



## Rochelle Marie Paoletti

July 14, 1944 - June 21, 2010

Rochelle “Shelly” Marie Paoletti, 65, of Kingsford, peacefully arrived with her Lord on Monday, June 21, 2010 after a short, courageous battle with cancer.

Shelly was born on July 14, 1944 and was a lifelong resident of Kingsford. She was the youngest child of Millard and Alice (Glaser) White. She attended American Martyrs Catholic grade school through the 8th grade and graduated from Kingsford High School Class of 1962. When she was young, her parents owned and operated Enterprise Dry Cleaners. She married Michael “Micky” Curran in 1964 and together they had 3 children. He preceded her in death in 1977.

She worked for many years as a telephone operator for Michigan Bell then enjoyed her time as a stay-at-home Mom. She re-joined the work force again retiring from Shopko in 2006 after 25 years. In 1991, she married Nick Paoletti III.

Shelly enjoyed flower gardening, shopping and 4-wheeling with her loving husband. She was an amazing painter and artist. She immensely loved spending time with her grandchildren and attending many of their sporting events. She was a faithful member of American Martyrs Church and enjoyed working with the ladies there.

Shelly is survived by her husband, Nick, her children Kevan (Jessica) Curran, their children Kyle, Kameron, Konner, of Dayton, Ohio, her son Keith (Sarah) Curran, their children Justin, Andrew, William, of Appleton, her daughter Kandace Curran, her children, Kayla, Brooke Lynn, and Tanner of Stephenson, Michigan. She is further survived by her brother Ron (Ruby) White of Milwaukee, sisters-in-law Ann Paoletti, Chris (Hanson) Paoletti of Green Bay, and Linda (Bob) Vincent of Iron Mountain; and many aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces and cousins. She is also survived by her special "sister" (cousin) Sally Payette, and her faithful dog Pepper. Shelly (Nana) will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Joan Kujala, father-in-law, Nick Paoletti II, and brother-in-law, Michael Paoletti.

Visitation will be on Wednesday from 4:00 to 7:00pm at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Funeral services will be on Thurs at 11:00am American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. Fr. Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Shelly will be laid to rest at the Breitung Township Cemetery in Quinnesec.

Shelly's grandchildren will serve as pallbearers, per her request.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established.

The family wishes to express sincere appreciation to Dr. VanLaanen, Dr. Ziemba, St. Vincent Hospital 6th Floor ICU, 9th Floor Oncology, Green Bay Oncology, Dr. Tammela, PAC's Kristen and Martha, and Unity Hospice.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Rochelle "Shelly" Paoletti 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.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **23**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home  
901 Carpenter Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUN **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ *I'm so sorry Nick to hear about Shelly's passing she was one special person to know and work with. My heart and prayers go out to you and her family. All our Love; Sharon and Reid Hansen*

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**Sharon Hansen - Bullhead City, AZ - worked with Shelly at Shopko - August 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM**

EA

“ *Dear Nick:*

*I have just heard today about Shelly's passing. I am so sorry and i know that in your heart Shelly will be sadly missed. It was so nice that we we able to visit with her and you at Carmen's from time to time. We will always treasure those times. Please accept our consdolences. God Bless You, Lisa and Eric Gudenschwager.*

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**Eric and Lisa Gudenschwager - Batavia, IL - acquaintance - June 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM**

SM

“ *Kandace: I was very sorry to hear about your Mom. I just wanted you to know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Sheri Weinfurter-Simone - Kingsford, MI - June 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM**

KM

“ Our family cannot express enough all our appreciation of thoughts and prayers for mom in the past couple months. She really did keep her sickness private- and she thought she was going to be able to fight this cancer, so not everyone knew. Unfortunately, time was not on her side.

She is such a brave woman and never looked more beautiful in the past couple weeks as she faced everything head on. She accomplished so much in four days- it was amazing. She was still doing crafts for her grandchildren 24 hours before she slipped into a coma.

She could not have done all of this without Nick. What an inspiration they were to each other! He is the best loving, compassionate, husband any woman could ever ask for - and this was very evident up until the very last moment they spent together.

Thank you, Papa for being by her side- you two are very blessed to have that once in a lifetime love- that will never die.

God Bless you, Mom. We know you are still being loved and cared for in Heaven.

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**Kandace - My mom** - June 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Nick & family, we are so saddened by the loss of Shelly. She always had a smile for everyone!! Our sympathies & prayers are with you during this difficult time. Nate & Kris Czerwan

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**kris (gussert) czerwan - iron mountain, MI** - June 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ Nick and family,  
So sorry to read about Shelly, I didn't know she was sick.  
We worked together for years and she was such a fun person to  
work with. She sure loved all of you lots.  
She talked about the kids and grandkids all the time.  
She will be missed and to young to have gone.

Nancy Cook

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**Nancy Cook - kingsford, MI - co-worker and friend - June 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM**

SN

“ I am sorry about the loss of Shelly. May all of you find the peace  
and comfort of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Shelly is not suffering any  
more. God bless you all!

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**Sam Dykstra - Iron Mountain , MI - Friend and Coworker with Nic - June 23, 2010  
at 12:00 AM**

WL

“ May god bless you and keep you during this ruff time, the family will  
be in our prayers.

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**Whitney Lessor - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM**

PB

“ our deepest condolences Larry, Scott, Phyllis, Diana, &Wayne

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**phyllis kaczmarczyk - stephenson, MI - friends-menominee county fair bo -  
June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM**

DF

“ You will be greatly missed. We were so glad to have knowed you and have you as part of the family. God bless Nick and all the family.  
Duke and Alice Messner

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**Duke and Alice Messner - Crystal Falls, MI - Family and Friend** - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Nick and family. I'm so sorry for the loss of Shelly. All of us at Shopko are full of sorrow. How could the good Lord take her away from all of us?

*I'll always think of Shelly when eating watermelon she loved them so much. Our Birthdays were in the same week. We watched the same soaps even! I'll think of her often with smiles thinking of work in Bra -land and the purses. She taught me alot at work. Done by one lets have some fun! And we missed her*

*She sure loved her kids, grand kids and her dog. Nick your in the mix too. You two were never far apart. I'm so sorry her last few months were so difficult for you all. She would never want for that. She was such a fighter.*

*May the good Lord help you all in this time of sorrow and may your memories of Shelly last all the days of your lives.*

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**Charlene - Co-worker Friend** - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Sorry to hear about Shelly's passing. I hope you are doing well Nick. She will be sadly missed. Your family is in my thoughts through this time of need.

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**Johanna Sirovy - friend from A&W** - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Dear Nick , Im lost for words , I just seen you guys in green bay a month or so ago and I had no idea Shelly was that sick. I was thinking about all the great storys you used to tell us about you and Shelly , you's were two peas in a pod. Your a one of a kind guy who had so much love for your wife, and most people were envious of the love you' s shared together. I know we havent been in touch in a while since we worked together but i want you to know if there is anything you need or just need to talk please dont hesitate to call. You and her kids and grandkids are in are prayers.  
Take Care

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**Angela & Joe Poquette - Kingsford, MI - friend of Nick** - June 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ So sorry for the loss of a very dear person. I wasn't aware of her illness. Rest in peace. My condolences to all friends and family.

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**Jenni Lindstrom - past co-worker** - June 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I am so glad I got to see Auntie Shelly over the 2010 Memorial Day weekend while up in the U.P. visiting with my dad's side of the family!!! It had sure been a long time--7 years since I had seen her and it was at my mom's funeral back in 2003. Too long...

When I shared with my 6 year old yesterday the sad news that Auntie Shelly had gone to heaven and we were headed up north for the celebration of her life Ciara said "Mom - she's with my Grandma Joan in heaven now! Isn't this great??? She is with her sister and we have another angel looking over us!! " It was just precious...

I have to bet they are both painting up a storm together in heaven this very moment and so at peace....What a beautiful thought!

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**Kathy Porter (Kujala) - Town of Raymond, WI - My Auntie - my mothers sister -**  
June 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ To Shelly's family, my thoughts & prayers are with you all during this time of sorrow. You all have lost a great lady, who's life touch many. May God comfort you during this time. With my deepest sympathies,

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**Jennifer Sorensen Flynn - Kingsford, MI -** June 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ So sorry and shocked to hear of Shelly's passing, I did not know she was ill. We worked at the phone company together and had many good times. Our first borns were a month apart and we remained friends forever.

She was a great gal and friend. I will cherish her memory, and keep her dear family in my thoughts and prayers. My deepest sympathy.  
Mary Flaminio

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**Mary Flaminio - Quinnesec, MI - friend/ co-worker -** June 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM