



Mary Modzinski

June 23, 2008

IRON MOUNTAIN - Mary J. Bolster Fontecchio Modzinski, 65, of White Birch Village in Iron Mountain, died Monday, June 23, 2008, at her home.

She was born on Aug. 1, 1942, in Sagola, the daughter of the late Robert Bolster and Dorothy Process.

Mary graduated from Kingsford High School in 1960. She worked for the Mid-Peninsula Library Cooperative for many years. She was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 3674 Ladies Auxiliary and the Red Hat Ladies of Iron Mountain. Mary enjoyed knitting, using her computer, reading about the Mafia, and singing karaoke. She was a friend to many and was always a good listener.

She is survived by three children, Scott Fontecchio of Reno, Nev., Sandra (Chuck) Lantz of Iron Mountain, and Jeff Fontecchio of Iron Mountain; three brothers, Gerald Bolster of Minnesota, Larry Bolster of Argonne, Wis. and Richard (Peggy) Lindberg of Rochester Hills, Mich.; five sisters, Helen Zimmerman of Niagara, Wis., Betty Schenk of Amery, Wis., Genean (Keith) Granger of Iron Mountain, Lisa LaHaie of Chicago, and Judy Lindberg of Burlington, Wis.; two grandsons, Parker Scott Fontecchio of Reno and Cully D. Lantz of St. Louis, Mo.; her best friends, Wes and Gloria Fontecchio; her cat, Izzabella; and many beloved nieces, nephews, and special friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Helen Lindberg; two brothers, LeRoy Bolster and Carl Lindberg; and two sisters, Rose Tulilla and Pearl Bianchetti.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home.

The VFW Post 3674 Ladies Auxiliary will have a prayer service on Monday at 5:50 p.m. at the funeral home.

Funeral services will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home. Rev. David Anderson will officiate.

Burial will be in the Felch Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established.

Condolences to the family of Mary Fontecchio Modzinski can be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Tribute Wall

SP

“ To Mary's Family Mary was a very special friend. We were so lucky to have her in our Red Hat group. She lit up the room whenever she entered. I will really miss her. Sandy if there is anything I can do to help just call.

Sandy Pukall

Sandy Pukall - July 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ Scott, Sandy, Wes, Jeff and family - our family's thoughts and prayers are with you. We have so many wonderful memories and good times to reflect on. I will most of all remember Mary's smile, laugh, and the way she would raise her eyebrows when speaking to you in making a point. I cherish the thoughtful conversations we had over the many years during my own upbringing which she provided a hand in. She lived, loved, and laughed in no particular order and that is what is most important during our time on earth....Take Care - Frank

Frank , Sally, Jonathan & Alan Bernard - June 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Scott and Sandy, I'm so sorry to hear about your Mom. Some of my best memories involve her laughing at me and Scott for the dumb things we did. She was one of the truly nicest people I have ever known. I'm sorry we won't be able to attend the funeral, we are going to be out of town. My thoughts are with you guys.

Scott & Lisa Hansen - June 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ To Mary's Family, I'am so sorry to hear about My dearest friend and grandma to my son Nicholas had to leave us so suddenly. We will miss her so much. And we will never forget her for the things she done for us. She was a mother to me after my mother died in 2002. Her in my son did alot things together too, all the time she play cards with him and games on the computer. Before my mom died we all went to casino in the Saulte. I will really miss her and all her laughter. Love Mary and Nick Roach

Mary Roach - June 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Mary was a beautiful person and we will miss her very much. Mary was a wonderful sister-in-law and dear friend to both of us.. With deepest sympathy to Mary's family.
Love Allen&Linda

Linda Silsby &Allen Pierce - June 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ The Lord has called one of his finest ANGLES home to sit at his side.
I feel blessed to have known Mary she never had a mean thing to say about anyone she was the kindest person I have ever met her Love for her family and friends was PURE. soft spoken and big hearted I will truley miss her!
Prayers to the family

(Atlanta Michigan Friend)

Kelly Collins - June 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Sandy, Scott, Jeff and all of our loved ones. Mary will be missed by all of us, but like me, I am sure there are so, so many people that will carry many memories the rest of their lives, as I will, of our Mary, some good, some bad, some really funny, some really sad, some just a memory. I know of no one that did not love our Mary. I will never have a Best Friend I could love anymore than I do Mary. She was all I could ever ask for in a friend. I was honored to be her friend. I never called her with a problem, a question, a happy moment, need of help or anything else that she didn't take time for me. My heart goes out to all of you. My Love to all of the family.
Gloria

Gloria Fontecchio - June 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ sadly missed by your sisters

betty and helen - June 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Aunt Mary you will always be my " Favorite Auntie " lol and Cassi was also so lucky and fortunate to have known you and blest by your great heart that was full of love and compassion. I know she will miss the games and conversation on POGO that she had with you and Aunt Helen. Scott, Sandy, Jeff and the rest of the family you will be in our prayers and thoughts. I am sorry that we can make it to the funeral. Aunt Mary is well loved in out hearts.

Michael, Michelle, & Cassi Pierce - June 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Dear Scott and Family,
We were so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. Tony shared with us her wonderful and loving personality. With her facial features, the karaoke and computers, we feel we knew her through you Scott. Our thoughts are with you all...

John & Sandy in Reno - June 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

J(

“ Wes, Sandy, Scott and family,
I am so saddened to hear of Mary's passing. I will never forget the good times I had at your old house when Sandy would babysit me. Mary had such a kind soul and was so full of love and laughter. May you all find comfort in each other.

Jessi

Jessica Dorey (Geniesse) - June 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Words seem to be inadequate and not enough to express my sorrow for your loss. Mary was such a wonderful grandmother and mother-in-law. She was a kind, beautiful person who will be dearly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Remember "Life is precious. Love is eternal. Death is merely a door separating where we are from where we are going".
Love, Julie

Julie Fontecchio - June 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ To Mary's Beloved Family,

Brian and I are so sad that your Mom, Grandma and friend is gone. She will be missed by us. We were helpful in getting her ready to move back to the UP to be with the family she loves so much. I looked forward to her e mails, be they personal messages, jokes or information. We will miss our e mail chats and her beautiful kind spirit. May God be with all of you that are left behind and know that she was loved here in Atlanta, MI and is sorely missed.

*Brian and Dianna Johnson
Atlanta, MI*

Brian and Dianna Johnson - June 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ You are the best grandma and I love you very much! I loved coming to Michigan to play with you and your cat. I liked it when you took me to Wal-Mart and got me Batman toys. I liked watching you play card games on the computer. I will miss you very much! Love,
Parker

Parker Fontecchio - June 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Sandy,
I was so sorry to hear about your mom's passing. Mary was a dear friend to me and I will miss her very much. Mary could always see the good in a bad situation and was a person I felt fortunate to have had as a friend and to me she was a sister, I loved her dearly. If there is anything you need do not hesitate to call me.

Carole McLaughlin - June 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

J(

“ I knew Mary for many years and will always remember the many times we shared. Full of laughter, tears, ups and downs, the years are full of memories of a wonderful woman.
Everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her was touched by her warmth and loving ways. From Karaoke to Computers we did it all with laughs and love. I will miss you, Rest in Peace
My prayers to the family.

Jan Mapley (Regul) - June 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Wes, Gloria, Sandy, Scott, Jeff - everyone. I'm so sorry to hear about Auntie Mary - she was so loved by all of us and will be missed. I only have great memories of her infectious laugh & warm heart. She was a special lady to all who knew her. My Love - Clare

Clare Callahan(Fontecchio) - June 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SU

“ Sandy

My heart bleeds for you and your family. I'm here if you need anything.

Sue - June 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM