



Sarah Hoffman

October 1, 1977 - October 1, 2010

Sarah Lynn Hoffman, 33, of Iron Mountain, died unexpectedly Friday, Oct. 1, 2010, at Bell Memorial Hospital in Ishpeming.

She was born on July 5, 1977, in Iron Mountain, daughter of Richard Ledgend and Marjorie Turner Garrow. Sarah graduated from North Dickinson High School in 1995.

She married Michael Hoffman on June 17, 1997, in Iron Mountain. Sarah worked as a surgical technician at the Garrett Eye Center the past eight years. Sarah was a wonderful mother to her three beautiful children. Sarah was also a caring, giving person, always concerned for others. She was a member of the Sagola Presbyterian Church and a strong supporter of the U.P. Bear Houndsman Association. She enjoyed horseback riding and raising Westies and bear dogs. An avid hunter, Sarah shot a couple of bears and many deer over the years.

She is survived by her husband, Michael Hoffman; three children, Brianna, Evan, and Aylah Hoffman; her father Richard Ledgend of Granite Bluff; her mother, Marjorie (Roger) Garrow of Randville; two brothers, Richard Ledzian (Rita Martin) of Randville and Josh Garrow of Randville; her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Tim and Barb Hoffman of Sawyer Lake; two sisters-in-law, Laurie (Alex) Knoll of Fults, Ill. and Jenny (Todd) Roell of Channing; three

nieces, Skye, Raina, and Kiira Ledzian and five nephews, Colin, Tyler, and Nicholas Roell, and Derek and Henry Knoll.

She was preceded in death by one son, Grant Hoffman, in 1998.

Visitation will be Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 4 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Rev. David Anderson will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in her memory.

Condolences to the family of Sarah Lynn Hoffman can be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 7. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

OCT 7. 4:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Josh Garrow sent a virtual gift in memory of Sarah Hoffman



Josh Garrow - October 01, 2025 at 12:21 AM

AH

“ hi mom, it's aylah. i miss you very much and not a day has gone by that i haven't thought of you. i wish you could be here to see us kids and what we have accomplished in our lives. We will tell your stories and memories to your now grandkids. we all love you very much and miss you very much. we know you're still watching over us and we can all feel you here with us. love you forever and always

Aylah Hoffman - January 11, 2023 at 01:37 PM

JS

“ Sissy, you have really made a BIG change to my life. I will never forgett the times we had. I will miss you so much. I will never forget the time we had gone bear hunting, the zoo, going out to eat, cutting my hair, and how you use to poke me in my chest and made me laugh so hard that i would cry. I will never be the same with out you. The holidays won't be the same without you. I wish that this would have never happened. This has really changed my life, and how i could've took it all back. I wish that i would have stoped over way more to see you. But you now sissy that i'm sorry that i didn't. You know that i love you, and i know that you love me. I still think about you to this day. i will never foget you. How could I ? You were the best sister that anyone could ask for. Thank you for doing all that you could. I really miss and love you SISSY!

Josh Garrow & Kaycee Urban - sister - November 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ To receive such sad news is indeed a blow to our family----we just heard of this tragic event today. Even though we only met Sarah a few times while "adopting" a Westie puppy ('Angus MacDuff) we considered her a friend. From the moment we first met her and her wonderful kids we could tell she was, indeed, a special person. She will be missed by all who knew her.
Rest assured that you, (and all of us) will meet again. Until that time we shall keep her and you in our thoughts and prayers---
MAY GOD BLESS HER AND ALL OF YOU
Jim and Jackie Wheeler

Jim and Jackie Wheeler - Gwinn, MI - Friends - October 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Mike & family - we just learned of your loss today. Our thoughts are with all of you.

Claude & Linda McLain - Trenary, MI - friends - October 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ To the family of Sarah, Our prayers go out to you her family and her blessed husband and wonderful children...i am so sorry to hear about your loved one, wanted you to know even tho I never met her, my heart and prayers go out to you at this time and forever, may God watch over you and heal the pain, just know that God has his reasons even tho we don't agree, so sorry .love maureen julian pasten

maureen julian pasten - woodbury , MN - friend - October 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Dear Mike
Its been hard on you. I'm very sorry to hear that you have lost the love of your life. It feels so unreal. If you ever need anything just get ahold of me.

*Love Ya Guys!
Kaycee Urban and Josh Garrow*

Kaycee Urban - kingsford, MI - friend-sister - October 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *I had known Sarah many years ago just after graduating from Norway. She was one of the warmest, friendliest personalities of any I had known. She will be sorely missed, and I offer my deepest condolences to her family.*

Brian Gattrra - Wentzville, MO - Friend - October 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Mike and family,*

I feel blessed to have been able to work with Sarah for the last 4 years. Sarah was a wonderful person and a beautiful mother to her children which she loved very much. Sarah could take a bad day and turn it into a good day, as she was always full of laughter and funny faces. There are not enough words to express how devastating Sarah's death has been. My prayers go out to your family.

Debra Hunter- Co -worker Garrett Eye Center

Debra Hunter - friend - October 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Hoffman I am so sorry to hear of your loss. When I worked with you at Grede Foundry you had nothing to but great things to say about Sarah. I didn't know her personally but from the smile she put on your face, and the look in your eyes said it all. Keep your head high cause the memory's you two sheared will last a life time. Our Condolences to you and your children...

Michael & Sandra Wessman - Little Rock Air force Base, AR - Freind - October 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Hoffman Family, our deepest sympathy is extend to all of you. Our prayers are most certainly with you. The Helpers' Family

The Helpers' Family - October 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I have, and always will, remember Sarah as a kind and happy person, always sharing her joy with others. Her joy was a gift and a blessing to others. My sincerest condolences go out to all of Sarah's family. Your loss is unimaginable. Know your grief is shared by all who knew Sarah. May the wonderful memories made during your lives together bring comfort and solace during this wrenching time.

Dianah Fayas - Iron Mountain, MI - Grade school classmate/friend - October 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

“ I met Sarah about 8 years ago when she started working at The Garrett Eye Center and at that time I was already working there. From the minute I met Sarah, I knew that we had a connection and would become great friends. Right off the bat she was friendly, funny, caring, and full of life and energy. I agree with the rest of the former and current co-workers that posted about the surgery days...they were long but, with Sarah and her contagious laugh right there next to you, she made it easier and fun. She always had a funny story to tell or a joke or did something that just made you laugh. But, her favorite stories to tell were the ones about Mike, her kids, and Grant. She had a heart of gold and would always see the best in any situation and would always make you feel better if you were having a bad day. We became good friends and I looked forward to seeing her at work every day. Then, I quit the Garrett Eye Center and moved on with another job. Sarah and I stayed in contact and would get together for lunch monthly and we would talk for hours, picking up right where we left off the last time, just like no time had passed. Sarah helped me in many ways especially when I suffered two miscarriages. She was that ONE person that understood what I was going through. I told her my feelings and thoughts and she knew exactly what I was talking about and made me feel comfortable and gave me the strength to keep fighting and to keep my chin up and that one day I will be a mother. I only hope that when that day comes for me, that I can be the kind of mother Sarah was. I always admired her and she has always held a special place in my heart since I met her. Mike- I am so sorry for your loss. You, the kids, and the rest of the family will be in my daily thoughts and prayers, always. You and the kids were Sarah's world...any time she talked about you guys, her eyes lit up and you could tell that she was extremely happy to be a wife and mother. I know she missed Grant dearly, every day, and she is now with him and taking care of him in Heaven...and they are both watching over you and the family. Sarah was a special friend to me and life was busy and we didn't get to see each other as often as we wanted to but, I will forever cherish the time I did get to spend with her.

*Love,
Bridget Raiche- Friend*

Bridget Brackett-Raiche - Kingsford, MI - Friend; Former Co-Worker - October 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ *I met Sarah along time ago thru a mutual friend. Dont know alot about her, but my heart is breaking for the family. I work at Bell and it affected us all who were here with her and the family this past weekend.*

KRIS OIEN - October 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *You can shed tears that she is gone,
or you can smile because she has lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back,
or you can open your eyes and see all she's left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her,
or you can be full of the love you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember her only that she is gone,
or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind,
be empty and turn your back.
Or you can do what she'd want:
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.”*

Marcie & Scott - Felch , MI - Freind - October 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ You will always be in our thoughts and prayers. Remembering all the things you did for all the kids over the years. Rest in Peace , Lincoln Brian cathy john pettibone

john pettibone - freind - October 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Mike and family,

Sarah was a great friend to me. I will never forget her laugh or her great sense of humor!! She was an amazing person and a wonderful wife and mother. I got to see Sarah everyday when I would drop my daughter Kalli and she would drop Aylah of at pre-school. Everyday when I had to drop Kalli off at daycare early she would always make sure Kalli was doing ok and that she had everything in her cubby at school! She would send a text to let me know she was ok. She was always so good to my Kalli. I had the wonderful opportunity to spend the night before Sarah's surgery with her and her family. It was an unexpected night for a visit but it was one of the best times I had in a while. It was a night full of laughter and smiles!! My fiance and I truly enjoyed it! Mike please let me know if you ever need anything at all. David and I are more than happy to help in any way. I would really like Kalli and Aylah to continue to have play dates together....it would mean a lot to Kalli and to me! My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your kids. May God give you the strength to get through this difficult time. You are all in my thoughts and prayers...

Kim Granquist - Friend/co-worker - October 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Mike, Brianna, Evan and Aylah,
I am so sorry about your sudden loss. When I think of Sarah I will always remember her smile, how much she loved her family and what a great mom she was. Sarah was an amazing person and will be missed by all who knew her. My heart breaks for you as you go thru this very sad time in your lives. Please know you are my family's thoughts and prayers. If there is anything at all we can do to help you during this diffucult time, do not hesitate to let us know. My deepest sympathies, Stacy Schinderle

Stacy Schinderle - friend - October 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Mike and Family,*
I had the wonderful experience of getting to know Sarah thru work we both started at Garrett Eye Center around the same time. I will always cherish the laughs that Sarah and I would have at work especially back in the surgical center. Sarah would make the very long surgical days go by fast with her fun personality and her great laugh. When the day wasn't going so well for me Sarah would pull me aside and tell me to hang in and would then follow up with something funny, she could always get me to laugh she was just that kind of person that could put a smile on your face. At work Sarah would always share stories about Mike and the kids you could tell she really loved being a wife and mother. While I was pregnant Sarah always gave me her motherly advise, if I was having a bout of morning sickness Sarah was the first to be in the kitchen at work looking for a bag of saltines for me to munch on. Sarah was such a nurturing person she loved to do things for everyone, even threw me a beautiful baby shower at her home that is something I will never forget. She did a beautiful job at making that day a very special memory.
It really breaks my heart to hear of this tragedy. Mike my sincere sympathy is with you and your family, you all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Jeanine Hunter - Alvin, WI - Co-worker and friend - October 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *rich and sarah famliy , we are very sorry to hear about your loss . she well alway be the sweet girl with the lovely smile to us only now it from above . may god bless her and all the rest of you..Rich pa has her with him now..*

paul bennet and famliy - iron mountain, MI - Ex -co worker - October 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ words escape us--our deepest sympathy to you all--czerwan family

nate, kris, jake & lauren czerwan - October 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Although we did not know Sarah until last week, when she and Evan, and one of the daughters, not sure wich one, came to our home selling Fundraisers for Evens school. Evan was throwing a Tennis ball for our dog Harley. Harley and Evan both enjoyed that. Sarah, was bright and smiling the whole time she talked with us. She proceeded to tell us a story about our front deck. She said that they had remodeled thier deck to look like ours. Her cheerfullness made us feel like we have known her a long time. Our deepest sympathy goes out to her family .
Dennis and Anna Martin

Dennis and Anna Martin - Merriman, MI - Neighbor - October 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Rich & Family;

Be assured Our thoughts and prayers are with you not only today but in the days and weeks to come. Death is never easy, it comes like a thief in the night and steals away someone we love. May our loving Father hold all of you close during these difficult days!

Roger & Nancy Irie - Manistique, MI - October 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Dear Rich,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I remember many stories that you have shared with me over the years about Sarah when we worked together years ago. Maybe it was because Sarah and I were the same age, it seemed like I got to know her through you sharing the trials and tribulations of her life. Take care during this hard time and know that your friends and family are with you.

Sincerely,
Jeanie Takala
tinkerbelle7977@msn.com

Jean Takala - Friend of Rich - October 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Our dearest sympathies to the entire family of Sarah's, especially Mike, Brianna, Evan, and Aylah.

Karl and I will be there Thursday.

God Bless,
Pennie

Pennie Boerhave - Engaged to Karl Hoffman - October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Family

Bob and Mary Miller - friend - October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Thoughts and prayers are with Mike, the kids, and Rich; Rich's nurturing and caring personality could be seen in Sarah who always carried a smile and looked at the glass as half full. She would always bring out the best in everyone she touched, she made work fun and loved to laugh and share stories. Since I have moved away I did not see her as often, but our paths would cross with christmas cards and in up north trips and we would share stories of our growing babies and proud mom moments. Always said we'd get together more, life goes by so fast. She loved Mike and those kids more than anything in the world and I pray God will give strenght to them in this hard time and to her family. I know she missed Grant everyday and hope she can now hold him in her arms again. Sarah will never be forgotten and has touched so many lives. Thoughts and prayers are with you and some tears as she will be missed dearly, Susan

Susan Perry - friend; former coworker - October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Mike & Children,
Our hearts break for you. There is no explanation for Why these things happen. Just know that God will carry you through it. Call on family and friends--call on us for loving support. Sarah has left this world but is still very much present in your lives. God bless and comfort your hearts.
Chris & Don

Christine & Donald Burns - Channing, MI - Friend--Neighbor - October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ Rich,
I am so very, very sad and sorry to hear of your loss. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. I am in Green Bay to have cataract surgery Wednesday and Thursday. I only wish that I could be there to give you a hug and offer my deepest sympathy. You will be in my thoughts.
My deepest sympathy, Nancy

Nancy McKendrick - Iron Mountain, MI - Friend - October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Rich and family, I am so heart broken to hear of your loss, and both Gene and I send our deepest sympathies to you. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this tragic time.

Cindy Levenburg - friend of Rich Ledgend - October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ I remember meeting Sarah at nightmoves and ever since then we just hung out and danced. She always tried to see the brighter side of most things. I loved to hang out with her when we were younger. She always had a smile and was just a wonderful person to be around. Years have passed and we would see each other, we would catch up quick on general life, move on thinking we will see each other again. Tears of sorrow in my eyes, but loving thoughts and memories in my heart. I will miss you Sarah.

Tori Chellew - norway, MI - friend - October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Mike,
I will always remember Sarah's smile. She would come through the lunch line at school smiling and always in a super mood. She truly was a sweetheart.
I will pray for strength for you and your children during this struggle. May he be there for you every step of the way.
May she rest in peace.

Madge Massie

Madge Massie - Foster City,, MI - friend - October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *I am a stranger to Sarah, but her age, family, and hobbies match close to my own. My heart breaks for her family. I will pray for them and hope that time will help them heal.*

Tracy Shampo - Niagara, WI - stranger - October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ I have known Sarah for three years. She was one of the first to make me feel welcome at work; as a surgery day was scheduled during the first week or two of my training. Sarah worked in the surgical area, so I only saw her a few days a month. She always had a smile and a story, and a boistrous laugh that echoed through to the other areas of the large office. Sarah's laugh was contagious, and so was her personality. If you could hear her laughing, it made you giggle too- even if you didn't hear the story or joke.. because you knew it had to be good if she was telling it. She had a sense of humor about life like no one else I have known. She seemed to always make light of the dark days, and find the good in a bad situation. She took care of so much in her home life, and she was a great mother to her adorable kids. One can only hope that they grow up to be a lot like her.

Sarah, I will miss you, dear. I only wish I had half the optimism you had, half the courage and half the selflessness. YOU are an inspiration. You will be sadly missed by all who knew you. One can never forget a great woman like Sarah Hoffman. GOD BLESS and reunite you with your baby boy.

*With thoughts and prayers to the family
Love, Kayla*

Kayla Burcar - Iron Mountain, MI - Co-worker at Garrett Eye Center - October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I have only had to opportunity to know Sarah for the past two years but I am greatful for the time . She was wonderful, she always brought a smile and laughs to the salon. Our thoughts and Prayers are with her family in this tragic time.

Ashley Weecks - Sarah's Hair stylist - October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Mike and children. --Just heartbreaking to hear of the passing of Sarah.. My deepest sympathy . Keeping you in prayer.

Jean Koski - Kingsford, MI - Brad's mom - October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ So sorry to hear of such a tragedy. I never expected to hear of something so sad at such a young age. My heart goes out to the children and their special friend Kristina. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Jenni Lindstrom - Kristinas friend - October 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your beautiful sister. My thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family.

Love

Trudy Sparks

Trudy Sparks - Rich Ledzian's friend - October 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM