



Mildred C. Stearns

September 15, 1948 - April 16, 2022

Mildred C. "Millie" Stearns, 73, of Kingsford, passed away on Saturday, April 16, 2022 at Promedica Nursing & Rehab in Kingsford..

She was born September 15, 1948 in Fort Collins, CO, daughter of the late Urb and Jeanette (Hockers) Steinmetz. Millie graduated from Escanaba High School in 1966 and went on to attend Lansing Community College. She married Jim Stearns on August 17, 1968 in Escanaba. They moved to Kingsford in 1980, and Millie worked as a transcriptionist for many years, retiring in 2018. She also founded and operated Millie's Steno Service in 1992. She was a member of American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford and was a 10+ gallon blood donor. Millie enjoyed reading, fishing, playing pinochle, collecting antique picture postcards and played adult soccer for many years. Most of all, she cherished time spent with her family.

Millie is survived by her children, Jim Stearns of Kingsford and Wendy (Brad) Koski of Iron Mountain; brothers, Bob (Judy) Steinmetz and Jim (Terry) Steinmetz; sisters, Lee (Den) Deneau and Mary (Pat) Steinmetz-Ness; brother-in-law, Tom (Deb) Stearns of Bark River; sisters-in-law, Mary Lou Carrigan and Sharon Steinmetz; granddaughters, Maddie and Baylee Koski; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Millie was preceded in death by her husband, Jim;

and a brother, Pete Steinmetz.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 21, from 9:00 am until 10:30 am at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Funeral services will follow at 11:00 am on Thursday at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. Fr. Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian burial. Burial will be in the Homestead-Aurora Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Jim and Bob Steinmetz, Dennis Deneau, Brad Koski, Pat Ness, and Tom Stearns.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Kathy's House at <https://kathys-house.org/ways-to-give/> or the Iron Mountain Senior Center.

Condolences to the family of Millie Stearns may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Cemetery Details

Homestead-Aurora Cemetery

Aurora, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Avenue
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
(906) 774-7676
nashfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

DM

“ Sorry to hear the news. I'd always call Jim and Millie every Christmas. They made it out to New Mexico to ride the Tram up Sandia Mt a couple years ago. It was a good visit. Went to MSU with Jim and knew them from that time. Now they're both gone on a new adventure! Don Meaders Albuquerque NM

Donald G Meaders - December 31, 2022 at 09:39 PM

JB

“ We give thanks for the presence of Millie in our lives. she was a person of faith through whom the Light of the Lord guided the way for others. May her children and grandchildren find succor in the knowledge that she rests in peace with the Father, the Son, and the holy Spirit.

Jan and Jim Byrne

Jim Byrne - May 01, 2022 at 04:23 PM

LO

“ Our family will always remember Millie when her family arrived at our family Farm in Fayette in 1950 or 1951 from Ft Collins, Co.. They were all tired and were glad to end the long trip to Mich. Most little girls in Fayette had dark hair so she stood out with such white hair. Millie was always a kind and loving person and loved by all. We share your loss. She will be missed by all.. ...Cousins Larry and Linda St. Ours

Larry & Linda St. Ours - April 21, 2022 at 01:53 PM

RJ

“ My name is Roland Jacobson. Bobbie Erickson, Millie and myself was the entire 1st grade at Central School in Stonington. Millie was definitely the smartest and helped us with our schoolwork each day. After all, there was only one teacher for the entire school - Mr. Steinmetz. So many memories from those days. My sympathy to all of the family.

Roland Jacobson - April 20, 2022 at 04:23 PM

BL

“ I graduated with Millie. Always enjoyed seeing her at reunions and the last few years at our "66" luncheon. Always a beautiful smile on her face. My thoughts and prayers go to you all during your difficult time. Becky Lehman

Becky Lehman - April 20, 2022 at 03:26 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mildred C. Stearns.



April 20, 2022 at 10:56 AM

LR

“ We are so sorry to hear about Millie. While we never met her my Mom and Duane always spoke so highly of both your parents. Please know that we are thinking of all of you during this difficult time. Hugs.

Lori, Duane, Chris and Carleigh Rantala - April 20, 2022 at 09:05 AM

CB

“ So sorry for the loss of your sister in-law Tom.
Keeping the Stearns family in our thoughts &
prayers.

Sincerely~
Cheryl (Kalishek) & Dennis



Cheryl Bernard - April 19, 2022 at 04:58 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for
the family of Mildred C. Stearns.



April 19, 2022 at 02:49 PM

CB

“ Millie and Jim were part of Parent Group we started in the 90's.
Millie was a sweetheart and Jim, her Knight in Shiny Armor. As our
kids grew, we saw each other less but when we would run into each
other or get together, it was always a wonderful happy time
treasured time. Love to her whole family, Carolyn and Les Brown

Carolyn Brown - April 19, 2022 at 02:46 PM

BS

“ Thoughts and prayers to the entire Stearns family, especially Tom.

Bill Seronko

Bill Seronko - April 19, 2022 at 12:52 PM

MH

“ It's so ironic that I called you last week to wish you a Happy Easter and couldn't reach you. I remember so well all of the sleepovers we had at each other's house, Sunnyside school where we met, swimming in the quarry with your family, wetting the bed at your house (and your mom didn't care!), talking endlessly on the phone about everything, dances at the KC hall, and so much more! Friends since grade school, and you were the best! I'm so glad we had lunch together in the fall, the last time I saw you. I will miss you dearly ❤️

Myrna Norman Hron - April 19, 2022 at 11:10 AM

SH

“ Prayers and sympathy to the family of Millie. She was a dear and thoughtful cousin who shared time and love with her relatives in Green Bay when they would come for their yearly stamp display. My mom Margaret Hockers was one she gifted with her presence. God bless all of you and eternal rest to Millie and Jim

sr.charlene Hockers - April 19, 2022 at 10:23 AM

MR

With deepest sympathy to the family of Millie. We knew each other from Sunnyside School in Bark River. A group of us girls would always have fun at recess playing the many games we enjoyed back then.. jump rope tag, baseball and even marbles.. Always enjoyed spending time at Millie's home. We did lose contact for many years and happily reunited in the last couple years. Will miss her lots. Love, Mary (Bruce) Ross

Mary (Bruce) Ross - April 27, 2022 at 09:32 PM

RD

“ *Robyn Dennocenzo lit a candle in memory of Mildred C. Stearns*



Robyn Dennocenzo - April 19, 2022 at 09:56 AM

LR

“ *Love Todd and Cindy and Tim and Rachel purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Mildred C. Stearns.*



Love Todd and Cindy and Tim and Rachel - April 19, 2022 at 03:18 AM

CB

“ *Millie always had a smile on her face as I remember her from the class of '66. To her family and loved ones, I send my condolences and prayers.*
Cheryl Bast

Cheryl Juntunen Bast - April 18, 2022 at 07:28 PM

DS

“ So grateful to have had the solid relationship with Aunt Millie & Uncle Jim over the decades. They were amazing people, and perfect examples of understanding, acceptance and love. We will miss Aunt Millie so much.



Dede Schmidt - April 18, 2022 at 06:47 PM

YF

“ Millie and I enjoyed each other's company at bible study. We would talk about her granddaughter Maddie and my grandson Levi who went to the prom together last year. She was very impressed with Levi and his accomplishments. She added so much to our bible studies, Will miss her dearly!

Yvonne Fiorucci - April 18, 2022 at 05:31 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mildred C. Stearns.



April 18, 2022 at 04:51 PM

AS

“ I'm so sorry about your mom!! (Sister, aunt, grandma). Millie will be missed @ our class reunions.

Andrea Yanitsky Sullivan - April 18, 2022 at 04:30 PM

MP

“ *Millie will be remembered as a great person from the Class of '66!* ”

Marlene Paavilainen - April 18, 2022 at 04:08 PM