



Kristine Van Abel

June 11, 1951 - May 1, 2011

Kristine Elizabeth Wentela Van Abel, 59, of Crystal Falls passed away on Sunday, May 1, 2011, at her home.

Kristine was born on June 11, 1951, in Hancock, daughter of the late Uno and Elsie (Tammela) Wentela. She was a graduate of L'Anse High School and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Northern Michigan University. Kristine worked as an executive secretary for the Michigan Education Association.

She married David Van Abel on Jan. 6, 1973, at St. Henry's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Nisula, and he preceded her in death on July 20, 2004. Kristine was a member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her sons, Adam Paul Wentela Van Abel and Ryan David Wentela Van Abel of Crystal Falls; brothers, Lyle (Patricia) Wentela of Hawaii, Robert Wentela of Alston, Bruce (Marcia) Wentela of Marquette, and John (Debbie) Wentela of Minnesota; sisters, Mary (Pete) Giacoletto of Hancock, Cecelia (Dennis) Shortslef of New York and Sylvia (Ed Fugenschuh) Wentela of Pelkie. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain.

The funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. at the church. Rev. Stephen Cowen will officiate.

Burial will be in the Alston Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in her memory to the AGAPE fund at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

Condolences to the family of Kristine Wentela Van Abel can be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
1210 S. Kimberly Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Memorial Service

MAY 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JG

“ I heard a lot things about you Mrs. Van Abel there were amazing things about you. You are in my heart and mind since Adam told me about you. Your one pretty lady, I wish I could meet you, but I can when I go to heaven. I love you, I missing you. I promise not to hurt your son, Adam. I will be here for him thought the tears and more. Thank you for raising up amazing son, he very loving, he one of a kind. Love Julianne

Julianne - CA - Her son, Adam girlfriend - February 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Here a rose for the prettness mom. I love you!

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GC

“ Dear Ryan and Adam,
Your Mom was such a special lady. She always had a smile and a touch of laughter in her voice and was a joy to know. We loved her positive attitude. No matter how hard things were for her at times, she was always looking up with faith. Please remember we are just next door if you need us.

*Sending our deepest sympathy to you boys and the entire family.
Kristine will be greatly missed.*

*God Bless You,
Liz and Greg Evensen*

Greg and Liz Evensen - Neighbor and cousin - May 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ I will always remember Kris as a very kind and warm-hearted person who also was a strong, articulate, feminist activist during our days in Copper Country NOW. I will treasure those memories. U

Fran Whitman - L'Anse, MI - old friend - May 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ Adam and Ryne we have known your family for the past 20 plus years. We have watched you boys grow up. You guys played with our kids. Please know that we are sending our prayers for you at this time. If you need anything please don't hesitate to give us a call.

Love,

Sue, Steve, Matt, Ryne and Katie Neyrinck

Neyrinck Family - Crystal Falls, MI - family friend - May 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ To our Dear Friend, Sylvia, and Family,
You are in our Thoughts and Prayers. Our Deepest Sympathy with Love.

Take Care and God Bless.

Lisa, Jack, Madison Palosaari and Bernice Rosemergy - Lake Linden, MI - Friends - May 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Adam & Ryan - Your mother was a blessing to all who knew her. I remember the days we all spent together in Confirmation program at Our Saviour's. God Bless and know that your mom was proud of you.

Barbara Partanen - MI - May 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Adam and Ryan,

I was fortunate enough to meet your Mom when you boys were going to Pine Mountain Christian School with my kids, Ashley and Billy. That seems so long ago now. I would run into your Mom in one of the local stores from time to time and she was always the happy-go-lucky person I remembered. She was just such a wonderful person and ALWAYS had a smile on her face. I will miss those chance meetings in the store. My prayers and love are with you boys at this trying time. God bless you both.

Julie Tuck - Aurora, WI - Friend - May 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM