



Venessa Ann Kuzak

November 28, 1954 - March 2, 2021

Venessa Ann Kuzak, 66, of Sagola passed away at her home on Tuesday, March 2nd.

Venessa was born on November 28, 1954 in Crystal Falls, MI, daughter of the late John and Alice (Colas) Kuzak. She graduated from North Dickinson School in 1972. In 1977, she became a Deputy at the Dickinson County Sheriff's Department where she worked until her retirement in 2004. She also served her community as a volunteer EMT for STAR Ambulance from 1980 to 1987 and was a member of Grace Presbyterian Church in Sagola.

Venessa was a creative person and enjoyed making crafts and decorating for weddings and other events. She also had a flair for beauty products and was the Mary Kay lady of Sagola. Following heart bypass surgery in 2015, she endured a host of medical setbacks from which she never fully recovered. However, the progress she made and the hurdles she cleared, especially in the months following surgery, were nothing short of amazing. With the help of her daughter/caregiver, Nikki, she was able to live out her days happily, comfortably, and well cared for at home.

More than anything in her life, Venessa loved her kids. As a single mother, she gave her heart and soul to raising them. She was proud of them and never passed up an opportunity to brag about them, even into their adulthood.

She made it abundantly clear to her kids that she loved them with all of her heart.

She is survived by a daughter, Nikki Kuzak; a son, Chris (Nicole) Kuzak; two older brothers, Roger Kuzak and Mike (Connie) Kuzak; three step-grandchildren, Steven Olson, Megan (Robert) Cisco, and Brittany Olson; and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Alice Kuzak; her father, John Kuzak; a sister-in-law, Estelle Kuzak; and a nephew, Robert Kuzak.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, March 6, 2021 from 10:00am-12 noon with service to follow at Grace Presbyterian Church in Sagola. Pastor Ryan Flunker will officiate. Burial will be in the Channing Cemetery later this spring.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the family will have a time of sharing and serve refreshments in lieu of a luncheon.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Venessa Kuzak online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Cemetery Details

Channing Cemetery

Byers Rd.
Channing, MI 49815

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Grace Presbyterian Church
309 First St.
Sagola, MI 49815

Funeral Service

MAR 6. 12:00 PM (CT)

Grace Presbyterian Church
309 First St.
Sagola, MI 49815

Tribute Wall

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“ I only just now today learned of Venessa’s passing. Reconnecting with Venessa over the past year was a real joy for me. I know she felt the same. Although we had lost contact for several years, I felt like we had picked up right where we left off. May you all know the peace of God during this difficult time.
Michelle (Bunij) Tessaro

Michelle Tessaro - March 23, 2021 at 06:41 PM

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“ Prayers our with the Kuzak family

Peter Dishaw - March 13, 2021 at 08:55 PM



“ A Life Loved Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Venessa Ann Kuzak.



March 05, 2021 at 12:26 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Venessa Ann Kuzak.



March 05, 2021 at 08:13 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Venessa Ann Kuzak.*



March 04, 2021 at 09:20 PM



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March 04, 2021 at 09:18 PM



“ *The Regits Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Venessa Ann Kuzak.*



The Regits Family - March 04, 2021 at 09:13 PM

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“ I am a childhood friend of Nikki and Chris. I am going to repeat what others before and after me have said and will say. Venessa was the kindest, sweetest, most loving and giving type of person. She had an open door at her house always for me, and she always had a huge smile and a huge hug for me every time I saw her! I will forever miss that!! At her house I/we had some of the best times of our lives! I played music with Chris for many years and I've always said that he is hands down the best drummer I've ever played with. It was limitless to what we could play as his ability and talent are so deep. Venessa too was a drummer, and she was always so supportive and important in Chris's musical development I feel. I am a music teacher now, and I see it every time when a kid has musical support from his or her parent or parents ... they accel above and beyond normal.. this is exactly what happened at the Kuzak household, and Venessa did it herself with of course the wise hand/teaching of her awesome Mother "Babes" who was also an absolute amazing human being. The apple doesn't fall far... right? and this was always so obvious in that Alice was an amazing Mom, Grandmother etc. and she too always showered me with tons of love. Venessa had an awesome teacher/mentor in her Mother, but yet she still had her own unique style... People like them are 1 in a million. I will be forever grateful that they impacted my life so heavily. After I moved down state at age 13 I would drive 500 miles just to jam with Chris for a few days and Venessa and Alice would always welcome us punks into their home... they'd let us stay there as long as we wanted, feed us until we couldn't eat anymore, and let us play heavy metal music at ear shattering volumes for as long as we wanted! They'd also let us be mischievous teenagers and let us roam wild as they knew we had 100% respect for them and their home. In other words they let us get away with quite a lot!! I guess they knew we'd be fine as long as we were at their house!

My heart goes out to the whole family especially Chris and Nikki... I love you both, and I loved both your Mom and your Grandmother so much.

Very Respectfully ,

*Tommy Regits
Las Vegas, Nevada*

Tommy Regits - March 04, 2021 at 08:55 PM

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“ *Nessa and I were very good friends growing up and how often happens we hadn't had much contact in later years but not once when I saw her did she miss the chance to give a great big hug ! She was the most loving person I ever knew! and her children were her greatest accomplishment! She will be missed! Rlp my friend, love Jean Ann*

Jean Ann Whitney - March 03, 2021 at 09:47 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Venessa Ann Kuzak.*



March 03, 2021 at 09:45 PM

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“ *I can remember getting ready for Lynnea's wedding and her Aunt helping us with our makeup. We were the best dress bride and bridesmaids. I am so sorry to hear about your lost and you are in our thoughts and prayers. Elizabeth and Matt Dunn*

Elizabeth Dunn - March 03, 2021 at 08:37 PM