



## Nancy Dighera

March 1, 1937 - October 28, 2011

Nancy C. (LaPlante) Dighera, 74, of Kingsford, passed away on Friday, October 28, 2011 at Mayo Clinics St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN.

Nancy was born March 1, 1937 in Ishpeming, MI, daughter of the late Raymond and Lena (Seppi) LaPlante. . Nancy married Allan Dighera on August 31, 1963 in North Lake, MI. She has resided in Kingsford since 1984 and was a member of St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church. Nancy enjoyed sewing, cooking, doing arts & crafts, socializing and spending time with family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Allan; two sons, Anthony (Debbie) Dighera of Perris, CA and Dominick Dighera of St. Clair Shores, MI; a grandson, Antonin Dighera of Perris; a brother, William (Jean) LaPlante of Escanaba; a brother-in-law, Elroy Backman of Sebring, FL; and several nieces and nephews.

Nancy was predeceased in death by 2 sisters, Lorraine Cudahy and Charlotte Backman and a brother, Ralph LaPlante.

A memorial service will be held at a later date and will be announced prior to that time.

Burial will be in the Negaunee Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Nancy Dighera online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain.

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ Our thoughts of Christian sympathy are with you in the recent passing of Nancy....surely she will be missed by her family, friends and community...she will always be remembered as a kind, caring and talented person who shared her gifts with so many.

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**John and Marilyn Pontti - Ishpeming, MI - friend** - November 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Al,

*I am so sorry for your loss. I did not know Nancy well, yet she impressed me because she was so outgoing and easy to talk to. You two were always so personable and obviously enjoying your lives when I would see you at various functions. May God give you strength and peace. My sympathy to your sons and extended family as well.*

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**Alice (Ouimette) Reed - Iron Mountain, MI** - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Al, I wish to express my deepest sympathy on hearing of Nancy's passing. Jim & I lived a few houses away from Nancy & the LaPlante family. One does not forget old neighbors from North Lake Loc. May you always remember the good times and memories.

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**Lolita Barry (Rosebud) - Ishpeming, MI - Former neighbor (North Lake Loc. -**  
November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Al & family.*

*We were classmates together at Northern in the late 50's and early 60's. We are sorry for your loss and may you cherish all the wonderful years you were able to spend together as you nourished a family and friends along the way.*

*Jim & Charlotte Brainerd Mansfield  
Spokane, WA*

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**Jim & Charlotte Brainerd Mansfield - Spokane, WA** - November 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Dear Al: Karen and I were so sorry to hear of Nancy's passing. Please accept our deepest sympathies on your loss. I knew Nancy well as she was a good friend of my sister, and would stay at our home in Ishpeming on youth center dance nights. Goes back a long time. We were also able to get together with her brother, Ralph, before he passed away and enjoyed seeing him again. Again, our condolences to you and your family.*

*Jim and Karen Ombrello*

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**Jim Ombrello - The Villages, FL** - November 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Dear Al and Family; Dolores and I were sorry to hear of Nancy's passing. I knew Nancy from the North Lake days. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and family . Bob and Dolores Jandron*

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**Robert and Dolores Jandron - Negaunee, MI - Friend** - November 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Dad, so sorry to hear of Ma's passing. She seemed pretty chipper when we visited in August and I hoped she would pull through once more. Questions keep popping up that I would love to ask her - cooking and crafting advice. They will wait until we meet again! Wishing you peace and comfort. Love, Deb

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**Deborah Dighera - CA - daughter-in-law** - November 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Al and Family.....Joyce & I were saddened to learn of Nancy's passing. She was a wonderful person who will be missed by all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you , Al. Be strong.....hope to see you soon! May God be with you and yours!

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**Joyce & Bob Herman - Palmer, MI - Friend** - November 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy on the death of Nancy. I had only seen her a few times, the last being at my Auntie Renee's funeral. Prayers to the family.

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**Anne (Pepin) Michell - Palmer, MI** - November 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Coach,  
We were sorry to hear of Nancy's passing, keeping you and your family in our prayers. I remember when Bart and I came to visit and you welcomed us into your home. I have good memories of you both.

Lonnie

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**Lonnie and Marion St Aubin - NEGAUNEE - student/friend** - November 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ DEAR MR. DIGHERA, WAS A GREAT JOY TO HELP NANCY IN THE HOSPITAL. WE SURE DID LAUGH AND CHAT ALOT!!! WAS SADDEN TO READ ABOUT NANCY PASSING AWAY. I DIDN'T KNOW HER WELL BUT SHE MADE ME FEEL LIKE A PART OF YOUR FAMILY. MY PRAYERS AND LOVE GO OUT TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

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**MRS. MYRA WEEKS - SKANDIA, MI - CARE AIDE, MQT GENERAL HOSPITAL -**  
November 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Allan, so sorry to learn of your wife's passing. Our thoughts are with you and your family.

Gerry Stille  
Gwinn

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**Gerry Stille - Gwinn, MI -** November 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Al  
Very sorry to here of the passing of your wife. I'm sure you will miss her. Everytime I saw you and her you always took the time to say hello and I appreciate that. We wish you well  
Respectfully.  
Bob Copley

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**Robert Copley - Iron Mountain, MI - Friend -** November 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SI

“ Nancy was such a joy to have in my classes. She and Allan were two of the many students I had as I was beginning my teaching. She was always happy, smiling, and just a hoot.... and she always brought the best treats! She knew I had four boys at home and one with an appetite, she referred to him as "the stomach" and would always offer the leftover treats to me to take home to "the stomach". Although I haven't seen Nancy in a very long time, I have thought of her often. I am so blessed to have met Nancy! My deepest sympathy.

Sincerely,  
Susan Moll

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**Susan Moll - Niagara, WI - Her Continuing Ed. Instructor** - November 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Al and Family,

*Please accept my deepest sympathy and condolences at this difficult time. I know that loss is difficult but I also know that each person has the strength and reserves to carry on and move forward. May you and each member of your family find peace and solace in the days ahead.*

*Jim Mapes*

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**James Mapes - Northport, NY - Friend from long ago** - November 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My friendship with Nancy blossomed through shared emails and hobbies in common. Her messages always brightened a day and shared sites she knew I'd enjoy about the hobbies we enjoyed. Loved her sense of humor and envied her cooking/baking skills. I will miss her dearly. My heartfelt sympathy to Allan and all the family...we will keep all of you in our prayers. Sending hugs!*

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**Alice Jeanne Borowiec - Naperville, IL - Cousin by marriage** - November 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We had similar experiences with educator husbands & us at home crafting, sewing and comparing notes on everything from soup to nuts back on N. River Drive in Gwinn and again upon retirement in Dickinson County. I will miss her bubbly phone conversations & excitement over each new craft she tried. She was a wonderful upbeat, helpful, considerate friend. Our sincerest sympathy to Allan, Tony, Deb, Nino, & Nick. We will never forget the happiness & laughter she brought to all who knew her.*

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**Arlene & Len Trudeau - Norway, MI - Old friends.....** - November 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM