



Marnie Wiitanen

September 26, 1968 - September 26, 2006

IRON MOUNTAIN - Marnie M. Wiitanen, 38, of W8095 Oakridge Road Iron Mountain, passed away Tuesday, September 26, 2006 at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital after a courageous battle with cancer. Marnie was born June 13, 1968 in Detroit, MI daughter of Robert F. Swatosh and the late Sharon L. Carpenter. She married Ross Wiitanen on October 12 1991 in Hancock, MI. Marnie worked hard to obtain her registered nursing degree despite her illness and was proud of her work at ManorCare Health Services. She loved being a part of her sons' sporting events, especially hockey, where she was the ultimate "hockey mom". In addition to being active in the Dickinson Area Hockey Association (DAHA), Marnie enjoyed camping, crafts, and gardening. She is survived by her caring husband, Ross; three loving sons, Matthew, Tyler and Alex, all at home; her father Robert F.(Cheryl) Swatosh of Macomb Township, MI; a brother, Joe (Michelle) Swatosh and nephew, Gavin, of Fenton, MI; paternal grandfather, Robert J. Swatosh; aunts and uncles, Carole (Barry) Bartlett, Sharon (Don) McKay, Debbie (Scott) Wilson, Eugene "Butch" Karinen, Lillian Karinen, and Gloria (Andrew) Henry; mother and father-in-law, Barb and Dennis Wiitanen; brother-in-law, Mark (Barb) Wiitanen and nephews Paul and Eric, brother-in-law Michael (Kathy) Wiitanen and nephew Jack; sister-in-law, Amy (Eric) Stier and nephew Will and niece Maya; and numerous cousins and friends. Marnie was preceded in death by her mother, Sharon, on March 7, 2000; her paternal grandmother, Eileen Swatosh; her maternal grandparents, Emil and Vieno Karinen; and a

brother-in-law, David Wiitanen.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. on Friday September 29, 2006, at Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Funeral services will follow at 7:00 P.M. Friday at the funeral home. Chaplain David Anderson will officiate.

Burial will be in Oskar Bay Cemetery near Houghton, MI.

In lieu of flowers, a fund has been established at the First National Bank of Iron Mountain-Kingsford, or donations can be made to the American Cancer Society in Marnie's name.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Marnie Wiitanen online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Tribute Wall

TM

“ Marnie~

It's been just over three years and I still miss you so very much. I just can't beleive that you are gone!

I think of you everyday and have walked the 3-Day Breast Cancer walk this past year and will do the same again next year. Walking 60 miles doesn't even begin to express how sad I am to have you gone.

You will live on forever in my memories!!

Much Love!

Trish

Trish (Baden) MacDonald - December 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Marnie, I was shocked & saddened by the news of your passing, what a tremendous loss for your family. We have not seen or spoke to each other in almost 20 years, but I often thought about you and wondered where life had taken you & how you were. I was so happy for you when i heard a couple of years back that you were married with 3 great sons, I know thats what you dreamed about. You will be remembered, forever young.

Roby Koenig - December 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Ross, Matt, Tyler, Alex, Bob, Joe and family: Our thoughts and prayers for God's comfort are with you during this time.

Mike, Jan, and Stephanie McKay

Michael, Jan and Stephanie McKay - October 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Dear Matt, Tyler and Alex,
I am sorry to hear that your mom passed away. You are in my thoughts.

Reese Koenig - October 01, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Our condolences to you and your family during this difficult time. We were very saddend to hear that Marnie had passed away. We will never forget her great smile and strong spirit. We wish we could be there to support you during this painful time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Love,

The Gerrish Family

The Gerrish Family - September 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ Dear Ross,
My sincere condolences go out to you, your 3 sons, and your entire family for the loss of your wife. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time of pain and loss.

Sincerely,

Joanie (Cantrell) Kemppainen and family

Kemppainen - September 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dear Ross, Matt, Tyler, Alex, Dennis, Barb and Families.

We were very saddened to hear that Marnie passed away. We knew she was leading a strong fight to battle the Cancer while enjoying your new home in Iron Mountain. It was nice to visit with you at Mike's place a couple years back and wish we could have made it to Iron Mountain recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time and wish we could be with you.

Rocker & Mary Beth

Bob (Rocker) and Mary Beth - September 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Dear Ross. My sincere condolences to you and your family over this tragic loss. Stacey Riera had been keeping many of us abreast on Marnie's illness for quite some time. My thoughts and prayers are with you and yours. -Loris Scarnecchia

Loris Scarnecchia - September 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM

FK

“ Dear Ross and family: Our hearts were saddened to hear of Marnie's passing. We remember meeting her while visiting Houghton with David and and Peggy. Seems like that was just the other day. It is our prayer that the void will be filled with many, many stories and memories of the time you spent together. In this she will be with you always. May God comfort you this difficult time. Fraser and Cecilia Kranz.

Fraser and Cece Kranz - September 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Ross, My husband Brian has told me about the long battle your wife went threw. We are turely sorry and saddened by your loss. You and your children will be in our prayers. My God watch over all of you. Brian and Laura Munn

Brian and Laura Munn - September 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Ross,

We are sorry to hear about Marnie. I am sure that she will be missed very much by your family. Our thoughts and paryers are with you and your family at this time.

Bob & Karen Siekas

Bob Siekas - September 29, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Dear Ross, Matt, Tyler and Alex and family members:

We were very saddened to hear that Marnie, your wife and loving mother passed away. She was a very loving person with a "beautiful spirit" and we know that she will be missed greatly by you. Everyone that knew her was truly blessed to have her in their lives. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

With love and prayers, John, Janette and Sam Ward

The Ward's - September 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

FR

“ *Marnie..... It has been an honor and pleasure to know such as a courageous, determined, inspirational woman. We had a lot of good times and laughs together, and we will cherish those precious memories forever. You will be in our thoughts always and especially every time we walk through the doors of the arena. The hockey moms will be hoisting their ?special? cups of cider and hot chocolate to you during every game. You will always hold a special place in our hearts and will surely be missed!*

Love,

The Francis Family

Francis' - September 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM