



Linda M. VanGinkel

March 12, 1948 - July 18, 2012

Linda Pirlot VanGinkel, 64, of Ishpeming, died Wed. July 18, 2012 at Marquette General Hospital. She was born on March 12, 1948 in Iron Mountain, the daughter of the late Elmer and Ethel (Asplund) Pirlot. Linda graduated from Kingsford High School in 1966. She married Earl VanGinkel on June 25, 1966. The couple moved to Colorado in 1985.

Linda moved back to Ishpeming, where she enjoyed working at the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame and Museum. Linda loved to dance and danced with a group called the Pisquale's. She loved to sing and enjoyed singing Karaoke with her brother, Don. Linda was a member of the YMCA and was very involved in health and fitness.

Family was very important to Linda, and she was a wonderful mom and grandmother. She was especially thrilled to be a great grandmother. Linda enjoyed life to its fullest. She found peace in watching and listening to the waves at the lower harbor in Marquette and on the ocean. She also enjoyed living in the mountains of Colorado.

She is survived by her son Wade (Rea Richards) VanGinkel of Glenwood Springs, CO, two grandchildren Nicole VanGinkel of Glenwood Springs, CO, and Keenan VanGinkel of Glenwood Springs, CO, one great grandson Colter VanGinkel, two brothers Harlan (Joyce) Pirlot of Appleton, and Don (Virgie)

Pirlot of Niagara, her husband Earl VanGinkel of Grand Junction, CO, and many nieces and nephews. She also leaves many friends, including Jeanette Steckel, Richard Cox, Jeanne Bouland, Jenny Numikoski, and Dawn Hoffman.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by brother Dale Pirlot and her step father James "Honey" Marlett.

Visitation will be Mon. from 11am-12 noon at Kingsford Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 12 noon Monday at the funeral home. Rev. Andrew Filizetti will officiate. Burial will be in Quinnesec Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Linda VanGinkel online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Kingsford Funeral Home
1000 S. Carpenter
Kingsford, MI 49802

Memorial Service

JUL **23**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JF

“ Dear Earl and Wade, I so wanted to talk to you at the service for Linda on Monday,, but I didn't get the chance. I was a very good friend of Linda's. We met while she was volunteering at the hospital gift shop. We became fast friends,, and went out to eat every Wednesday or Thursday night. We had so much fun together,, I was going to come with her to Colorado in October :-(She was a wonderful, loving person,, and there is a huge hole in my heart right now. I just wanted you to know that I loved her so much and we had so many wonderful times together. May your many good memories of Linda help ease your pain of her loss in the days to come. God Bless you all in this difficult time

Jenny Numikoski - Palmer , MI - Friend - July 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Linda has been my best friend for 20 years. Laughter came easy to us, no matter what the topic of our conversation was. She was like my sister, and my heart is broken. She was the best friend anyone could hope to have. I love you Linda, you will always be with me.

Joan Whinnery - Grand Junction, CO - friend - July 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your Family

Barbara(Ver Burst) and Tom Aderman - Teague, TX - grandmother was Ritha(VanGinkel) - July 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dearest Wade and family,

I am truly sorry for your lose! Your mother was a very special,caring,loving person. I am sure you know this-just wanted to let you know how special she was to us at the National Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame! Many days she helped to bring sunshine into my gloomy morning and I in turn helped your mother to shake off the blues.

Ever so often we would be working and listening to country music and Linda would get up and start line dancing! It was great to watch--we always planned to go out and she would teach me how to line dance.

May God be with during this sad time. He has helped me get through the death of my oldest son five years ago.Be at peac Love Donna

donna Anderson - Ishpeming, MI - friend - July 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Linda's passing. My heart goes out to her family. Linda had volunteer in our Gift Shop once a week before she took the job at the Ski Hall of Fame. She was a pleasure to work with. She was an awesome volunteer. She worked very well with the public that came in the Gift Shop. We hope your wonderful memories of her will help sustain you at this difficult time. You will be in my thoughts & prayers.*

Jennifer Dodge - Marquette, MI - Working/Volunteering - July 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *May you rest in peace, Linda. You were such a sweet and thoughtful woman and we enjoyed knowing you. We will miss you.*

*Love,
Jake, Kerri, Justin, Mila and Jacob Walthers (Cox)*

Kerri Walthers - July 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Linda was a wonderful person and team player. She made a great contribution through her work at the US Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame. We are devastated by our loss of her. We won't forget her work on our Teddy Bears Christmas display and her modelling historic ski clothes.*

Tom West - Ishpeming, MI - Employer - July 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Excellent worker. Great person.*

Dennis Koers - Gwinn, MI - supervisor - July 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *We will miss you, with all the good times at the Holiday Inn and all the other places we hung out at. We will always love you..*

Addie & Jack - Marquette, MI - Good friends - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM