



## Mildred Kotwica

August 29, 1943 - August 29, 2009

NORWAY - Mildred B. Kotwica, 66, of 1839 6th Ave. in Norway, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, Aug. 29, 2009, at her home.

She was born on Oct. 17, 1942, in Cleveland, Ohio, and was the daughter of the late Leo and Nancy (Plohr) Klauck.

She married Eugene Kotwica on May 20, 1961.

Mildred was a United States Navy veteran. She enjoyed friends and family and believed in living life to its fullest. She always had a smile on her face for anyone she met. In her youth she was a championship roller skater. She was the glue that held the family together during her husband's naval career. Mildred owned Phaze II Productions out of Chicago before retiring in Norway.

She loved music and was proud to have won her first karaoke contest. A woman of many talents, she was an artist, pianist, singer, songwriter and story teller. She won a state championship with her cheerleading squad in Illinois.

Mildred enjoyed games of all kinds and was a member of a dart team and pool team. She also enjoyed collecting angels and playing games at home with her children and grandchildren

Mildred is survived by her beloved husband, Eugene. She was the loving mother of Karrie Lynn of Norway, Dianna Larson of Norway and Kevin Kotwica of Illinois; grandmother of Eugene Trusky, Samantha Trusky, Shawn Monteros, Evette Kotwica, Bailey Harris and Gage Kotwica.

Mildred was preceded in death by her son, Robin; two brothers; and two sisters.

Visitation will be Thursday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain.

The funeral service will follow at 6 p.m. at the funeral home. Pastor Mark Markham will officiate.

A memorial will be established in her memory.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Mildred Kotwica 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.

# Tribute Wall

KA

“ I'm sorry I'm the only child who posts here in remembrance. I miss you and Dad and feel so blessed we had you two as our parents.



Karrie - February 16, 2025 at 06:14 AM

MK

Hi, I'm Merrie Klauck, my father James Klauck has been looking for you for years. He would like to get in touch. 407-692-8648

Merrie Klauck - July 09, 2025 at 08:12 AM

MG

James Klauck is your mother's brother.

Merrie Gentry - August 20, 2025 at 06:44 PM

MI

Today I was remembering the time I attended ITT in Hoffman Estates (1992). Your father came to mind. He was my first instructor. He taught me a lot about electronics and he always had great stories to tell. Sorry for your loss. Mike Laputa

mike - February 07 at 12:08 AM

KL

“ Still missing you so much, Mom.



Karrie Lynn - September 13, 2018 at 09:53 PM

KL

“ *Still missing you, mom.*



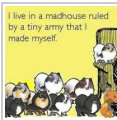
Karrie Lynn - August 11, 2016 at 08:42 AM

KL

“ *Mom, you always made Christmas so special, thank you for a lifetime of wonderful memories. I love you and miss you every day.*



Karrie Lynn - December 25, 2015 at 04:06 AM



*Still missing you!*

Ka Lynn - December 28, 2021 at 03:15 PM

EK

“ *Hi grandma! i miss you oh so much!! its christmas eve today and all i want is my family to spend it with. i really wanna hug u one last time! atleast say goodbye. i love you! please watch over me and my son who is almost here.*

*Merry christmas,  
Evette Kotwica*

Evette Kotwica - December 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ Hey i thought of you today, just fun memories! i miss u soo much and so does dad he really needs u guys right now! i pray that u guys will make us strong with our health and our strength. tell grandpa i love him and miss him. oh i have something to tell u i never liked ur salty chicken lol it was good after u scraped the salt off

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**Evette Kotwica - granddaughter** - February 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ To All who have posted to the family upon this board,  
Our family thanks each and every one of you for your kind words and inspirational thoughts. Mom will truely be missed. May God watch over you and yours.

Sincerely,  
The Family of Millie Kotwica

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**Karrie Lynn** - September 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Grandma. I love you and I love grandpa. I am sorry for not being there. I don't know what to say but I love you both.. Shawn

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**Shawn** - September 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Here is a little poem I wrote for Milly.. Hope you all enjoy it and then there is a inspirational saying that I found that I wanted to share with everyone. It reminds me of Milly:

### MOTHER

*My mom shes very kind and gental  
But please don't get her mad  
I promise you if you do  
You'll wish you never had  
She may look like a little lady  
some one to boss around  
but don't make that mistake  
She will hit you with a frying pan*

*God looked around his Garden and found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon his earth and saw your loving face  
He put his name around you and lifted you to rest.  
His Garden must be beautiful, he always takes the best.  
He knew that you were suffering, he knew you were in pain.  
And knew that you would never get well on earth again.  
He saw your path was difficult, he closed your tired eyes,  
He whispered to you "Peace be Thine" and gave you wings to fly.  
When we saw you sleeping so calm and free of pain,  
We would not wish you back to earth to suffer once again.  
You've left us precious memories, your love will always be our  
guide,  
You live on through your children & grandchildren, you're always by  
our side.  
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you one the day God called you home.*

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Christy, Shawn & Evette - September 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EV

“ *grandma i have alot to say and not sure how to say it all! but i can say i love u and i wish i could be up there but i cant make it! i love and miss u so much! but we all will see you later on in the future! U WILL BE MISSED SOOOOO MUCH BY MANY!! R.I.P.*

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**EVETTE** - September 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ To Grandpa Gene (aka grumpa) & Grandma Milly,

*I am so sorry were not able to make it up there. But in our hearts and souls were so fortunate to have been apart of your life. We will miss you so much Milly. You were an inspiration for me to be a better mother to my children. You showed me how to be a better mom, to love and cherish my children no matter what. If it were not for you and Gene I don't know what or were I would have been in my life. You both took me in when I was homeless with a 3 month old baby. I was so scared, lost, and afraid. But you didn't care. Both of you guys welcomed me with open arms. You showed me love, compassion, and what a true family is. I thank you both for giving me an inspiration to live. For my upbringing was so misfortunate. Me being a stranger in your home with defenseless baby you both showed me the most love anyone has ever showed me in my life. I will never forget the bees attacking milly cleaning out the shed. The happy and the sad nights sitting drinking coffee at the kitchen table. The persistence of teaching me to be a better mom. Still to this day I do fold towels only the way Milly taught me. I am so sorry I went out on my own journey and forgotten about you guys. My love is and always will be there you Milly. I want to thank you again for EVERYTHING you have done and given me. #1 your unconditional love for not judging me, for loving me for who I am not what everyone wanted me to be. I am so sorry I didn't call you the other day like I told Kevin, I will never forgive myself for the last opportunity of being able to say hello. Now I have to say good-bye and it is killing me inside. Now I will learn don't take time for granted for you will never know when will be the last time to say good-bye.*

LOVE ALWAYS

CHRISTY, SHAWN & EVETTE

FOREVER YOU WILL ALWAYS BE IN OUR HEARTS

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Christy, Shawn & Evette - September 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TI

“ Kevin, My heart goes out to you and your family during this time. I didn't know your mom but her smile says it all. I think you have some pretty good memories of her to hold on to. I will keep you in my prayers. Tina

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**Tina** - September 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I only knew her for a short time visiting her granddaughter, my friend sam. She accepted me into the family just by meeting her. im glad to have met her. I will pray for your family...

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**christina hoffman** - September 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Gene and family,

*Millie will be sorely missed. She was always so hospitable, giving, and friendly. I enjoyed getting to know you and your family over the years and wish that we could have spent more time together. Lydia and I will be constantly keeping you in our prayers!*

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**Matthew P.** - September 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ Gene, Kari, Diana and family:

*We were so sorry to hear of Millie's passing. Our deepest sympathies to your family.*

*She was so much fun, always made you smile because hers was so infectious. We will all miss her. Our prayers are with you all.*

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**Garth and Gail Green** - September 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ *I will personally miss Millie very much her smile, and how she gave dress up necklaces to my girls in church. She was so giving. In Christ Tabitha Ostermann (We will miss her)*

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**Tabitha** - September 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Kevin and Gage.. My deepest sympathy to you and your entire family at this time. Your mother and grandmother sounded like a wonderful lady who brought joy to everyone around her. My thoughts and prayers go out to you...I will continue to keep you in my prayers..*

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**Bridget Simon** - September 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM