



## Juanita E. Bates

September 12, 1934 - March 9, 2020

Juanita E. Bates, 85, of Kingsford passed away March 9, 2020 at her home surrounded by her family.

Juanita was born September 12, 1934 to the late Frank and Sylvia (Bailey) Karban and was a lifelong resident of the area. She married James Bates on July 19, 1952, and they enjoyed 56 years of marriage before he preceded her in death in 2008. Juanita worked for many years at the Breitung Township Clerk's Office. Her retirement was spent doing many things she loved, including working in her flower garden, playing and singing with the organ, and, above all, spending time with the family she loved so dearly - her husband and all her children and grandchildren.

Juanita is survived by her children, Barbara (Butch) Olson of Kingsford, Daniel Bates of Kingsford, Mina (Scott) Fayas of Iron Mountain, Amy Neuens of Kingsford, Bill (Samantha) Neuens Sr., and James Norman Bates Jr. of Kingsford; sisters, Ruby (Jack) Ebright and Marge Williams; grandchildren, Wendy Olson, Jennifer Olson, Allison (John) Wyle, Melissa (Ryan DeGroot) Olson, Andrea (Gary) Paul, April Fayas, Alysa (Adam) Goodreau, Ashley (Bill) Bailey, Amber (Jeff Langner) Neuens, Billy (Lila) Neuens Jr., Levi Bates, Robert Bates, and Kaytlin (Brayden) Dettelman; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Juanita was preceded in death by her husband, James; brother, Steve

Karban; and sister, Irene (James) Velie.

Visitation will be held Sunday, March 15, 2020 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. A service will follow at 3:00 pm with Pastor David Shaffer officiating. Burial will be at Quinnesec Cemetery.

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

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

# Cemetery Details

## Quinnesec Cemetery

Menominee Street  
Quinnesec, MI 49876

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 15. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

MAR 15. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ To all of the Bates family. Your Mom Was one of the sweetest and most loving moms I've ever known. I'm so grateful our moms met in the hospital back in 1955( January 2and 3. Our Moms were quite the orchestra with all of the accordion and piano pounding !! Lol Many many good memories from bobbing for apples to driving dirt bikes and sleep overs; taking the mini bus after school to your house. lots of fun and getting into trouble too. Family friends forever! Juanita u r now in the presence of your lord and Savior and your dear hubby Jim. R.I.P. forever Momma Bates. I love ❤️ you,

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**Gloria Burlo** - March 10, 2020 at 10:31 PM