



Victoria Zini

November 9, 1925 - November 9, 2012

Victoria M. Zini, 87, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Friday, November 9, 2012 at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital.

She was born August 15, 1925 in Crystal Falls, MI, daughter of the late Peter and Mary (Halerz) Bara. Vicki graduated from Alpha High School in 1945. Following graduation she moved to Chicago where she met Eugene Kiel and they were married on May 10, 1947 at St. Camillus Church. Eugene preceded Vicki in death in 1972 and she moved to Iron Mountain the following year. Vicki married Dan Zini on April 29, 1977 at St. Mary and St. Joseph Church and he preceded her in death on December 31, 2011. Vicki was a devout catholic who shared her deep love of Christ with many people throughout her lifetime. She was a longtime member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Iron Mountain. She was a dedicated volunteer at local churches, hospice, the V.A. Hospital and St. Vincent de Paul. In 2002, Vicki was named First Lady of Dickinson County. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed sewing, cooking and painting.

Vicki is survived by five children, MaryAnn (James) Ingle of Marquette, Eugene Kiel of Ann Arbor, MI, Robin Zini of Gwinn, Barbara (David) Cronk of Staunton, VA and Dana Zini of Winchester, CA; three sisters, Helen Opolka of Iron Mountain, Agnes Bjork of Alpha and Pauline (Ken) Sypal of Glen Ellyn, IL; seven grandchildren, Amanda Ingle, Jessica & Joshua Kiel, Christina Zini

(Thierry de Cock Buning), Angela (Michael) Murphy, Jennifer Moore and Lauren Bille; two great grandchildren, Marissa Moore and Oliver Dante de Cock Buning; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husbands, Vicki was also preceded in death by two brothers, Louis and Egnatz Bara; four sisters, Anne Manko, Dorothy Dunbar, Patricia Skibo and Nellie Novey; three infant brothers and one infant sister.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 4:00 to 7:00pm at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Funeral services will be on Friday at 9:30am at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Msgr. James Kaczmarek will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in the Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside, Illinois.

Pallbearers will be Bill Wiegele, Bill McCarty, Jim Swanson, Ken L. Sypal, Ken M. Sypal, Don Tramontin and Mike Swanson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Immaculate Conception Church in Vicki's memory.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Victoria M. Zini online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **15.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **16.** 9:30 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
500 Blaine St.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Tribute Wall

LN

“ Auntie Vicki was a wonderful woman. She always had that special sparkle in her eyes and smile that let you know you were loved. Even though I haven't seen her in years, I will miss her dearly.

Lauri Michalski - Milwaukee, WI - great niece - November 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ As a close friend of "Ma Zini's" son Eugene, I too enjoyed the honor and pleasure of knowing her and enjoying her home made ravi, beyond a doubt the best I've ever had. She was a truly wonderful person, full of enthusiasm and possessing a radiant light within, who captured a place in my heart with her simple goodness. I will always remember Ma Zini as an example of how to live this life. With joy, character and an abiding faith. With her passing, the world lost a fabulous soul, but Heaven gained a new richness when she entered through the pearly gates. May God bless her always.

Paul Mrozinski - Ann Arbor, MI - Family friend - November 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ It is with great sadness that I received the news of "Ma Zini's" passing. I met Ma Zini through her son Eugene and had the pleasure of being welcomed into her and Dan's home on multiple occasions. She was truly one of the kindest people I've ever met. Not only did she treat me like one of her own, she made the most incredible homemade ravioli known to man. Hands down, the best. One memory I will always carry with me is the look on both her and Dan's face when Eugene would arrive at their house on the way to one of our many fishing/hunting adventures. Her smile said it all. She will be truly missed.

Scott Kelsey - Sylvania, OH - Friend - November 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Vicki was the kindest, most generous person I've met in my 50+ years. She lived life to the fullest. I will miss our talks on the Catholic religion and the importance of devotion and respect to friends and family. Anyone who's tasted Vicki's ravioli immediately designates hers as the best they've ever had. I will miss her dearly.

Daniel Manzardo - Auburn Hills, MI - friend - November 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ Dearest Eugene, Marianne, The Kiel & Zini Family,
I am so sorry for your loss of a very special lady. I am luck to say that I hold many wonderful memories of my dear Aunt Vicki. She was positive, loving and spiritual and always helpfull to all. Im very glad to have been a part of her live and I couldn't of asked for a better Godmother. She will be missed. Rest in Pease Auntie.

With Much Love and Respect Tricia & Gary Cahee

PS: Eugene & Marianne, I'm am very sorry but Gary & I will not be able to attend Aunties services. Best to all. Tricia

Gary & Tricia Cahee - Kingsford, MI - Aunt and Godmother - November 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ My sweet loving mother...such an amazing woman, always positive, a sparkle in her eye, loving of all, endless energy, so much fun to be with and an amazing Christian Heart, give Dad a hug for me...I miss you both.

Dana Zini - Temecula, CA - Daughter - November 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *To the Family of Victoria,
So many memories, so many laughs! Your mom was like a mom to
all of us. She was our moms best friend in life and I know they are
united together again in the arms of our Lord Jesus. She was our
gnocci and rav maker and no one made them like Vicky could.
Thank you for sharing her with us. She will be greatly missed.
Love,
The Parent Girls
MaryEllen, Nance, and Patti*

MaryEllen Parent Allen - Manitowoc, WI - old friend - November 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Please accept my condolences on the passing of Vicki. She has
always been a wonderful person, friend and neighbor to me and I
will miss her very much.*

*Sincerely,
Dan Marttila*

Dan Marttila - Iron Mountain, MI - Neighbor, Friend - November 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Eugene, Dana, and Family:

Kelly and I wish to offer to each of you our deepest, heartfelt sympathies and our profound regret for being unable to express them to you individually in person. From adolescence to adulthood Vicky greatly impacted both of our lives -- as she would so many others -- countless numbers of times, and in so many beautiful, wonderful, thoughtful and memorable ways. She epitomized the term "good Christian," and we believe only God Himself will ever know the true and full extent of her often anonymous good deeds and acts of kindness that for her were just a natural extension of a life lived devoted to her Faith. We wish upon you all Peace and Love.

Shane VanLaanen & Kelly Goodreau - Fort Lauderdale, FL - Friends - November 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Auntie Vickie and I spoke several weeks ago. We were taken back to summer memories at "The Farm" in Alpha. I will forever be grateful for our long overdue chat. RIP with the family Auntie.

Mary Lou Dunbar (Kupstas Mercurio) - Keller, TX - Niece - November 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear Kiel and Zini families. Please accept our condolences on Vickys passing. Pat and I had the pleasure to see and visit with Vicky this past spring at Doug Villa's funeral. She was a wonderful person and will be dearly missed.

Pat and Jack Richtig

former colleague of Dan Zini

Jack Richtig - Norway, MI - November 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Dear Aunt Vickie,

Time and geographical distance keep so very many people apart-- life gets so busy. However, the connections people have with people do indeed leave lasting memories and impressions. Mine for Aunt Vickie is the wonderful month I spent with you and your family in Chicago when I was 13 years old. My husband, Rick, has warm memories of Dan; hearing his teacher stories and his fondness of bocci ball.

Thanks for being a part of our lives and for your kindness. You were an upstanding Catholic and a good Aunt.

Rest in peace.

With Love,

Jean and Rick

Jean and Rick Kuszmar - Glendale, AZ - Niece and Spouse - November 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *Some peoples warmness necer leaves you. Vicki. Vicki made strangers feel welcome.*

Catherine Romps - November 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM