, all the family parties, and dancing. She will always be remembered for her outgoing personality and kindness toward everyone.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert in 1995.

Josephine is survived by her children, Patti (Dean) Petschar of Iron Mountain, Bob (Linda) Freeman of Niagara, Mary (Bob) Wells of Kingsford, Dale (Wendy) Freeman of Marquette; sister Janet Friedman of Kingsford, grandchildren, Amy Petschar, Jayme (Sarah) Petschar, Chase (Megan) Freeman, Cassandra Freeman, Tony (Annie) Wells, Jason Wells, Kelsey Freeman, Tim (Sara) Coron, Erin (Jim) Martin, Sara Coron, Dale, Megan,

Kristin, Josh, Justin, Sisters-in-law Edna (Putsen) Dennis and Donna LeGault along with 14 great grandchildren and countless nieces, nephews and cousins. She is also survived by her closest friend Gerri Weber of Aurora.

Visitation will be held from 8:30-10:30 am Thursday, Feb 21st at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain. Funeral services will follow at 11:00 am Thursday at American Martyrs Church in Kingsford. Fr Joseph Gouin will off the Mass of Christian Burial.

Condolences to the family of Josephine Freeman many be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 21. 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

TC

“ Joe was a wonderful lady with a great sense of humor. She took my girls varsity basketball team and me on numerous road trips around the U.P. We always had many conversations that were funny and humorous. GOD bless her and her Family. Tom Clarke

Tom Clarke - February 01, 2023 at 08:14 PM

RD

“ My family was so sorry to hear about Josephine's short illness and passing. I just saw a preciate it for as being my Dad's neighbor. She was a sweet lady and he enjoyed many hours of playing cards with her and Janet and the meals that they shared together. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. I'm so very sorry for the family. May God Comfort your hearts.

Robelle Degenaer - February 21, 2019 at 04:58 PM

OW

“ My prayers and sincere sympathy to all of Josephine's family. I have known her most of her life from Amidon school on and for a short time when she and Bob rented our home in the early 60's. She was always one of the good gals from the "Nort" side of Iron Mountain. God's love and comfort be with all.

Orice Walters



Orice Walters - February 21, 2019 at 01:33 PM

DJ

“ *Dave, Debbie and Steven Retaskie and Marcy&Dennis Johnson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Josephine M. Freeman.*



Dave, Debbie and Steven Retaskie and Marcy&Dennis Johnson - February 21, 2019 at 09:58 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Josephine M. Freeman.*



February 20, 2019 at 09:55 PM

YS

“ *There are some people here on earth that are like angels. Jo was that kind of person and I am proud to say she was my cousin. She lived her life helping others. She was so helpful to my mom and dad in their later years and I'm sure they, among so many others that preceded her in death, welcomed her with open arms when her time came.*



To her children and her grandkids, whenever we spoke she would tell me how lucky she was to have such good kids and grandbabies who did so much for her. She was so proud of you all.

*Our heartfelt sympathy. Love, hugs and prayers
Tom and Yvonne*

yvonne sericati - February 20, 2019 at 02:35 PM

LD

“ My heart goes out to you all. I am honored and blessed to have had the pleasure of getting to know you Jo. You are one of the kindest women I know. Your uplifting spirit and kindness will be missed. Be in Peace.



Lynn Driscoll - February 20, 2019 at 01:46 PM

AW

“ Amber Wender lit a candle in memory of Josephine M. Freeman



Amber Wender - February 20, 2019 at 01:26 PM

EC

“ Mrs. Freeman was our bus driver when we lived on Oslo Avenue; she was such a kind and happy person. Blessed memories to all of the Freeman family.

Ellen Styberski-Coogan, Great Falls, Montana; Steve Styberski, deceased May, 2017 and Debra Styberski-Merrill, L'Anse, Michigan

Ellen Coogan - February 20, 2019 at 01:24 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Josephine M. Freeman.



February 20, 2019 at 11:50 AM

KR

“ *Kathy Meyers on behalf of Bruce & Lois Ring purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Josephine M. Freeman.*



Kathy Meyers on behalf of Bruce & Lois Ring - February 20, 2019 at 10:21 AM

DK

“ *Donna, Joe and Joey Krall purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Josephine M. Freeman.*



Donna, Joe and Joey Krall - February 19, 2019 at 09:57 PM

WA

“ *With Love, Donna Rae and Addie purchased the Memories to Treasure for the family of Josephine M. Freeman.*



With Love, Donna Rae and Addie - February 19, 2019 at 06:04 PM