



## Vivien Helen Koffman

October 4, 1941 - April 21, 2015

Vivien (Vin) Helen Koffman, 73, of Spread Eagle, WI died Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at the Dickinson County Memorial Hospital after a battle with lung cancer.

She was born October 4, 1941 in Iron Mountain, daughter of the late Cecil and Helen (Ward) Langren. Vin was a lifelong resident of this area and graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1959. In 1963, she became a proud alumna of Michigan State University having earned a BA. She married Peter Koffman on August 18, 1963. Vin was a first grade teacher at the Quinnesec School and Roosevelt School, and also taught the first year of the Head Start pre-school program. In addition, she was a substitute teacher in many of the local school districts. Vin worked with her husband at Koffman's Clothing and Gift Store and sold real estate for Stephens Real Estate for several years. Her self-proclaimed greatest job was that of being a mother and a homemaker. Vin loved painting, gardening, shopping, antiquing, reading, crafts, decorating and interior design. She was very active in the community, belonging to the Drawing Room Club, the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Women's Club, the Red Hat Society, the 100 Plus Women's Club, a Couples Dinner Club, and was a former member of the Zonta Club and the Jaycees. Vin also loved boating on the Menominee River and the Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes. She was a dog lover and was very fond of her two dogs, Annie and Murray.

She is survived by her husband, Peter; daughter Carrie Koffman and husband, Glen Adsit, and their son, Noah Koffman-Adsit of West Hartford, CT; son Daniel Koffman and wife, Kari, and their two children, McKenna and Beau of Carney, MI; one brother, Bill (Dottie) Langren of Tucson, AZ.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 2:30–4:00 pm at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 4:00 pm Saturday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Vivien Koffman Memorial Fund (4733 Coolidge Lane, Florence, WI 54121-9014). Peter Koffman has established the Fund with the goal of providing hospice care to residents of Florence County, Wisconsin. Currently, there is no way to receive hospice if one lives in Florence County. The Koffman family will be organizing this mission. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Peter. In the event that there are remaining funds, they will be donated to the Dickinson County Cancer “Loan Closet”.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Vin Helen Koffman online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **25**. 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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

## Celebration of Life

APR **25**. 4:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DM

“ When we returned to iron Mountain this past week I was sadden to hear that Vin had passed away,  
She always was a part of life here and will be missed by all who knew her. The most i saw of her was at Curves where we were both trying to keep our bodies healthy. She was always so relaxed about everything and had a soft smile on her face for everyone.  
She leaves a large legacy behind and will be missed by all of us who knew her Being the same age I remember her from when I moved here in the late 60's = wish I would have taken the time to get to know her better!  
Our deepest condolences to you Peter and your family.

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**Donna McCash** - May 12, 2015 at 12:51 AM

JW

“ Pete, I'm sorry to hear of Vin's passing. You have our deepest condolences. Jeff and Mary Ellen Welcher

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**jeff welcher** - April 30, 2015 at 10:58 AM

 Wanda Hart

“ Peter,  
I was out of town last week but very saddened to learn today about your wife's passing. Although I only had the privilege to meet her a few times, I could see what a lovely, bright and enthusiastic couple you made. You and your family are in my prayers. It seems the world has lost another ray of sunlight with Vin. So sorry for your loss.  
Wanda Hart

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**Wanda Hart** - April 28, 2015 at 07:48 PM

BK

“ Peter

*Thinking of you. Fortunately, Vin has joined a wonderful extended family of Spread Eagle forefathers who will forever be dancing on the waters reminding us of what is important and good. God Bless!  
Bill & Patty Kauper*

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**Bill Kauper** - April 28, 2015 at 11:51 AM

AK

“ Dear Peter,

*We just learned of Vin's passing & could not let this day pass without sharing our condolences with you. Vin will undoubtedly live on in the lives of your children & grandchildren. A stellar example of a woman who embraced life & was kind to all.*

*How blessed you are to have been the lucky guy who married Vin & how blessed your children & grandchildren were to have Vin raise & care for them. May the countless memories sustain you & inspire your entire family to live life fully, just as Vin did.*

*Most Sincerely,*

*Annette, Chris & Windham Kroha*

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**Annette Kroha** - April 27, 2015 at 07:07 PM

RH

“ *To the Koffman family~~~~ We are so sorry for you loss,I am sure she will be greatly missed by all. Ralph and Sandra Hoag*

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**Ralph Hoag** - April 26, 2015 at 07:27 PM

JW

“ Dear Peter, Carrie and Danny,

*You may remember, or may not, the Westerman family next door on Detroit Ave. We certainly, with pleasure, remember you.*

*Although I doubt she intended it, Vin was, when I was in my 30s, the epitome of elegant, cool and together. From 1969 until we moved to North Dickenson County in the 70s, we spoke across the fence, shared (when they came and while they grew) our children's enjoyment (and otherwise) of one another, and maintained casual connection.*

*I am sad for Vin's passing and for your grief as a family. I am grateful to have known her and all of you. I certainly wish for each of you, comfort in great memories and in caring for one another in years to come. I know the foundation for Hospice in Spread Eagle will fly high, as it should. Vin K. would surely support that cause!*

*Janice Westerman Weigand*

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**Janice Westerman Weigand** - April 26, 2015 at 07:01 PM

CG

“ Dear Pete and Family,

*We are so sorry to hear about Vin....she was a special lady....may she rest in peace. Our deepest sympathy to you all.*

*Rod and Cynthia Gordon*

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**Cynthia Gordon** - April 25, 2015 at 06:51 PM

JR

“ Vin was a true asset to our community! I loved her commitment to everything from GFWC to Northwoods Garden Club. She truly made a difference in our community and I always shared a great laugh whenever we would run into each other around town. I will never forget our first meeting at the Downtown Christmas Walk when she was busy playing an elf handing candy canes to the children lined up to see Santa. I will miss running into her around town but know she is smiling down on us from heaven! Love you Vin and God Bless the Koffman family.

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**Jonathan Ringel** - April 25, 2015 at 01:50 PM

GC

“ Our prayers are with your family. She was truly a blessing to all who had the great pleasure of knowing her. Jeff and Gayla Crago

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**Gayla Crago** - April 24, 2015 at 01:41 PM

NL

“ We will sadly miss her presence and beautiful smile. She was always so easy to chat with despite spaces of time in greetings. She always made you feel that you were important in her life. Will miss looking for her when out and about. Now we carry her always in our hearts. We are all sorry for your loss.

*Walt, Nancy, John , and Derek Lakari*

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**Nancy Lakari** - April 24, 2015 at 12:30 PM

NW

“ I will miss her smile and effervescent personality. The family girls kick line won't be the same without her!

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**Nancy Ward** - April 24, 2015 at 11:57 AM

BJ

“ Peter and family...*"My sincere condolences"*

*Bob Johnson*

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**Bob Johnson** - April 24, 2015 at 11:22 AM

SM

“ *Our hearts and thoughts are with you and your family Peter.....such a lovely lady..*

*Shelby and Peter Merckx*

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**Shelby Merckx** - April 24, 2015 at 10:13 AM

CS

“ *Cindy & Mike Suheski lit a candle in memory of Vivien Helen Koffman*



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**Cindy & Mike Suheski** - April 24, 2015 at 10:07 AM

CI

*We are so sorry for your loss. Your in our thoughts & prayers*

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**Cindy** - April 24, 2015 at 10:09 AM

SC

*Dear Peter and family,  
We are so sad to hear of Vin's passing. We loved visiting you in Florence which always included a pontoon ride to chain of lakes and past the "cottage". We have pictures posted in our kitchen with my kids behind the wheel on Peter's lap. I think it was the last visit Vin was in the kayak and my kids got to try and paddle around. You both greeted my family your smiles which usually included homemade treats. When I think of Vin it is always with a smile, a twinkle in her eyes and her kindness. Much love David and Susan (Glicksman) Cera, Nathan, Katie and Michael.*

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**Susan (Glicksman) Cera** - April 24, 2015 at 02:03 PM