



## Sharon Awrey

February 6, 1934 - February 6, 2003

"Sharon Awrey"

IRON MOUNTAIN - Sharon L. Awrey, 69, of 1555 E. Margaret St., Iron Mountain, died Thursday, Feb. 6, 2003 at her home.

Sharon was born Nov. 6, 1933 in Iron Mountain, daughter of the late Michael and Emma (Miresse) Koller. She was a 1951 graduate of Iron Mountain High School and was a resident of the area for most of her life. She married Delos Awrey on June 30, 1951 at St. Mary and St. Joseph Church in Iron Mountain. She and her husband owned and operated Awrey's Music Land for 23 years. After they sold the music store, she pursued her writing career. Sharon wrote and published articles in numerous magazines. She also wrote for the Kids Korner in The Daily News. She created two educational cartoons, "Pling" and "Wojo and Penelope," finishing with "Time Out For Kids ages 5-105," which was published in numerous newspapers across the country. In addition to her writing, she was a volunteer board member for Kids Can, a program designed to prevent child abuse throughout our community. Sharon was a member of St. Mary and St. Joseph Church in Iron Mountain.

She is survived by her husband, Delos; her children, Cheryl (Patrick) LaPine of Harbor Beach, lower Michigan, Randy (Connie) Awrey of Freeland, lower Michigan, Kim (James) Cazzola of Iron Mountain and Terry (Lisa) Awrey of Crystal Lake, Ill.; 11 grandchildren, Kristen, Sean, Megan LaPine, Jennifer, Robert, Anthony and Nicholas Awrey, Marisa, Emily, Travis and Zachary Awrey.

Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Funeral services will be at noon Monday at American Martyrs Church in Kingsford. Fr. Daniel Zaloga will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain. A memorial will be established in her memory to the Heath Department Home Health and Hospice. Condolences may be expressed to the Awrey family online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

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

# Tribute Wall

TP

“ To the Awrey family, please accept my condolences. I recieved the Iron Mountain News by mail here in California. When reading about your loss I remembered how much I used to come to the music store. I really loved it. It was a warm place to be even on the coldest days. I've been sharing the paper with Bob Mariucci, who is the Athletic Director for Cuesta College, the Junior College here. I was in Iron Mountain in October. I showed my daughter the building where your music store once was, as well as St. Mary & St. Joseph's. Time certainly changes things. Blessed be.

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**Tina Peterson** - March 17, 2003 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Delos and family, May GOD be with all of you at this time of sorrow.

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**Bob Turner** - March 17, 2003 at 12:00 AM

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“ Delos and Family,

*We are so sorry to hear about Sharon's passing.*

*We are currently in Myrtle Beach. We read the Iron Mountain Daily News on the internet every day. We can not be there but our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God give you strength at this difficult time.*

*Don and Virgie Pirlot*

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**Don and Virgie Pirlot** - March 17, 2003 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear Delos and family,  
We were so sorry for you all that Sharon is gone, BUT we know that she is in a better place after all the suffering that she had. She was such a beautiful lady, wife, mom and grandma. We are in Florida until Thursday and will be home. We will call you when we get home.  
Love and prayers,  
Nancy and Don

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**Don & Nancy Bugni** - March 17, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MU

“ Dear Delos & Family:  
I was so sorry to hear of Sharon's death and you have my heart-felt sympathy. Randy told me a few weeks ago that she was very ill with cancer so I had some brief knowledge of her situation. She's in a better place now. Your family was always so nice to me and allowed me to stay and eat with you many different times when I came home and visted Iron Mtn after I moved to Indianapolis in 8th grade. I can also remember many sleep-overs at your home above the music store when I was in 4th - 7th grades. I always felt very comfortable with your family and Sharon always treated me like another son!! Sharon also was my CCD teacher for 1-2yrs when I was in middle school. I will always remember her as the most kindest woman I ever knew.

*Mike Unger & Family*

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**Mike Unger** - March 17, 2003 at 12:00 AM

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“ SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT SHARON,MY MOTHER,LOUISE LINDSTROM, WAS A VERY GOOD FRIEND OF SHARONS AND SHE WOULD TALK ABOUT WHAT A GREAT LADY SHE WAS.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL,  
KENNETH LINDSTROM

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**Kenneth Lindstrom** - March 17, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Dear Delos and family,

*I am saddened to read of the death of your wife/mother.  
I hope that you can find comfort in the following: The Traveler*

*"She has put on invisibility,  
Dear Lord, I cannot see--  
But this I know, although the road ascends and passes from my  
sight,  
That there will be no night;  
That You will take her gently by the hand  
And lead her on  
Along the road of life that never ends,  
And she will find it is not death but dawn.  
I do not doubt that You are there as here,  
And You will hold her dear.  
Our life did not begin with birth,  
It is not of the earth;  
And this that we call death, it is no more  
Than the opening and closing of a door--  
And in Your house how many room must be  
Beyond this one where we rest momentarily."*

*Sincerely,  
Connie Hallgren*

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**C.T. Hallgren** - March 17, 2003 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Delos and Family,*

*We wish to send our sympathy on hearing about the passing of Sharon. She was a beautiful and talented lady and will be missed by the entire community.*

*Herb and Doris Knudsen*

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**Herb Knudsen** - March 17, 2003 at 12:00 AM