



## Marsha A. Bonicatto

July 26, 1937 - March 19, 2022

Marsha Ann Bonicatto, 84, of Iron Mountain, MI, passed away on Saturday, March 19, 2022, at her home.

Marsha was born July 26, 1937, in Eveleth, Minnesota, the daughter of Darrel and Eliza Jane (Williams) Walstrom. She grew up in the Iron Range in northeastern Minnesota. Marsha married Lawrence Bonicatto on June 25, 1960. She was a lifelong resident of Iron Mountain after receiving her BA in art education, from the University of Minnesota.

Marsha was the first Iron Mountain-Kingsford Community Schools art teacher. She also taught at the parochial schools and the Pembine School District. She held offices in the Dickinson County Hospital League, Lilja Memorial Trust Fund Committee, Northwoods Garden Club, and TH/FR Study Club. Marsha was also active in the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Women's Club and Chippewa Club and donated to several nature and wildlife foundations. She was an accomplished watercolor artist, as well as a published children's book author. She also participated in community theater and played a good tennis game back in her earlier years. She supported her brother who died from the AIDS pandemic in the early 80s. She enjoyed cooking, refinishing wood, collecting antiques, outdoors, playing bridge, and music. She was a life member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Iron Mountain, where she served in many

capacities, including teaching Sunday School for 13 years.

She is survived by her husband, Lawrence; children, David Bonicatto of West Hollywood, CA, James (Renee Manning) Bonicatto of Seattle, WA, and Steven Bonicatto of Iron Mountain; siblings, Cynthia Walstrom and Susan (Tom) Gilpin; grandchildren, Pearce Bonicatto, Jack Bonicatto, and Gabriel Bonicatto; numerous nieces, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her mother, father, and brother Darrel.

Memorial Services will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2022, at 3:00 PM CST at Trinity United Methodist Church in Iron Mountain with reception to follow from 4:00-5:00 PM at the church.

Pastor Geri Hamlen will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Northwoods Garden Club, PO Box 104, Iron Mountain, MI 49801.

The family wishes to thank the doctors and staff at DCH, Dr. Bryan Brazeau, MD, UP Health System-Marquette, Jacob Hakkola, MD, and North Woods Home Care and Hospice, for the compassionate care provided to Marsha and her family.

Condolences to the family of Marsha Bonicatto may be expressed online at [ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://ernashfuneralhomes.com).

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

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

APR 9. 3:00 PM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church  
808 Carpenter Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

## Visitation

APR 9. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church  
808 Carpenter Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Tribute Wall



“ Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Marsha A. Bonicatto



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**Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home** - April 11, 2022 at 12:56 PM



“ Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Marsha A. Bonicatto



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**Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home** - April 08, 2022 at 04:47 PM

JC

“ Hello,

*I did not know Marsha and as a strange coincidence, today I was looking through my paintings, I found one done by Marsha Bonicatto of Iron Mt. I googled her and sadly found her obituary.*

*The painting is of a toddler sitting on a blanket in the grass with The New York Times around her. Attached to the back of the painting is a Happy Mother's Day card to her from Meg. Inside the card are two photos of the toddler.*

*I bought this painting in Southampton NY.*

*If you would like this painting returned to you please contact me at [jjkconnors@optonline.net](mailto:jjkconnors@optonline.net) or 203-520-3080*

*Sincerely, Jane Connors*

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**Jane Connors** - May 09, 2022 at 10:11 AM

AR

“ Due to extenuating circumstances I am unable to attend the services today. I wish I could be there with family & friends so we could have the love & support of each other during this time. I do send my love & deepest sympathies to my Uncle Larry, my cousins & everyone in attendance. When I look back on the memories I have of my Auntie the first thing that comes to mind is the beautiful smile she always had on her face & the love that you always felt from her & her positive attitude. She was always supportive of anything I ever did & one of the biggest cheerleaders in my life. I think back to all the summers I spent visiting Iron Mtn. as a little girl & how we so looked forward to spending time there. Auntie always made our visits fun. We also have so many happy memories of her, Uncle Larry & the boys coming to Minnesota & spending time with us there & so many fun times @ our grandparents cabin. As I grew into an adult we became great friends sharing our day to day lives. It was comforting to know I could always pop into Aunties for a cup of tea, a cookie & a good visit. I'm sure today they will talk about how she was a talented artist, was involved in her community, numerous clubs & her church which are all wonderful things but I think the most wonderful thing about her is how big her heart was & how much she loved & cared for the people in her life. She was always there for us & she even made weekly drives rain, snow or shine to the nursing home in Florence to visit my mom & bring her fresh baked goodies she had made, have a cup of tea & reminisce about their childhood. She was always willing to help out & do for others any way she could. I knew I could always turn to her for good advice, a shoulder to cry on or someone to just have a good giggle with & oh would we giggle! I am so thankful to have had her in my life & call her my Auntie. Since I moved away we still talked every week & caught up on what was happening in our families lives. I will so miss hearing her voice every week on the other end of the phone saying “hi honey, it's Auntie!” I will still have a cup of tea & a conversation with her because I know she will always be around listening, supporting & loving us. I will miss her so very much. I love you Auntie

**Amy Ross** - April 13, 2022 at 10:17 PM

AR

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



**Amy Ross** - April 13, 2022 at 10:16 PM

AJ

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



**Amanda Jackson** - April 10, 2022 at 09:11 PM

AJ

*My Beautiful Auntie ( she gave herself that moniker by the way) but she truly was my beautiful auntie.*

*Pulling up to the cottage at Lake Vermilion each summer has been a constant in my life for many years.*

*Seeing auntie feeding the ducks and birds, putzing with her flowers or veggies always warmed my heart and made me smile. I always got the rundown of the latest visitors to the yard including Salty and the fox.*

*Our first order of business was hugs, kisses and a vodka gimlet ( I only liked the way auntie made them).*

*We'd sit on the deck looking out over the lake and talk about anything and everything while enjoying our drinks and whatever snack she whipped up. We'd be so busy yakking that we'd lose track of time. Uncle Larry would come out and politely wait until we realized that it was what we affectionately called " half past Larry". He was hungry. Auntie would pop up and make him something to eat.*

*She'd sneak me a few peanuts to feed the chipmunks that hung around the deck so Uncle Larry wouldn't catch me feeding them.*

*No matter how many of us were there for dinner, Auntie always made sure Uncle Larry got served first. She'd hand me his plate to bring to the table with his glass of wine. Their marriage is an inspiration for my own.*

*Almost every year she'd bring up the time I was staying with them when I was about ten or eleven and wanted to go shopping for whatever reason. No one would take me so I had a fit crying, etc. Auntie thought it was funny which only made me more mad. " Well what do you need " she asked. " Deodorant" I screamed back. I have no idea where that came from. Must have have been the first thing I thought of. She loved that story.*

*When it was time to leave she'd hug me tight and whisper in my ear that she and Uncle Larry were always here for me. I knew she meant it. She always made me feel special to her.*

*She remembered every anniversary and birthday and holiday. The Jacquie Lawson e-card from not Martha was never late. I always knew she was thinking about me.*

*I will miss many things about my B.A. but most of all her hugs and vodka gimlets.*

- Amanda Jackson

Amanda Jackson - April 10, 2022 at 09:12 PM

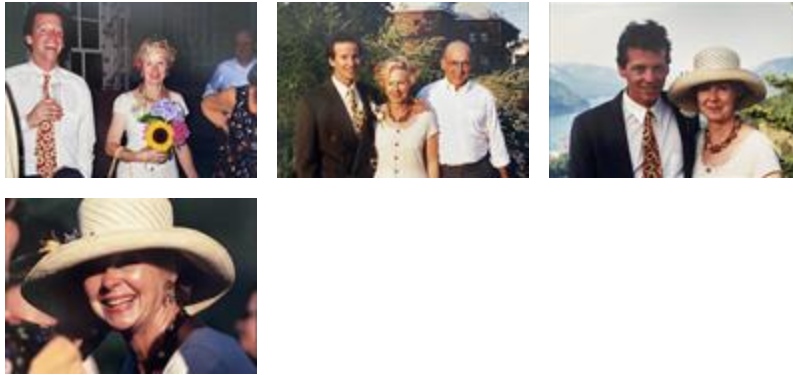
AR

*I just love this❤️ She was beautiful inside & out & someone we could always count on being there for us*

Amy Ross - April 13, 2022 at 10:24 PM

IG

“ Always beautiful...inside and out. ❤️



Inga Girschner - April 09, 2022 at 06:23 PM

SB

*Thank you Inga. You are so sweet.*

Steven Bonicatto - April 10, 2022 at 05:51 PM

LF

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Lynn Faiman - March 25, 2022 at 01:29 PM

LF

*This kind of represents our friendship throughout the years. Laughing, smiling, and enjoying our "happy hours". She made the summers at Lake Vermilion memorable and enjoyable. She will be missed.*

**Lynn Faiman** - March 25, 2022 at 01:32 PM

OW

*“ My sincere sympathy and prayers for Marsha's family and friends. She served her community in so many ways including the Lilja Foundation. i knew the Lilja's from my youth and was often at their house. Daughter Claire was a classmate. Jesus has already welcomed Marsha to her heavenly home already prepared for her.*



**Orice Walters** - March 23, 2022 at 04:57 PM

EB

*“ Smart and always fun to be around. I send my deepest condolences to her wonderful family and dear dear friends. Love, Elsa*

**Elsa Brule** - March 23, 2022 at 04:19 PM

SB

*Thank you Elsa. My mom had such high regard for you. Every time she conversed with you or after you spent time together, she has the same comments about you; among others, you being smart, interesting, fun, fearless, compassionate, creative, faithful friendship forever, and that you are a fantastic mom.*

**Steven Bonicatto** - March 25, 2022 at 10:59 AM

SB

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Steven Bonicatto - March 23, 2022 at 12:40 PM

LF

*I saw that pose many times. Do you have any of the clothes hanging on the line at the lake? David always had a funny comment for Marsha whenever he saw them! Lynn Faiman*

Lynn Faiman - March 23, 2022 at 12:58 PM

SB

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Steven Bonicatto - March 23, 2022 at 12:39 PM

TF

“ The David Faiman Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Marsha A. Bonicatto



The David Faiman Family - March 22, 2022 at 02:19 PM

SB

*Our Faiman 'family' - thank you. Cannot say enough kind things about you Lynn, 'Captain' Dave, Matt, Cathy, Jack, and Mark. I also appreciate all of the daily messages, phone calls, & support in so many ways. You kept 'Nurse #1' & my Dad strong.*

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**Steven Bonicatto** - March 23, 2022 at 12:46 PM

LF

*We cherish our friendships with you and your family throughout the years. I will miss My "Casino" Buddy more than you will know. She was a great support to me when I needed to talk about almost anything. We had wonderful conversations on the porch, happy hour time, and sharing food and dinners. She would always stop what she was doing to make time for me and vice versa. I hope you will ask any help you need in the years to come. Larry's buddy, Dave, will be there whenever he comes to the lake. We'll all watch out for him!!!!*

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**Lynn Faiman** - March 23, 2022 at 12:56 PM