



## Patricia Kay Carlson

October 26, 1952 - January 19, 2022

Patricia Kay Carlson, 69, of Kingsford, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at her home.

“Someone special was greeting her at the gates of heaven, telling her that he missed her.” ♥

Patti was born October 26, 1952 in Iron Mountain, daughter of the late Lloyd and Ann (Zigman) Duford. She graduated from Kingsford High School in 1970 and was a lifelong resident of the area. Patti married her high school sweetheart, Thomas M. Carlson on August 21, 1971 at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. Patti and Tom founded and operated CJ Graphics for over 25 years. She was a member of St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church in Iron Mountain. She faithfully attended and treasured her Thursday prayer group and the beautiful friendships made with all of those ladies. Patti loved having coffee and socializing with cherished friends. She enjoyed many quality years spent with family, friends, and neighbors on the Menominee River, especially enjoying sunset cruises with Tom on their pontoon boat.

Patti was very close to both of her grandchildren and shared a special bond with each of them. They are going to miss their Grammie.

To know her, was to love her. Patti was a special lady with an abundance of kindness, caring and love for everyone. She will be sadly missed by anyone who knew her.

She is survived by a daughter, Nicole (Mike) Lutz of Iron Mountain; a son, Brandon Carlson (partner, Eric Hammer) of Ft. Lauderdale, FL; two grandchildren, Finnley and Lawson Lutz; a brother, Larry Duford of Iron Mountain; two brothers-in-laws, Gary (Susan) Carlson and Dan (Jane) Carlson; a very special sister-in-law, Christine (Gene) Peterson; several nieces and nephews, and special friends, Marilyn and John Lutz.

A Memorial Mass will be offered at 9:00 am on Saturday, August 20, 2022 at St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church in Iron Mountain. Fr. Janusz Romanek will officiate. Burial will be in the Quinnesec Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Patti Carlson online at [www.e rnashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.e rnashfuneralhomes.com)

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

# Cemetery Details

## Quinnesec Cemetery

Menominee Street  
Quinnesec, MI 49876

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

AUG 20. 9:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church  
414 Prospect Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Tribute Wall

VT

“ I didn't know Patti well but whenever I had a project that needed printing, I went to her at CJ Graphics. The work was always done beautifully and on time. She was a joy to work with- I wish I had known her better! My condolences to the family as she has left them too soon. Via Thomas

Via Thomas - January 25, 2022 at 07:58 PM

KB

“ Patti was a special lady, with a heart of gold! She certainly will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Praying for Peace and Comfort for her family 🙏 She is in God's arms.

Kathy Butler - January 23, 2022 at 09:25 AM

KH

Patti Kay was a very special lady, that always had a smile and a warm , giving heart! I will treasure all the memories with her forever, been with her for 65 years! Can't replace her! ❤️❤️

Kathy (Provencher) Henry - January 23, 2022 at 10:36 PM

PV

So sorry for your families loss loved her great friend with a big heart all our love and prayers

Pat and Deena Verrette - January 24, 2022 at 10:02 AM

BD

Thoughts and prayers to your family on the passing of Patti. She was always so professional and nice at CJ Graphics. Cherish your memories.

Brenda DeAmicis - January 24, 2022 at 10:38 AM

KG

*Dear Nicole, Brandon and family, our deepest sympathy for the loss of your beloved mother. Patty was the most kind and thoughtful lady and she will be missed by all who knew her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all to find the strength to get through this difficult time.*

*Jim and Kay Gauthier*

**kay gauthier** - January 25, 2022 at 06:44 AM

MI

*Patti was a sweetheart and always so kind and compassionate, she will truly be missed. She loved her family so much and prayers go out to Brandon, Nicole and your families.*

**michelle** - January 25, 2022 at 08:49 AM

CS

*Nicole and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Your mom was so sweet. She will be missed by many. May you and your family find peace at this sad time while enjoying the wonderful memories you shared with your mom.*

**cheryl schorman** - January 25, 2022 at 06:35 PM

MF

*Patti was a beautiful person inside and out. She had a heart of gold and was always there to give a helping hand to anyone who needed it. I could always count on her to ring the bells for the Salvation Army during our kettle campaign. We had many good times on the Colorado River with Patti & Tom. When Tom passed a part of Patti went with him. I am glad she is with the love of her life❤️ We will miss her very much and our sympathy to Brandon, Nicole & family. I know all your wonderful memories will get you thru this tough time.*

**Mike & Debbie Floriano** - January 27, 2022 at 09:49 AM

GN

*Brandon and Nicole, Your mom was the best. We were children together and went skating at the E K Ice Rink. She was the same sweet girl always. Some children never have a lovely mom, you did. Our hearts go out to you two, remember she is still with you in your memories and your in your heart. Youll see her again in heaven love*  
*Gayle & Craig Nault*

**Gayle Nault** - January 31, 2022 at 10:41 AM