



Verna "Marie" Kindstrand

January 27, 1946 - June 25, 2024

Marie Kindstrand, 78, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Marie was born on January 27, 1946, to the late Leslie and Verna (Torma) Kampinen, and grew up in Republic, Michigan. She graduated as class valedictorian from Republic High School, and attended college at Northern Michigan University, attaining a bachelor's and a master's degree in education. A life-long educator, Marie spent the majority of her 42-year career teaching fifth grade at Breitung Township Schools. She was an excellent Scrabble player, an avid Green Bay Packers fan, a breast cancer survivor, a great mother and sister, and a kind and loyal friend to all who knew her. Words cannot adequately describe what her love and support meant to her friends and family, especially to her daughter, whom she raised as a single parent. She was also a compassionate caregiver for her late brother, David, who was born with Down syndrome. Marie created a loving home for her brother and daughter.

She leaves behind her daughter, Rachel Kindstrand, of Chicago, Illinois; sister Deborah and brother-in-law David Beers, of Crown Point, Indiana; brother-in-law Michael Batzer, also of Crown Point; sister Dianne Kampinen of Chicago; and wonderful friends, Dorothy Anderson and Patricia Bergeron, among many others.

She was preceded in death by her parents, by her brothers Dale and David Kampinen, and by her sister, Rachel Batzer.

Visitation will be at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home, 901 S. Carpenter Ave., from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, followed by the funeral service at 6:00 p.m.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Marie Kindstrand at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Avenue
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
(906) 774-7676
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

MR

“ Rachel, I just read about the passing of your mom. I am so sorry I missed seeing you and letting you know in person how very much respected she always was with her quiet, gentle, yet effective ways. The students I received from her classroom were always well-prepared for sixth grade! She also did an excellent job raising a very talented, bright young lady. It has been a pleasure, and I know she will be sorely missed. Prayers...

Sue Ruohomaki

Mrs. Susan Ruohomaki - July 03, 2024 at 06:05 PM

GA

“ Mrs. Kindstrand, as I knew her in the 5th grade was one of the very few teachers/people that I can go back and say I attribute my success to. There are pivotable moments in teaching that she may have never realized the positive impact those moments made on a student. I felt it important for you the family and friends to know the impact she made in this world. As you come here to grieve her loss, I hope you find peace in the good memories you have had with her. Garrett Aderman, KHS Class of 2008

Garrett Aderman - July 03, 2024 at 04:40 PM

JT

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Mrs. Kindstrand. I knew Mrs. Kindstrand as a teacher to three of my daughters and she was a great teacher. She was warm, kind, understanding, and brilliant. I still have some of my children’s work in her classroom. She had beautiful handwriting and she would write gentle corrections in full sentences and also beautiful compliments in the margins of their classwork. I was always amazed at the time she took looking over their work and I really appreciated it, my children did too. She really made a difference.

Joanne To - July 02, 2024 at 02:56 PM

FM

“ From Judy & Sharon Milanowski purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Verna "Marie" Kindstrand.



From Judy & Sharon Milanowski - July 01, 2024 at 10:04 PM

NH

“ I will forever miss your smile. You were always smiling! Rest in Peace Auntie Nancy. Sending you my love Rachel.

Nancy Henderson - July 01, 2024 at 08:59 PM

NH

Sorry, correct that Rest in peace Auntie Marie.

Nancy Henderson - July 01, 2024 at 09:03 PM

WC

“ Dear Rachel and family,
My sincere sympathy to all of you as you mourn the loss of your mother and sister. She was a kind, caring person who gave so much to her loved ones, friends and neighbors, and was a positive influence and role model for her students for so many years. Her life indeed made a difference to so many!
May your fond memories of her be a blessing now and in the future.
Bill Cummings

William J. "Bill" Cummings - July 01, 2024 at 10:15 AM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Verna "Marie" Kindstrand.



June 29, 2024 at 07:57 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Verna "Marie" Kindstrand.



June 29, 2024 at 02:33 PM

KW

“ Kate Mouton and Julie Watanabe purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Verna "Marie" Kindstrand.



Kate Mouton and Julie Watanabe - June 28, 2024 at 09:54 PM

JV

“ Marie and I first met as 4th graders at Republic Elementary School. We were friends throughout our school experiences playing in band together, co-editors of the annual, and graduating first and second in our class of 1963. (Marie was first!) We continued our friendship in Marquette as we shared an apartment and Marie enrolled at NMU. Our lives moved in different directions after I married and later graduated from NMU as well. Regardless of our locations, we have always kept in touch, sharing our milestones along the way. Marie had a great sense of humor so we shared many laughs as well as encouraged one another when life threw us a curve. I will remember Marie as a talented artist, an exceptional teacher, a devoted mother and sister, and an incredible friend!❤️
Judy Valente

Judy Valente - June 28, 2024 at 09:26 AM

AW

“ Dear Rachel and other family of Marie,
So sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of teaching 5th grade with Marie at Woodland. She was a great example of a true professional and master teacher who impacted the life of all her students and fellow teachers. She was an easy-to-get-along and caring colleague with a great sense of humor as well. This fine lady and great educator will be missed.
Andy and Brenda Wiltzius

Andrew P. Wiltzius - June 28, 2024 at 08:46 AM

KQ

“*Kate Donahoe and Francisco Quinteros purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Verna "Marie" Kindstrand.*



Kate Donahoe and Francisco Quinteros - June 27, 2024 at 11:24 PM

EP

“*Elena P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Verna "Marie" Kindstrand.*

Elena P. - June 27, 2024 at 10:49 PM

RK

“*To Marie's family: I worked with her in the schools in Kingsford. She was a great teacher and a wonderful person. My sympathy to you for your loss.*

Ron Kulie - June 27, 2024 at 06:47 PM



“*Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Verna "Marie" Kindstrand.*



June 27, 2024 at 12:21 PM

AK

“ Albert & Amanda Kim planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Verna "Marie" Kindstrand.

Albert & Amanda Kim - June 27, 2024 at 12:21 PM