



## Mary L. Dulan

July 28, 1947 - July 7, 2025

Mary L. Dulan of Kingsford, MI, passed away Monday, July 7, 2025, at Optalis Health & Rehabilitation in Kingsford.

Mary was born on July 28th, 1947, in Iron Mountain, MI, daughter of the late Dorothy & Louie Fontecchio and graduated from Florence High School in 1965. She married John C. Dulan on March 2, 1968, at American Martyrs Catholic Church.

Johnny & Mary enjoyed raising their many beagles. They would also go trout fishing together; Mary loved fly fishing for the brookies. The two also enjoyed traveling and getting together with their friends.

Mary graduated from Northern Michigan University with a master's degree in education in 1976 and began her teaching career at North Dickinson in 1972 where she taught until coming to Breitung Township School District in 1987. Mary loved teaching. She taught preschool through the college level; teaching was her passion.

Mary represented the Learning Disability Teachers from the Upper Peninsula in the PBS T.V. program "The Puzzled Children", which followed the national program for Learning Disabilities headed by Marlo Thomas. She believed that all students had a future, for all students had something to give to our society.

She was proud of each of the students' accomplishments and would often get phone calls throughout the years after their graduation.

Mary also authored and published the book *My Frontier Days on the Menominee Range* in 1972 and was nominated for Outstanding Young Women of America. She authored the Iron Mountain Centennial book *Born from Iron* in 1978 and was recognized and honored by Governor William G. Milliken for her historical contributions to the state of Michigan in 1979.

Mary is survived by her husband, John.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Theresa Way.

There will be no funeral or memorial services held.

Condolences to the family of Mary L. Dulan 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 arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

MO

“ Awww Mrs. Dylan!

*She was such a good teacher! She was my First grade teacher and I can still picture her stacked bee hive hairdo.*

*She remained a special memory to me all these years later. 🍎*

*So very sorry for your loss.*

*Mary R. Oman  
ND CLASS OF 1984*

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**MO** - July 15, 2025 at 08:05 PM

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*Rats auto correct Dulan*

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**MO** - July 15, 2025 at 08:07 PM

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“ *Dear John, We are so very sorry to hear about Mary. You and Mary are very special friends to my sister, Penny, and brother-in-law, Hal. Everyone of us was blessed to know/meet Mary. May she rest in peace. Our sincere sympathy to you, John, on the loss of your beloved Mary.*

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**Rod and Cynthia (Corsi) Gordon** - July 11, 2025 at 06:56 AM

SP

“ May you RIP Mary 🙏



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**Susan Piatti** - July 09, 2025 at 09:46 AM

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“ *Mary was a fantastic teacher and mentor. She impacted the lives of so many young people in her years of teaching. She really cared and made a difference. She also helped many young teachers learn the ropes. She was a real professional educator. It was a blessing to know her and work with her. So sorry for your loss. She is missed.*

*Andy Wiltzius*

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**Andy Wiltzius** - July 09, 2025 at 06:51 AM

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“ *My dear friend Mary Lou, my childhood classmate. I remember your pretty face and thick auburn ponytail, with your outgoing and helpful personality*

*We found our friendship once again as adults. I felt blessed, as you always supported and cheered me on!*

*I extend my heartfelt sympathy to Johnny and family. Sadly, Mary will be in our prayers and greatly missed. Rest peacefully my friend. lovingly, CherylRose*

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**CherylRose Leonardi** - July 08, 2025 at 07:56 PM