



Joyce Bolander

April 16, 1926 - April 16, 2009

KINGSFORD - Joyce M. Bolander, 83, of Kingsford, died Thursday, April 16, 2009, at the Dickinson County Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain.

She was born on Aug. 30, 1925, in Kingsford, daughter of the late Edwin and Clarice (Corrigan) Olsen. She attended the Kingsford schools, graduating from Kingsford High School in 1943. She was a lifelong resident of Kingsford.

Joyce married Andrew Bolander on Oct. 12, 1946, in Kingsford, and shared more than 62 years together. Joyce was a member of St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church. She enjoyed painting, crafts, cooking and traveling.

Joyce is survived by her loving husband, Andrew; one son, Thomas (Shelby) Bolander of Iron Mountain; four daughters, Jeanne Bolander of Kingsford, Debra (Jeff) Bussiere of Iron River, Gail DeClark of Niagara, and Karen (James) Bolander-Murphy of St. Louis Park, Minn.; three sisters, Irene (David) Cavalieri of Iron Mountain, Lenore Kosovec of Kingsford, and Joanne Hebert of Norway; seven grandchildren, Vicki (Mike) Snyder, Janice Bolander, Brad (Brenda) DeClark, Danielle DeClark, Chanda Bolander, Andrea (Darrin) Gill and Philip Bussiere; 10 great-grandchildren, Benjamin, Sarah and Katelyn Snyder, Mayla, Choral and Emily Gill, Blake and Trentin Wagner, and Logan and Preston DeClark; her best friend, Eleanor (George) Pera of Kingsford; many nieces and nephews, along with brothers and sisters-in-law of the

Bolander Family.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Kay Lynn Bolander.

Visitation will be Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Kingsford.

The funeral Mass will follow at 11 a.m. at the church. Fr. Michael Woempner will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will be in the Quinnesec Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in her memory.

Joyce was loved and well-known for her humor and zest for life, and her family thanks her for that.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Joyce M. Bolander online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Tribute Wall

AN

“ *i still miss her everyday it gets a little easier i miss her hugs and kisses and the love she had she was not jut my grandma she was my best friend i was so close to her i wish i had a little more time with her but i cherish what i did have i am a lucky person for having her in my life*

andrea - September 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Dear Karen & family,*

So sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. I remember the fun we had at your house as teenagers and your mother was always laughing. Your mother always made me feel welcome. I will keep you & your family in my thoughts & prayers.

*Love,
Beth Koller- Mrozinski
class of 82*

Beth Koller- Mroziski - April 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ My grandma was a wonderful, happy, caring, special lady who enjoyed life. to alot of people she was a wife, mother, grandmother, best friend, sister and great grandmother. she was not just my grandmother she was maga my best friend. I learned alot from her i learned to be loving and caring just like she was i also learned the polka. she really enjoyed life and her family, she enjoyed being called maga she thought it was original and different. i remember how mad she got because she thought she was the only maga in the world till one day while she was shopping another little kid yelled maga she turned around looking for me and it was not she was so upset. but what she did not realize to me she will always be maga, and there will be no one like her ever. i am proud and happy knowing that my children got to know how special and wonderful she is and got to feel all the love she had to offer. i will miss her a whole lot and cant wait for the day when i get to hug and kiss her again.

HER GRANDAUGHTER ANDREA

ANDREA GILL - April 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. May you find comfort in knowing that you were able to be with your mother at the end.

Jill Marette

Karen and family - April 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Our sympathy to you and your family in the loss of your mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Steve and Lori Servia and family

Steve and Lori Servia and family - April 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KO

“Joyce's family, We will miss your mom/sister a lot. Many years of family memories from our parents to all our children. A lot of good times...A fun friend to have had all these years.
Hank & Kathleen Opolka

Kathy Bouffiou Opolka - April 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MK

“Dear Bolander family,
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Joyce was an amazing woman and we enjoyed many happy times with her both through family and also Pinwheel Daycare! We wish you healing and peace as you say goodbye. Love, Kath, Mo, Matt, Karen, Ally and Danny.

Maureen Kennedy - April 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WB

“Dear Andy, Tom, Jeanne, Debbie, Gail, & Karen,
We will dearly miss your wife and mother, Joyce. Joyce had such a wonderful sense of humor and a kind and caring spirit.... She made some of the best red sauce on earth. I was lucky to be present at Gramp's camp when Joyce's red sauce was the main course. Up at the Tiltin' Hilton Joyce captured the beer tasting crown beating out all male competitors, who would have guessed?? She was also one of the best Pollack Poker players to ever be dealt a hand...Our lives were enriched by Joyce.
Love Wayne and Susie

Wayne and Susie Backlund - April 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Deb, Gail, and family, I was so sorry to hear about your Moms passing. Many awesome memories from our childhood, my dearest and closest, best childhood friends. I have many memories of your Mom, but I remember those times she piled us all into that Station Wagon and took us to Lake Antoine to swim, and the fun Birthday parties she put on for both of you. Know that I understand the feelings you are experiencing now, and that my thoughts and prayers are with you all during this trying time. Love, Debbie & family*

Debbie Brocker - April 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *I am so sad to hear of your loss. my thoughts and prayers are with you all. love jane weinert sudac*

jane sudac - April 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ *I am very sorry to hear of Joyce's passing. She was such a wonderful woman and neighborhood mom. I have fond memories of all of us playing in your front porch-- Like the day that I swallowed the nickel batting at a bee!!! Our two mom's calmed us down and told us it would be alright. Funny the little things that one remembers in life. I'm sure you all will have many funny and wonderful memories of your mom & wife. My condolences once again.*

Lynn (Olson) Adams

Lynn Adams - April 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *Uncle Tom,Aunt Shelby & Family*

My deapest sympathys to all of you in this time of loss thoughts and prayers are with you!

Love always, Michelle

Michelle Kramer - April 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *I was sorry to hear about your loss. She was a wonderful woman and will be greatly missed. I would have been to the funeral but am not living in the area any longer. Please except our deapest sympathy.*

Nick & Jill Romagnoli

Jill Romagnoli - April 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM