



Mary A. Esveldt

February 17, 1933 - November 23, 2017

Iron Mountain

Mary A. Esveldt,

84, of Iron Mountain, died Thursday, November 23, 2017 at Appleton Medical Center with her family by her side.

Mary was born February 17, 1933, daughter of the late Sol and Evelyn (La Forge) Beauparlant. Mary was the baby of the family and in her own words, “was blessed with loving parents, a strong family, and good friends.”

She graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1951, where she hung with her ‘gang’, the DDS (top secret club). After high school, Mary attended Mt. Mary College in Milwaukee. She transferred to Michigan State University, where she earned a degree in elementary education and met her future husband of over 50 years, Robert Esveldt, who died in 2008.

Mary taught kindergarten in the Detroit area and in 1963, Mary and Bob moved back to Iron Mountain to raise their family. An avid reader, Mary was a librarian at the Dickinson County Library for many years.

In her younger days, she taught swimming and was an experienced downhill skier. She sang in the chorus in high school, but was advised to “sing from the heart.” (i.e. lip sync). She was a golfer, bridge player, and loved to travel.

Although Mary was a three-time breast cancer survivor, she faced her biggest challenge over the last several years battling Alzheimer's disease. Our family would like to thank the staff at Touchmark in Appleton for the loving care they provided our mother. Anyone who knew her was in awe of her fighting spirit and her determination to remain independent.

Mary is survived by her daughters, Karen (Samuel) Houston of Niceville, FL, Celeste Johnson of Chicago, IL, and Jan (Vishal) Sharma of Appleton, WI, son, James (Sarah) Esveldt of Oconomowoc, WI; a sister, Joan (Louis) Pucci of Iron Mountain, MI; and her grandchildren, Christopher and Catherine Houston, Hannah Johnson, Brian Ivacko and Carrie (Brett) Gerner, and Joel, Zoe and Drew Esveldt.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; her son, Peter John; and brothers and sisters, Celeste, Paul, Jackie, Anne, and Peter.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association in Mary's name at alz.org/gmc

Visitation will be on Monday, Nov.27th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Erickson Rochon Nash funeral home. Funeral services will be at 11:00am on Tuesday, Nov. 28th at St. Mary & St Joseph Church in Iron Mountain. Fr. Janusz Romanek will offer the Mass of Christian burial. Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

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

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

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church
414 Prospect Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Tribute Wall

MK

“ I have a zillion recollections of Mary from elementary school through college. She was the glue that held our group of young women together. Whether we were on the slopes of Pine Mountain or swimming at Cowboy Lake, these memories are treasures that will be with me forever!
Mary Zaio Kilgore

Mary Zaio Kilgore - December 02, 2017 at 03:37 PM

JH

Mrs Kilgore.....I went to Mrs Esveldt's services....to represent Pinkys family.....we all discussed ALL of you ladies, with honor! My mother's best memories were with all of you! Jill Wagner Huotari

jill huotari - December 07, 2017 at 09:58 PM

MC

“ Jan and Family,

I extend to you my most sincere and heartfelt sympathy. Please know that you have been and continue to be in my thoughts and in my prayers. Your Mom was such a sweet lady, I got to know her a little bit better when she joined St. Mary Queen of Peace Church, where I work. She always had a smile on her face and a friendly "hello". Take care and take things one day at a time, remembering all of those good times to get you through those difficult days.

Old Classmates,

Mary Beth (DeMuri) Casanova

Mary Beth Casanova - November 29, 2017 at 10:34 AM

MZ

“ *Deepest sympathies to your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Martha & Roger Zimmerman

Martha Zimmerman - November 29, 2017 at 09:51 AM

JO

“ *Dear Esveldt Family,
I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. If it wasn't for my cleaning business, I would have likely never met your wonderful parents, those several years ago. The last time I saw Mary was a few years back and realized at that time that she was having trouble remembering. I recently thought of her when unboxing a lovely Christmas decoration that she and your dad blessed me with. Please accept my sincere condolences.*
Johanna.

Johanna - November 28, 2017 at 01:16 PM

JJ

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family during this difficult time. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Judy M. Johnson*

Judy M. Johnson - November 27, 2017 at 02:20 PM

LW

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family in this difficult time. Lynn*

Lynn Williams - November 27, 2017 at 08:54 AM

WF

“ *With Love, The Houston Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mary A. Esveldt.*



With Love, The Houston Family - November 26, 2017 at 05:48 PM

WT

“ *Mary was a great lady. She will be missed. We lived next door to Bob and Mary for many years. You have our deepest sympathies.*
Walt and Lynn Theeck

Walt and Lynn Theeck - November 25, 2017 at 12:28 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mary A. Esveldt.*



November 25, 2017 at 11:22 AM

MP

“ *Our love and prayers as you celebrate Mary's remarkable life. She will be missed by her friends at Touchmark. We know you are taking comfort in your memories and in the gathering of you family. Mary was important to Jeannette's happiness, so will always have a special place in our hearts.*

Love, Jeannette's family

Melanie Popa - November 25, 2017 at 09:26 AM