



Veronica "Ronee" Greenleaf

July 2, 1932 - October 8, 2017

Veronica "Ronee" Greenleaf, 85, of Iron Mountain, died Sunday, Oct. 8 at HCR ManorCare in Kingsford. A lifelong resident of the area, she was born on July 2, 1932 to the late Anton and Mary (Rodman) Bucan and graduated from Kingsford High School in 1950. She married Leon Greenleaf on June 27, 1953 at American Martyrs Catholic Church.

Ronee and her husband were noted for owning and operating Greenleaf's Bar, which was founded in 1932 by Leon's parents, Leo and Pauline. She successfully ran the business for more than 50 years, growing it into a local landmark before retiring in 1991.

A vivacious woman, Ronee never knew a stranger and spent her retirement traveling and enjoying life with her husband, children, grandchildren and friends. Active in her community, she was a longtime member of Saint Mary and Saint Joseph Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Daughters of Isabella, IMK Lions Club, Golden Throats, Red Hat Society and volunteered with numerous nursing homes. She and her husband were longtime members of Pine Grove Country Club, where they spent many hours with family and friends.

Ronee is survived by her children, Jon (Frances) of Kingsford, Susan Thompson of Niagara, Wisconsin and Julie (Larry Griggers) of Indianapolis;

her grandchildren, Brian and Christopher Greenleaf, Brittany and Lexi Siegler and Hunter Thompson; her brother, Tony (Shirley) Bucan; numerous nieces and nephews; and a special backyard neighbor, Dahly Bosley.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leon, and son, Michael; sisters, Helen Smeester, Agnes Lindstrom, Mary Carlson, Ann Wrobleski; brothers, Mike, Emil and Joe Bucan.

The visitation is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 12 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home. The mass of Christian burial will be held Friday, Oct. 13 at 11:00 a.m. at American Martyrs Catholic Church and will be offered by Fr. Joseph Gouin. Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

After the funeral proceedings, a gathering to celebrate Ronee's life will be held at Solberg's Greenleaf Sports Bar and Grille from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The community is invited to attend.

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

Condolences to the family of Veronica "Ronee" Greenleaf may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **12**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

OCT **13**. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Martyrs Catholic Church
908 W. Sagola Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall

KW

“ I met Ms.Ronee for the first time at the nursing facility in Powers, Michigan. Her husband was there and passed within a few months. I was the new pastor at the small Baptist Church on the northside of Iron Mountain. We didn't know anyone and it was obvious we were not from there. Though she was Catholic she would attend our services from time to time. We would eat out with her on occasion too. We moved from Iron Mountain about 7 years ago. She was a friend to us and we won't forget her. Prayers for all of you from Davis, NC

Keith Wall - October 13, 2017 at 08:37 PM

DR

“ Auntie Tootsie was quite a woman and a loving aunt. She always greeted you warmly with a hug smile and a laugh! Never a dull moment around her! She was fun loving and loved to joke around and very quick witted! Quite the "fashionista" too!! I will always remember the Thanksgiving "Bucan Clan" gatherings she held at her house or the Greenleaf Bar. WONDERFUL TIMES and treasured memories of a very special Auntie. I will miss her. Deepest sympathy to her family. It will not be the same without her. DeeDee

Dee Dee Rakic - October 13, 2017 at 03:51 PM

OW

“ *My sincere sympathy to Ronee's family. She was so proud of her children, her nieces and nephews, grandchildren and liked to tell about them. She made you feel like you were a nice person even if you weren't.:) I knew Ronee over the years mainly because she remembered my husband and his brothers who lived near her in grade school. Then I got to know her better at Golden K and singing with the "Golden Throats" at nursing homes. Ronee sang with us about a month ago at Manor Care. I will remember her smiling face from that day. She was a sharp lady and enjoyed life. Jesus has opened the door for her as she enters her eternal home. Keep the happy memories and God comfort all when needed the most.*



Orice Walters - October 13, 2017 at 12:23 AM

JO

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss. I have fond memories of your mother and father as a child growing up. I remember her quick humor and laugh. She was a very special lady! God Bless you all.*

Joe - October 12, 2017 at 01:13 PM

PM

“ *my condolences to you Jon, Sue and family. I enjoyed many hours visiting with Ronnie at Greenleaves, as well as working for her. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Paul Moroni*

Paul Moroni - October 12, 2017 at 12:58 PM

MF

“ *Michelle Floriano lit a candle in memory of Veronica "Ronee" Greenleaf*



Michelle Floriano - October 11, 2017 at 10:49 PM

SP

“ *There never was a time that I bumped into Ronee that she didn't have time to chat, always asking about my husband and brother. She had a wonderful any of remembering all who knew her. She will be missed but leaves her family with many memories.*

Sue Paternoster - October 11, 2017 at 09:30 PM

JA

“ *I loved Ronnie. She always had a smile and was so up beat. She was a friend to Bob and I for many years she will be missed by many.*

Jaycerae69@gmail.com - October 11, 2017 at 07:02 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Veronica "Ronee" Greenleaf.*



October 11, 2017 at 01:41 PM

LG

“ My best memory of Ronee was a time when she dined at the Ruth's Chris in Indy: the servers and bartenders still remember her dry but quick wit as she meted out sharp but humorous barbs. Quickly understanding her playful nature ... they returned the favor ... only to have her escalate the exchange. They still ask about her. Miss you Ronee.

Larry Griggers

Larry Griggers - October 11, 2017 at 01:38 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Veronica "Ronee" Greenleaf.



October 11, 2017 at 11:37 AM

ML

“ Mari Leigh lit a candle in memory of Veronica "Ronee" Greenleaf



Mari Leigh - October 10, 2017 at 09:51 PM

DA

“ To Jon, Sue and Julie,

Your mom was such a great woman! I will never forget the great times we had with Ronee and Leon. They were and will forever be Iron Mountain, Kingsford icons! Going to Greenleaf's Bar was a right of passage growing up! Ronee was such a wonderfully funny, caring person. She will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

David & Carolyn Alquist - October 10, 2017 at 08:10 PM