



## Genola L. Herman

February 11, 1921 - July 15, 2020

IRON MOUNTAIN- Genola Louise Herman age 99, of Iron Mountain, passed away Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at Pinecrest Medical Care Facility in Powers, Michigan.

Genola, who was known by many as “Gen” or “Jen”, was born in Norway on February 11, 1921, the daughter of the late Julius and Bernice (Anderson) Cretton.

She attended two Niagara country elementary schools, one located on US 8 and the other located on 141, both about a mile from the US8/141 intersection, where the Cretton Farm was located. Genola graduated from Niagara High School in 1939, later that year she moved to Chicago.

Even though her future husband Joseph Herman, was also born in the Penn Hospital in Norway, she did not meet him until they had both moved to Chicago, where mutual friends from back home introduced them to each other.

They were married on May 10, 1941 in Chicago. They were married for 67 years before Joseph preceded her in death on May 26, 2008.

Genola acquired her Illinois and Michigan Beautician licenses and ran her

own shop, "Jen's Little Shop" in Evanston, IL., where they lived until Joe retired and they moved to a place on the Kremlin Road and Pemebonwon River near Pembine, WI.

For many years Genola was active in St. Mary Catholic Church in Evanston, IL, where she held Bible classes in her home, participated in the Censorship of Pornography efforts, and was a Cub Scout and Brownie Den Leader. She also was an election precinct judge for many years in Evanston.

Genola is survived by her children Karen Jo Herman of Iron Mountain; Barbara and Jim Mulka of Mundelien, IL/Sanibel Island, FL; three grandchildren John Allen (Michele L.) Herman of Sanibel Island, FL, Tina (Sean) Fenniman of Stuart, FL, and Wally Mulka (Becky) of Sanibel Island, FL; six great grandchildren Kaitlyn Herman, Kylie Noel (David) Sevenski, Grace, Isabelle and Arabelle Fenniman, and Audrey Mulka; sister Bonnie Eternicka of Rhinelander, WI.; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son Allan Herman, who was killed in Vietnam; brothers, Dumont, Robert, William, Clayton, Joseph and Cecil Cretton; sisters, Mercy Flint, June Binion, Elaine LaRoche, and Maxine Cretton.

Private family graveside services will be held at the Norway Township Cemetery.

Genola's family would like to say "Thank You" the staff of Family Ties and Pinecrest Medical Care Facility for the wonderful care they provided for the past several years.

# Cemetery Details

## Norway Township Cemetery

Norway Township, MI

# Tribute Wall

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“ *In the Love that surrounds you,  
May you find Strength,  
In the Memories you Cherish,  
May you find Peace.*



*God's Love and Blessings from St Mary's Parish Family*

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**St Mary's Parish** - July 26, 2020 at 11:42 PM

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“ *She will be missed, she was such a spitfire enjoyed her alot.  
Prayers to her family and friends*

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**Sally Varda** - July 20, 2020 at 11:12 PM

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“ *So sorry for your loss. I would see Genolo often when at Pinecrest  
to see my mom. She was quite a lady with a lot of spunk, and  
always made me smile when we visited. I will miss her greatly.  
Julie Schlenvogt*

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**Julie Schlenvogt** - July 18, 2020 at 08:16 PM

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**Lori Mellon** - July 18, 2020 at 06:16 PM

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*Jill Mellon with Genola @ family Ties 2012.*

Lori Mellon - July 18, 2020 at 06:17 PM

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“ To the family of Genola Herman,  
We were so sorry to read in the paper that Genolas had passed. We became acquainted with Genola from Family Ties. Our daughter Jill was a volunteer at Family Ties in 2010, 2011 & 2012 and she became very close to Genola. Jill just LOVED Genola. Jill always sat with Genola at lunch time and would eat with her and always get Genola to eat more. Jill would pack her lunch and bring extra treats especially to share with her. It was so sweet. I brought Jill to volunteer one day and we baked cupcakes for everyone. I remember meeting some of Genolas family that day. Tammy Tomassucci used to tell me all the things the two of them would enjoy doing while together at Family Ties.

*I have to tell you this because it is quite coincidental and amazing to me. Jill passed away 8 years ago on her recorded date of July 16th. She died of a brain aneurism at home and we found her in the morning. The coroner stated she died before midnight of July 15th, but it must be recorded when she was found on the 16th. When I read Genolas date of July 15th I lost my breath.*

*We send all our thoughts and prayers to all of you. We have wonderful memories of Jill with Genola and we will treasure them. I'm sure when Genola entered heaven that Jill was there in the crowd to greet her and ran up to her and gave her a big hug.*

*Sincerely,  
Lori & Mike Mellon*

Lori Mellon - July 18, 2020 at 05:56 PM



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Karen Herman - July 16, 2020 at 03:52 PM



*Genola was blessed to be able to live at Pinecrest Medical Care Facility, in Powers MI. They took excellent care of her, which help her to get to 99. Yes she was as mischievous as she looked in this picture and more so. She kept the Pinecrest staff on their toes, especially those days which she would zoom by them in her wheel ch*

Karen Herman - July 16, 2020 at 04:01 PM



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Karen Herman - July 16, 2020 at 03:49 PM



*Genola loved her years with Family Ties Adult Day Care, Iron Mountain MI. They were wonderful to her and help her greatly.*

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**Karen Herman** - July 16, 2020 at 03:45 PM



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**Karen Herman** - July 16, 2020 at 03:23 PM



*Genola loved her little sister, Bonnie, and really enjoyed their time together.*

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**Karen Herman** - July 16, 2020 at 03:15 PM



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**Karen Herman** - July 16, 2020 at 03:14 PM