



MARILYN J. MCKINDLES

June 18, 1932 - June 9, 2012

MARILYN JANE MC KINDLES, (nee Francois) passed away peacefully of complications related to a myocardial infarction June 5, 2012 at Baraga County Memorial Hospital in L'Anse, Michigan. She was born June 18, 1932 in Marquette Michigan the daughter of the late Joseph Samuel and Gladys Elizabeth (VandeZande) Francois. Marilyn spent her childhood living in Pequaming, MI during the Henry Ford years while her father worked in management for Mr. Ford. Marilyn often reminisced fondly of her time growing up in Pequaming. Following the closing of the Pequaming Ford facility, Marilyn lived her teen years in L'Anse, MI next door to her future husband, Norman Donald McKindles Jr. During those years she was named Queen of the area's Strawberry Festival. She was a member of the cheerleading squad at L'Anse High School and graduated as part of the 1950 class. Her family then moved to Iron Mountain, MI during which time Marilyn worked in Chicago, IL as a Nanny at The Cradle, a child adoption organization. Following Norman's return from WWII, Marilyn married Norman Donald McKindles Jr. on May 15, 1954 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in L'Anse, Mi. Marilyn and Norman lived in L'Anse the majority of, and throughout the remainder of their married years. They maintained a loving home on Broad Street in L'Anse and were married almost 51 years until Norman's death on February 6, 2005. Marilyn's full-time job was that of raising their five children. She busied herself with meticulous house-keeping, daily baking and enjoyed square-dancing, reading, exercising, bird-watching, writing poetry, snowmobiling and in later years, picking up sticks and leaves from her yard on Broad Street. Marilyn spent many summers coordinating and preparing for the annual family reunion/vacation for her extended family at the McKindles' camp in Skanee, MI. One of Marilyn's hallmarks that will be missed most was her loving, rascally sense of humor. Marilyn now leaves her sons, Norman III (Doreen Buckovetz), Joseph (Maureen DeKeyser), Timothy (Ruth Murnane), Robert (Joann Pellizzer); her grandchildren Nathan & Mathew, Alicia Coron & Bruce Coron (step grandchildren); Ryan, Adam, Derek and Jessica; Glenn & Chuck Margewich (step-grandsons) Morgan & Alex; her siblings Kenneth, Phyllis (Santini), Richard, JoAnn (Michaud), Linda (Bastian), and many nieces and nephews. She now joins her husband, her daughter Heidi Sue (Sept. 12, 1996), and her parents. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 9, 2012 from Sacred Heart Catholic Church, L'Anse with Father Antony Lukka,

celebrant. Interment took place in the L'Anse Evergreen Cemetery. The family received friends on Friday, June 8, 2012 from 5 until 8 p.m. at the Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, L'Anse. A parish prayer service was held Friday evening in the funeral chapel at 7:30 p.m. Mom's boys would like to express their gratitude to Dr. Ingram and group, and to all BCMH staff for their treatment and care for Mom over the years. They will be forever thankful to Carol Seavoy, Marilyn's brother Richard and family, and the other friends and community members who provided care, companionship, assistance and kindness to Mom during her later years at home. They will be forever grateful to Pauline and the staff at Shulstad's Assisted Living, Baraga, MI for their support, solicitude, and solace for Mom during her final months.

Comments



“ My sympathies to the McKindles family. Muno was one of a kind and I have many great memories of her that always make me smile. Love and prayers for all.

Karen Kelly - July 12, 2012 at 03:34 PM



“ Dear Joe and Family,
I was so very sorry to hear about the passing of Your dear sweet Mother whose in a more enjoyable Place now that she's in Heaven with our Lord and Her loving Husband. She was a wonderful Lady who

Will never be forgotten, all my thoughts and all Of my prayers will be with you all during all of Your Families time of Sadness. 06/10/2012

Michael Jarvey Sr. - June 10, 2012 at 02:10 PM



“ Very sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. She was a very remarkable, special lady. Your family has my deepest sympathy. I didn't know her that well, but she always had a smile for me and a very kind words.

Jayne Walbridge - June 09, 2012 at 10:34 AM



“ Joe and family, I am sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was indeed one of a kind! She had a unique sense of humor and always made me laugh. I admired her strength and spirit. She will be missed by so many. Whenever I pass her home I will think of her and picture her out in the yard. She will never be forgotten. Cindy

Cindy Erickson - June 08, 2012 at 09:21 AM



“ My sympathies go out to the McKindles family with the passing of a very Special Lady, your Mother. She really is one of a kind! Always happy and full of spunk. She loved telling stories of the kids adventures growing up and her childhood in Pequaming. She was a pretty big Shining Star in my life! She will be greatly missed in so many ways. The town will not be the same! I wish you great strength in the time of deep sadness. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Suzanne Mleko - June 07, 2012 at 11:17 AM



“ Our sympathies to you and your family, Joe, on the passing of your Mom. Our hearts go out to all who love her. May God bless and comfort all of you during this difficult time. Dawn Doyle and the Tooling Group- Owosso Mi.

Dawn K Doyle - June 07, 2012 at 10:56 AM



“ My condolences on the loss of Marilyn. I enjoyed visiting with her when she would come into the Frostie Freeze over the years for her double-chocolate malt. She will be missed by many.

Marianne Wickstrom - June 07, 2012 at 10:07 AM



“ Joe, Rob, Tim and Mick
I was so sorry to hear about your mother. It is never easy to lose a parent, but knowing she is in heaven with the Good Lord and your dad is always a comfort. You will always have the memories. Know you and your family are in my prayers always.

Love to your family,
Barbara Clements

Barbara Clements - June 07, 2012 at 08:15 AM



“ Joe and family - our sympathies on the loss of your mom. We have you in our prayers during this difficult time.

Greg & Kathy Laatsch - June 06, 2012 at 11:25 PM



“ Sincere sympathy to all of Marilyn's family. We have lost a wonderful neighbor of over 40 yrs. who has left us with many good memories of her & her family. We will truly miss her. ~ "Booze" & Jeannie

Jeannie Gourneau - June 06, 2012 at 09:54 PM



“ Dear Joe and Family - we are so sorry to hear about your mother. She was definitely a wonderful lady and an Angel here on Earth. God Bless all of you.

Wendy Welch - June 06, 2012 at 05:45 PM



“ Mick, Tim, Rob and Joe, we are saddened to hear of Muno's passing. I have many fond memories of Muno and your family; especially the fun times we had at camp. I admired her spunk and determination. She will be missed. Our prayers will be with all of you.

Love, Annie, Sean and Nicholas

Ann Borgardt - June 06, 2012 at 01:39 PM



“ Micky, Joe, Tim, and Rob,

Was saddened to hear of your Moms passing. We enjoyed many evenings sitting around with your Dad and "Muno" talking and laughing. We pray for Our Lord to grant you comfort in your loss.

Jim Manning - June 06, 2012 at 10:49 AM



“ Joe, Mick, Tim and Rob, we are so sorry to hear of the passing of your dear Mom and my lovely Aunt. I will always remember the kindness and love she has given to me over the years. I will miss her forever.

Kathy (Schultz) Danhieux - June 06, 2012 at 09:21 AM



“ Our sympathies go out to Mick, Joe, Rob, Tim and families on the loss of your mom. Marilyn was a unique person, definitely "One of a kind". We have very fond memories of her. She was a great neighbor and friend. We will miss her so much.
Cid and Scott

Cindy Collins - June 06, 2012 at 08:58 AM