



## Mary Despins

January 26, 1962 - January 26, 2012

Mary Jane Despins, 50, of Iron Mountain passed away on Thursday, Jan. 26, 2012 at the Hyland Nursing Home in Iron Mountain.

She was born on Oct. 9, 1961 in Iron Mountain to Robert and Eleanor Despins. Mary attended Central School in Iron Mountain and Roosevelt School in Kingsford. She worked for many years at Trico. Mary enjoyed bowling, playing basketball, and participating in Special Olympics. She had summer fun at Camp Daniel and Friends of the Forest. She loved going out for dinner, riding her bike, listening to music, and traveling around the golf course in the golf cart.

Mary will be remembered as a warm and loving person. She greeted all with a smile and a hug. Mary will be sadly missed by her loving brothers, David (Lori) of Marinette, WI, John (Valerie) of Maryville, IL, and Brian of Iron Mountain; beloved nieces and nephews, Denise, Keith (fiancée Abby), and Emily Despins, Cory and Benjamin Despins; dear aunts and uncles, Carol (Harold) Skogman, Leo Despins, Thomas (Lona) Despins, and Floyd Olson; and many special cousins.

Mary was preceded in death by her loving parents, Robert and Eleanor Despins; an infant brother, Robert; her paternal grandparents, Leo and Cecilia

Despins; maternal grandparents, George and Olive Clements; and special friend, Nancy Kadletz.

Visitation will be Friday, Feb. 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home. The memorial service will follow at the funeral home with Rev. Peggy Paige officiating.

Pallbearers will be Ron Olson, Dennis Olson, Dr. Terry Ryan, and Keith Despins.

Burial will be in Quinnesec Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mary's memory to the Dickinson County Chapter of Special Olympics. .

The family expresses sincere thanks to the staff at Hyland Nursing Home; Dr. Terry Ryan; Melody McLaren—group home mother; Mark and the employees at The Drug Store and Front Porch; Marlene; and Mary's special friends—Patty Tipper, Tom Pasten, Julian Grzonka, and Jimmy Marsten—for the care, friendship, and kindness given to our beloved Mary Jane.

Condolences to Mary's family may be expressed 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.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 3. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

FEB 3. 11:30 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ *In memory of our Dear Mary Jane:*

*This world could never appropriately prepare us for the pain and emptiness caused by the loss of such a dear one. Although this Angel was only on loan to us, her halo will warm our hearts forever!*

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**Mike & Vonnie Frazier - Columbus, OH - Vonnie's Cousin** - February 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this difficult time. Memories of the ones we love help us get through our grief and they are never forgotten in our hearts. They truly are our guardian angels...*

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**Mark & Julie Gutowski - Green Bay, WI** - February 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ *Brian & Family,  
Our thought and prayers are with you .  
May God Bless.*

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**Carole & Jeanne Gammey - Green Bay, WI - Former neighbor** - February 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ I worked wit "Hootie" for several years and what a wonderful person she is/was! I found her to be so sweet and joyful all of the time. She worked very hard and was willing to do some hard tasks too. I left this area for several years and now came back and I wish I had her to rely on. She will and has been missed by all of her coworkers and Supervisors.

*She was and is still a blessing.*

*My Love and sorrow follows you.*

*Nancy Fluor*

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**Nancy Fluor - Iron Mountain, MI - ex-supervisor at Trico** - February 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Brian and family,*

*We were so sorry to hear about Mary. We will miss seeing her bright smile around the golf course Brian. Please know that Mary and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God bless you.*

*Chris and Mary Ninomiya*

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**Chris and Mary Ninomiya - Iron Mountain, MI - Friends** - February 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT MARY GOD BLESS YOUR FAMILY*

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**LORI MAAS WRIGHT - IRON MOUNTAIN , MI - friend** - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Brian ~

*Over the years it was always a pleasure to see Mary in the golf cart enjoying her time with you, and chatting with her in the clubhouse was always special as well. Her bright smile and cheerfulness will always be remembered.*

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**Joy Carlson** - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Brian and Family,

*I was sorry to hear about Mary Jane. She was such a sweet, loving person. May she rest in peace...my sympathy to you all.*

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**Cynthia Gordon - Iron Mountain , MI - Friend** - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We are thinking of all of you at this time!  
Larry and Joan Swartout & boys.

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**Joan Swartout - Iron Mountain, MI - Friends.** - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM