



Mary Clare Branz

July 5, 1932 - October 30, 2016

Mary Clare Branz, 84, of Iron Mountain passed away on Sunday, October 30, 2016 at the Iron County Medical Care Facility in Crystal Falls. She was born on July 5, 1932 in Hancock, Michigan, daughter of the late Edgar and Mary (Shea) Richards. After graduating from high school, she attended and graduated from a 2 year X-Ray Technology program, and worked as an X-Ray Tech at St. Joseph Hospital in Hancock, Michigan. She married Raymond J. Branz on April 25, 1953 in Hancock, and have spent more than 63 wonderful years together. She moved to the Iron Mountain area from Hancock in 1953 and made it her home until 1988. In 1988 her and Ray move to Marco Island, FL, then Naples, moving back to Iron Mountain in 2013.

Mary was a member of the Daughters of Isabella and the Pine Grove Country Club. She was an golfer and bridge player. She also enjoyed downhill skiing, cross country skiing, and snowmobiling. She was devoted to her children, and loved her grandchildren and the many dogs she had through the years.

Mary is survived by her loving husband, Ray Branz of Iron Mountain; her children, Debbie (John) Pucci of Iron Mountain, Mike (Michelle) Branz of Naples, FL, and Kathy Schwan of Naples, FL; grandchildren, Mike (Amber) Pucci of Hampton, VA, Erica (Dan) Pucci-Bassila of Lansing, MI, Catherine Branz and Michael J. Branz of Naples, FL, and Kellen Schwan and Kyle

Schwan of Naples, FL; great grandchildren, Jason, Jemma, Ethan and Tanner.

Visitation will be held on Monday, November 14, 2016 from 10:00am to 11:00am at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. The Funeral Service will follow at 11:00am at the funeral home. Fr. Raymond Valerio will officiate. Entombment will be in the Family Mausoleum in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in her memory.

Condolences to the family of Mary Clare Branz may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

Cedar Ave
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Funeral Service

NOV 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LF

“*Mary Clare was a beautiful woman. She was always so sweet and kind when I hung out at their home growing up. She had such a cute little laugh. I am sorry for your loss. Mary Flare loved her family so very very much.*

Laurie Furlow

Laurie Furlow - November 10, 2016 at 06:41 PM

JS

“*"I love my auntie" is what we always said. Our hearts our sad for the lost of our auntie. Such a kind loving caring woman. Who was always picking up pine cones in her big front yard. Hugs and love to our cousins and uncle. Julie Barbe Sprenger*

Julie Barbe Sprenger - November 10, 2016 at 12:26 PM

CG

Please accept our deepest sympathy. We had many good times with Mary andRay which we will cherish forever!

Carol and Clem Gingras

Carol and Clem Gingras - November 10, 2016 at 02:30 PM

CF

My deepest sympathy and my love to my uncle and my cousins. Mary Clare was always so kind and warm. I loved visiting her with my mom and I remember so many wonderful things that she would cook. She always made me feel welcomed and loved. She used to call me "her little dolly" and I would tell her "I love my auntie". I am truly saddened.

Cally Furton - November 12, 2016 at 07:59 AM

MW

*To my Uncle Ray and cousins,
I am so sad to hear of Auntie's passing. She was always kind to the
Barbe girls-cupping our faces and giving multiple kisses. There are lots
of great memories like camping with a visiting skunk - Grandma and I
running into the Branz camper, leaving Grandpa out side with the
skunk! And the night bats came in from the attic (the house on Grand)
chasing us into Mary Clare's bedroom resulting in lots of screaming
and giggling under the covers. I hope you can find comfort knowing
she was loved.*

Mary Bridget Wetzel

Mary Bridget Wetzel - November 12, 2016 at 11:24 PM