



Tammy F. Barnes

November 9, 1961 - May 9, 2023

Tammy Faye Barnes, 61, passed away unexpectedly on May 9, 2023, her brother Terry by her side. She passes into eternal life and rest, and hopefully some dancing, with her Creator.

Tammy was born in Iron Mountain, Michigan on November 9, 1961 to James and LaVerne Barnes, the fifth in line of seven children. She attended Special Education classes in the Iron Mountain Public Schools and after graduating, worked at Trico for most of her adult life, where she enjoyed the work, socializing, and made many life-long friends.

Tammy was athletic in her more youthful days and enjoyed basketball and bowling. For years she competed in the Special Olympics and was proud of the many trophies and medals she had to show for her effort.

Her family meant everything to her and she lived for spending time with them any chance she could. She enjoyed family, birthday, and holiday gatherings when everyone could be together. And she loved receiving gifts, many of which she would specifically request, to ensure she get what she wanted.

In the years since her mother died, Tammy was thrilled to be able to live with her brother Shawn, Nicole, and Kailey. They cared for her while also filling her life with fun and excitement. Tammy also had a ball for the last several months

while living at Manor Care. There she received wonderful care and had endless opportunity to socialize and participate in fun activities and church services.

Tammy was enthusiastic about life and had many interests she loved to talk about and share with others. Some of her favorite music was The Kendalls, Kenny Rogers, Gordon Lightfoot, and she loved watching movies, singing, and working on puzzles. Tammy was a social person and there wasn't a person she met with whom she would not talk. She shared what was going on in her life and her family's, and loved most of all being able to talk, laugh, and tease with family, friends, and anyone she happened to meet. She had a way of pulling you into her excitement and enthusiasm. She enjoyed going out to eat and shopping at the mall with her girlfriends.

Back in the day, Tammy regularly attended weekly dances with her parents and was a highly sought out partner on the dance floor. Even up to her last days she was still singing and trying to get people to dance with her from her wheelchair.

Tammy was a force of life who was hard to ignore. She is a most beloved family member and we will all be laughing and smiling whenever we tell a story or have a memory of Tammy.

She is survived by her siblings Hope Ann (Steve) Blagec, Terry (Joanne) Barnes, Lori (John) Rodda, Kevin Barnes, and Shawn Barnes (Nicole Caramella); nieces and nephews, Tracy Blagec, Tara (Jeremy) Coss, and Trinity Blagec, Charmaine (Brian) Sims, James and Haily Rodda, Nicole (Chris) Rockafellow, Shane (Brittany) Barnes, Shannon (Tony) Sleik, Brandon (Felicia) Aman, Kalline Barnes, Sierra (Hayden) Karstensen, Lexi Sims, Kailey Barnes, Gwen, Grace, and Grant Rockafellow, Keagen and Kori Aman, Malia Sleik, Reese Karstensen; aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Tammy is preceded in death by her parents; brother, Robin Barnes; great-niece, Katelyn Blagec; and special friend, Richie Stanek, whose music and concertina playing she loved so much at the dances.

Visitation will be from 9-11am Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Iron Mountain. A memorial service will be held at 11am with a luncheon to follow. Burial will follow in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park. Tammy's niece, Rev. Tracy Blagec, will officiate.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Tammy F. Barnes online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

Cedar Ave
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 23. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church
808 Carpenter Ave
Iron Mountain, MI 49801-4704
(906) 774-2545

Funeral Service

MAY 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Scott Pancheri lit a candle in memory of Tammy F. Barnes*



Scott Pancheri - May 28, 2023 at 10:34 PM

SB

“ *IM SO SORRY TO HEAR OF TAMMYS PASSING. LOTS OF FOUND MEMORIES WHEN WE WERE KIDS. RIP TAMMY..SINCERELY SALLY ROUSE BADEAU*

Sally Rouse Badeau - May 25, 2023 at 01:41 AM

WM

“ *Dear family of Tammy. I am sorry I did not make it to the celebration of her life today. She was a beautiful lady and always a friend at church and out and about. Love to you all and I am sorry for your loss. Wendy London Mulka*

wendy mulka - May 23, 2023 at 03:35 PM

TA

“ *Terry L. Awrey lit a candle in memory of Tammy F. Barnes*



Terry L. Awrey - May 23, 2023 at 08:55 AM

TA

It has been many years Kevin. I read about Tammy and wanted to reach out to you. My thoughts and prayers are with and your family. God bless you Kevin. Terry L. Awrey

Terry L. Awrey - May 23, 2023 at 08:57 AM

MG

“ *My sincerest condolences on Tammy’s passing. Tammy and I were co-workers at TRICO for many years. Her upbeat personality and larger than life smile always had everyone in a happy mood. I also remember her being on the dance floor for every song at our Christmas parties. She was wonderful, and will be truly missed.*

Maria Gardipee - May 19, 2023 at 10:11 AM

MT

“ *Mary Jo Trepanier lit a candle in memory of Tammy F. Barnes*



Mary Jo Trepanier - May 17, 2023 at 12:17 PM

BR

“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Tammy at Manor Care, she was always excited to show me her new puzzle, and her newest songs. I am going to miss her sweet smile. RIP Tammy, you will be missed.*



Brenda - May 16, 2023 at 04:33 PM

GM

I knew Tammy while I worked at Trico for 10 years until March of 2020. She was such a happy gal.... I think I remember that Dancing girl at the Christmas party and the summer picnic. She had such a bright and beautiful personality. RIP Tammy. You left all of us a wonderful impression of you.

Grace Michaud - May 17, 2023 at 07:18 PM

BH

Was really nice knowing and talking to Tammy while working at Manorcare. She was a joy having around. RiP Tammy and God Bless all the family and friends 🙏❤️

Bradley Hicks - May 17, 2023 at 07:58 PM