



## Karen R. Niemi

April 27, 1947 - May 2, 2020

Karen R. Niemi, 73, of Iron Mountain, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, May 2, 2020.

Karen was born on April 27, 1947 in Ironwood, MI. She was the daughter of the late Robert and Lena (Redolfi) Peterson. Karen grew up in Hurley, WI and was a 1965 graduate of Hurley High School. She married Dan Niemi on August 27, 1967 and shortly thereafter moved to this area. Karen took great pride in being a stay at home mother and homemaker. She volunteered in the activities area at the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center and loved assisting the veterans with bingo. Karen loved to play bingo and traveled to the various bingo games locally each week. She also enjoyed crafting, sewing, taking care of her flowers and plants and in her younger years bowling in the league. Karen especially loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by her husband of fifty two years, Dan; daughters, Missy (Dan) Turini of Norway and Penny (Rick) Lewis of Iron Mountain; sisters, Gloria (Roy) Johnson of Waupun, WI, Shirley (Roger) Selves of Pence, WI and Roberta (Jon) Bergquist of Gile, WI; three grandchildren, Bret Turini, Alexandra Lewis and Isabella Lewis. Also by several nieces and nephews.

Private family graveside services are being held.

Burial will be in the Quinnesec Cemetery.

Condolences to the family of Karen Niemi may be expressed online at [www.erickson-rochon-nash.com](http://www.erickson-rochon-nash.com)

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

# Cemetery Details

## Quinnesec Cemetery

Menominee Street  
Quinnesec, MI 49876

# Tribute Wall

TY

“ So late to learn, so sorry to learn of Karen's passing during May 2020. As an across the street neighbor of mine in the small town of Gile, Wisconsin Karen was such a sweet person, as well as her older sisters, Gloria, Shirley and Bobbi (Roberta). Growing up in Gile was more special than one would ever realize. Of course, we were all a close knit 'family' of sorts as everyone knew one another. The Peterson family headed of Robert and Lena were among the best of the best. Decades and decades have gone by with me not seeing Karen, or knowing where she may be living. I am retired U.S. Air Force of 22 + years, married to a Hurley 'girl' who Karen probably knew or knew of and after traveling from base to base decided to return to the area we knew and loved most, settling here in Ironwood, MI.

*Karen, know you are sorely missed by all family and friends alike. I know you rest in peace and well cared for in our heavens above. May God Bless you as well as all your family.*

*Tom A. Yelich, MSgt, U.S. Air Force (Retired)  
Ironwood, MI 49938*

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**Thomas A. Yelich** - May 12, 2021 at 04:43 PM

 Frank  
Smith

“ Dan, Penny, Missy and family. I was surprised and saddened to hear of Karen's passing. I always enjoyed chatting with her at soccer games or when we ran into each other at the store. A kind person.  
2020 has certainly been a difficult year. Our sympathy and prayers go out to you all.

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**Frank Smith** - May 18, 2020 at 10:40 AM

TN

“ Hello Dan, I am so sorry to read about your loss. When you have time, contact me at [tom.neuner@gmail.com](mailto:tom.neuner@gmail.com). Your friend Tom

Tom Neuner - May 08, 2020 at 10:23 AM

DZ

“ Dan, Missy, Penny, and family,  
I'm so sorry for your loss of Karen. My sincerest condolences to you all during this very difficult time. Although I haven't seen you all for many years, I've thought of you over the years and am saddened to hear of her passing.

Dina Zietlow (Degenaer)

Dina Zietlow - May 07, 2020 at 02:15 PM

EK

“ Karen and I met when we were young - my brother Roy married her sister Gloria. I'm sure we saw each other as the years went by but didn't meet again until Roy's funeral in 2003. To Karen's whole family, we send our deepest sympathy.

Sincerely, Edna & Ray Karvonen, Bonifay, FL

Edna Karvonen - May 05, 2020 at 02:19 PM

SP

“ Oh Missy and family. My Deepest Sympathy.  
May she RIP❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️ Susie Piatti



Susie Piatti - May 05, 2020 at 12:07 PM

DT

“ So sorry to hear about Karen. It seems like last week we were playing cards at lake Antoine while the kids were swimming. My deepest sympathy to the Niemi family.

Domma Timan - May 04, 2020 at 08:38 PM

KY

“ Kathy Young lit a candle in memory of Karen R. Niemi



Kathy Young - May 04, 2020 at 06:23 PM

KY

“ Dan, Missy, Penny and family, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Karen. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. I just went by the house and thought about when I stopped by because Karen and Dan were outside. Hoping to be able to stop by again soon. I loved Karen so much. We always had a good laugh and Dan would just shake his head. Karen was a great lady and friend. So sorry and sad. Love to all of you especially Dan.

Kathy Young - May 04, 2020 at 06:23 PM

BP

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Karen was a wonderful friend and lady. I will miss her and I will keep the family in my prayers.

Bonnie Pirlot - May 04, 2020 at 05:43 PM