



Mary Margaret Geronimi

January 30, 1939 - June 25, 2023

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Mary Margaret Geronimi, long time resident of Kingsford, passed away on Sunday, June 25, 2023, surrounded by her family. She was 84.

Mary was born on January 30, 1939 minutes behind her identical twin Barbara, in Ishpeming, MI to Leonard and Florence (Basolo) Altobello.

Mary met Dean Geronimi at a chance meeting at a Newberry Hospital where she was a social worker. They began a relationship and married on August 10, 1963, at St. John's Catholic Church in Ishpeming.

After marrying and moving to Kingsford, Mary was a substitute teacher for Breitung Township Schools but later found her dream job at the Dickinson County Library. Starting part-time in September of 1974, Mary filled in wherever there was a need. In February of 1978, Mary became a full time Librarian. Her coworkers at the library became family, she loved her job and looked forward to her days working there. Mary continued in that role for 24 years, retiring in June 2002. However, Mary missed the library so much she went back part time in September 2005. She resigned from the library in 2021 due to COVID 19 restraints after working there for 44 years. Mary passed on

her love of libraries, books and reading to her grandchildren.

Mary loved the Ishpeming and Marquette area. Mary was a 1961 graduate of Northern Michigan University in Marquette and loved Lake Superior. She was proud of her heritage and would visit Marquette, especially Presque Isle, whenever she could, taking in the views or dipping her toes in her beloved Lake Superior.

Mary was an avid Racquetball player and would challenge her children, nieces, or friends to games. Mary loved cross country skiing and snowshoeing during the winter. Mary enjoyed making pasties or ravioli but would keep her recipes secret only passing them on to family members if they promised not to tell anyone else. But above everything else, Mary loved her family, especially her children and grandchildren.

Mary is survived by her husband of 60 years, Dean A. Geronimi of Kingsford; her two daughters, Stephanie (Phil) Bellant of Mt. Morris and Anastasia Czappa of Quinnesec; her grandchildren Alex Whisler, Jimmy Galbraith, and Grace Czappa; her brother, Leonard (Judy) Altobello; her brother-in-law, Harvey Miller; sister-in-law, Mary; several nieces and nephews but especially Jaimee (Kyle) Dorian, Myssy (Scott) Hamlin, Roberta Richard, John Coughlin; special friend, Bryan Carter; and her 4 legged friend, Lady, whom she loved dearly.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Leonard and Florence Altobello; her identical twin sister Barbara Miller, and her son, Stephen Geronimi.

Visitation will be held 9:00 am - 10:30 am on Thursday, June 29, 2023, at the Kingsford Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford at 11:00 AM. Msgr. Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Interment will be in the Quinnesec Cemetery.

We especially want to thank Maryhill Manor of Niagara, WI, for the wonderful care provided to Mary during her final days, especially the RN Nurses Janice, Jean and Cindy, the CNA's and all the staff of Unit C. The compassion, kindness and care they showed to Mary and our family was very much appreciated; they made those long days more bearable, so Thank you!

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

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

Cemetery Details

Quinnesec Cemetery

Menominee Street
Quinnesec, MI 49876

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **29**. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Kingsford Funeral Home
1000 S. Carpenter
Kingsford, MI 49802

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Martyrs Catholic Church
908 W. Sagola Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall

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“ John and I will always treasure our fond memories of fun times spent with Dean and Mary, both at their home and Rice Lake. Our dice games got pretty intense at times, and at other times there were tears and snorts from laughing so hard. Our lives have been blessed to have Mary in them. Our hearts ache for all who are hurting during this difficult time. I'm sure Mary would want us all to think of the good times with her. That will help ease this intense loss and sadness until we are united with her again. With love, John and Diana Mella

Diana Mella - June 28, 2023 at 02:36 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret Geronimi.



June 28, 2023 at 02:23 PM

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“ I had to be in the 3rd or 4th grade when Mary and Dean moved in next store. I remember it was a pretty big deal for a little kid getting new neighbors. What great neighbors and great friends to our family. When returning to Iron Mountain to visit family I would usually either catch up with Dean at Hunting Camp or stop in at the Library to say hi to Mary. The best visits were at their home sitting at the kitchen table telling stories, Usually laughing telling stories about their first dog Stormy ruling the neighborhood. R.I.P. Mary Steve and Kathy Zablocki

Stephen P. Zablocki - June 28, 2023 at 10:33 AM

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“ Steve and Kathy Zablocki purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Margaret Geronimi.



Steve and Kathy Zablocki - June 28, 2023 at 10:05 AM

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“ Steve and Kathy Zablocki planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Margaret Geronimi.

Steve and Kathy Zablocki - June 28, 2023 at 10:05 AM

JJ

“ My deepest condolences to Dean and the family.

Jason Julian - June 28, 2023 at 07:38 AM

LM

“ Dean and Family, Our sincere sympathies to all of you at this difficult time.

Dean, we enjoyed visiting with you both and will miss Mary at the store.

God Bless all of you!

Jim, Lori, Brad and Luke Machus

Lori k Machus - June 28, 2023 at 12:56 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret Geronimi.*



June 27, 2023 at 09:12 PM



“ *I have so many beautiful memories of my dear friend, Mary! We love to play cards and we're in the same car club for 14 years! But most of all, we really love to sit and have coffee and just chat. She was one of a kind and a most beautiful person! in between cards and coffee, we did sneak in a little racquetball for several years. Well, that is until she beat me on every game! She will be sadly missed this is from her dear friend, Susan, Martin Tirschel.*

Susan Martin Tirschel - June 27, 2023 at 07:48 PM



“ *Dear Dean and family. Am so sorry to hear about Mary. She will be missed by many. May she rest in peace. My sympathy to you all.*

Cynthia Gordon - June 27, 2023 at 11:52 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Margaret Geronimi.*



June 27, 2023 at 09:20 AM