



Laura Small

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NORWAY - Laura "Lori" L. Small, 47, of N2886 Pearney Lane, Norway, died Monday, Dec. 12, 2005, at Marquette General Hospital in Marquette.

She was born on April 2, 1958, in Iron Mountain, the daughter of Edwin and Frances (Adams) Aderman.

Lori was a Registered Nurse at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center. She was a devoted mother. Her hobbies were hunting, fishing, and flower gardening.

She married Michael Small on Oct. 15, 1990, in Iron Mountain.

Lori is survived by her husband, Mike; her children, Mick and Audrey; her mother, Frances Aderman of Niagara, Wis.; her brothers, James (Sharon) Aderman of Milwaukee, David (Janet) Aderman of Theresa, Wis., and Kent (Brenda) Aderman of Kingsford; a stepdaughter, Jessica of Georgia and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Edwin; one sister, Tammy, and a stepson, Jason.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home.

Private family funeral services will be held. Rev. Paul Meitner will officiate.

Burial will be in Dickinson County Memorial Gardens.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Laura "Lori" Small online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Tribute Wall

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“ I am at a loss for words right now. My heart goes out to Mike, Mick, & Audrey. Mike, you were her soul mate. Mick & Audrey you meant the world to her. Every time I talked to her she always told me about all your accomplishments. She was so very proud of you. She was my roommate when she lived in Escanaba & she worked at the Delta County Credit Union. She also was a bridesmaid at my Wedding back in 1981. I have lost a very close friend & my heart is so sadden, but I also have to thank the Lord for ALL the good times & memories I will cherish for a life time. The Lord may have taken her home to be with him, but we must keep her memory alive. I will always remember that wonderful laugh. So when times are hard, just listen for a moment & you will hear that laugh & hopefully it will put a smile on your face. God Bless the whole family, & I will keep all of you in my prayers.

Love, Jan LeDuc (a.k.a. "Nordie")

Nordie - December 21, 2005 at 12:00 AM

“ When Laurie was attending Bay de Noc College, earning her LPN certificate, Lola Johnson, Connie Swartout, and I carpooled together, and a few times per week, we would pick Laurie up, at the flashing light in Loretto, MI, to attend classes in Escanaba, MI. This was in 1980-1981. We got to know Laurie very well and had alot of entertaining conversations on our excursions to Escanaba, as you can well imagine.

Eventually, we all carpooled to Grand Rapids and took our State boards (for LPN licensure)together. On our way down to Grand Rapids we stayed overnight in Gaylord, MI, at a local hotel. The entertainers could not carry a tune if it had handles on it! We had to leave because our giggles were turning into roaring laughter and we left before we got kicked out!

In Grand Rapids, Laurie and I closed "Tootsie Van Kelly's Bar," at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel the night before our exam! We had a great time. They had 50-cent quart mugs of beer and an awesome live jazz band. We were slightly hung over the next day. On our way back over the Mackinac Bridge she said she had never been to Mackinac Island.

I told the girls to drop us off at the boat landing and we took the Shepler's Ferry over to the Island, while the rest of them ventured around Mackinaw City.

It was October 20, 1981, and very cold. We didn't realize the boat ride was 40 minutes from Mackinaw City, and only 15 minutes from St. Ignace, but we enjoyed the ride. The water was rough and we laughed alot! There was no one else on the boat so the Captain let us ride in the Pilot House which was really neat. We got off the boat and the island was very peaceful and quiet. Murdicks Fudge Shop was the only shop open, so, we bought some fudge, real maple syrup and candy. The horse carriages were parked on the street. It was so quiet you could hear a pin drop. We enjoyed petting the horses and the crispness in the air and the quaintness of the island.

It was like briefly stepping back in time. It was a short, but very memorable trip, and Laurie still would always thank me for taking her to the Island many years later, whenever we had a chance to talk!

Also, Laurie and I worked together at the VAMC-Nursing Home Care Unit in the early 1980s.

We will really miss her and her great sense of humor! She was so much fun to be around.

Cheryl Johnson - December 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I was very sorry to hear about Laurie. I had the opportunity to work with her on Bears Calendar and thought she was one of the nicest people I have ever met. I am thankful that I had the chance to get to know her. You have our deepest sympathy. We will hold you in our hearts and prayers.*

*Jill Romagnoli
Standard Printing Company*

Jill Romagnoli - December 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I knew Laura for many years while working as Time and Leave Clerk in the Nursing Office at the VA. My family and I are very sorry to hear of her passing; the VA has lost a very good Nurse and will miss her presence greatly. We would like to extend our sympathies to Mike and their children; we are so sorry for your loss.*

Brenda Caldwell - December 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM