



## Marlene Fredericks

April 7, 1937 - April 7, 2006

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CRYSTAL FALLS - Marlene A. Fredericks, 69, of 615 E. Superior Ave. in Crystal Falls, died Friday, April 7, 2006, at her home.

She was born July 4, 1936, in Racine, Wis., daughter of the late William and Florence (Schmoll) Becker. Marlene was a 1954 graduate of Park High School in Racine.

She married Ronald Fredericks on March 6, 1954, in Racine. They have resided in Crystal Falls since 1975. Marlene owned and operated Fredericks Finer Foods with her husband from 1975 until 1992 when they sold the business.

She was a member of Guardian Angels Catholic Church and taught religious education for many years. Marlene enjoyed bowling and was a member of the Women's Bowling League.

She is survived by her husband, Ronald; six children, John (Clara) Fredericks of Kenosha, Wis., Joy Fredericks, James (Bonnie) Fredericks, Jeff (Joannie) Fredericks and Jerry Fredericks, all of Crystal Falls, and Jay Fredericks of Green Bay, Wis.; a sister, Joanne (Frank) Santapola of Kenosha; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Marlene was preceded in death by a brother, William Becker; two sisters, Lois and Kappy and a daughter-in-law, Sharon Fredericks.

Visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Wednesday at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Crystal Falls.

Funeral services will follow at noon at the church. Fr. Dino Silvestrini will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will be in Evergreen Memorial Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Marlene Fredericks online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://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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“ *Ron and Family:*

*We are so sorry to here of the loss of your loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. We want you to know that we wish we could be there for the services today, but you are all in our thoughts and prayers today and always as you remember Marlene. Nothing we could say will take away the pain, though I wish I could. Marlene has left this earth, but we must believe that she is in a better place. She has left behind a wonderful family and many wonderful memories. Remember the good times and cherish the memory of her and she will continue to live on in your hearts. God Bless you all as you go through this difficult time. Our prayers are with you.*

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**Steve & Jane Herbert** - April 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

OS

“ *Ron and family,*

*We are truly sorry to hear of your loss. Marlene was always such a fun loving person. Her warm smile will be surely missed. Both of us are thinking of you with deepest sympathy and heartfelt understanding.*

*Honoring the memory of Marlene, the mother, grandmother, and friend.*

*You can shed tears that she is gone  
Or you can smile because she has lived.*

*You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left.*

*Your heart can be empty because you can't see her  
Or you can be full of the love that you shared.*

*You can remember her and only that she is gone  
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.*

*You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back  
Or you can do what she would want: smile, open your eyes, love  
and go on.*

*We have many fond memories of her.  
Sincerely,  
Ozzie and Joyce Sorensen, Kenosha, WI*

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**Ozzie and Joyce Sorensen** - April 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dear Joy and family,  
Just a few lines to express our deepest sympathy in the loss of your  
wife, mother and grandmother. May the thought of knowing that  
other people share in your loss sustain you through the days ahead.*

*Carolyn, Deloris and Ronnie*

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**Carolyn Cottenham, Deloris Beyer and Ronnie** - April 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Fredericks Family,

*I am so deeply sorry for your loss of your dear wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. I personally believe that Heaven is a better place with her presence there, as earth was a better place with her here.*

*Having watched Jerry from afar, and with Ryan, I have prayed daily for you and the family in which I still consider my own. Nothing I say here will take away the pain, though I wish it could.*

*Marlene was the most special woman I ever met in my life. I am very proud that she was my mother-in-law. I respected and loved her tremendously and continue to be envious of the relationships she had with her husband and children. She walked hand in hand respectfully with Ron and raised her children in a true partnership with him. They have treated one another as equals, with neither of them having the "upper hand".*

*She always cared sincerely for other people, while never "butting in". She was a compassionate woman with a very strong understanding of her place on earth. She never questioned herself or doubted the strength of God. She, in my opinion, was an Angel. She did all the right things, all the time. She enjoyed so much time with her family, as the door was always open in her heart. Even others that were not relatives, she would welcome with open arms.*

*I am truly grateful for her guidance and wisdom in regards to Ryan. The way that she treated him will always be appreciated and respected. He loved his grandma very much, and he will miss her and her cooking and treats that she always had for him.*

*My memories of her are fond. I hurt deeply, but I know she's in a better place. Though I am glad she's not suffering her battle any longer, I am deeply concerned for the family, and continue to pray for the strength from above to get you through this time. Somehow, I*

*know that Marlene's strength is guiding us all, and especially those she loved the most in life! Please know my thoughts will be with you all, always.*

*HERE'S TO MARLENE A. FREDERICKS... The best woman I every knew. May she rest in peace, and may she know how deeply she was loved by all.*

*Sharon Mitchell*

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**Sharon Mitchell** - April 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM