



JoAnn Holmberg

September 28, 1944 - April 14, 2015

NORWAY- JoAnn Holmberg age 70 of Norway, died Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at Dickinson Co. Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain, MI.

She was born on September 28, 1944 in Wisconsin Rapids, WI the daughter of the late Hartley and Marie (Kirschling) Arsta.

JoAnn graduated from Lincoln High School in 1963.

She married Walter C. Holmberg, Sr. on July 13, 1968 in Wisconsin Rapids, WI. He preceded her in death on February 14, 1993.

JoAnn was a member of St. Mary's Church in Norway, a member of the counting team, Women of St. Mary's and the Norway-Vulcan Senior Center.

She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, reading and making pasties at the Norway-Vulcan Senior Center.

JoAnn is survived by her son Chuck (Amanda) Holmberg of Milwaukee; her daughter Frances (Dan) Spitz of New Berlin, WI; grandsons Theo, Will and Charlie Spitz; brother Hartley (Ruth) Arsta of Two Rivers, WI; sisters Helen (Harvey) Miller of Suring, WI., Frances Vandehey of Wausau, WI., and Marie (Roger) Claussen of Clawson, MI; brother-in-law James (Marion) Holmberg of Waukesha, WI; many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brother David Arsta.

Family will greet friends on Saturday, April 18 from 12-1 p.m. at St. Mary's Church in Norway.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday at 1 p.m. at St. Mary's Church with Fr. Timothy Ekaitis officiating.

Interment will be held at the Norway Township Cemetery at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Norway Township Cemetery

Norway Township, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 18. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Church
401 Main Street
Norway, MI 49870

Memorial Mass

APR 18. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Church
401 Main Street
Norway, MI 49870

Tribute Wall

AR

“ Chuck, Mandi, and Frances and family: Gordy and I are so very sorry for your loss. Chuck, I remember meeting your mom one time when I brought Margot or Andrea to your house. What I recall is how welcoming and friendly she was. We visited for awhile and I felt like I had known her for a long while. I pray that God would give you comfort at this time.

Alice Reed

Alice Reed - April 18, 2015 at 12:35 AM

RH

“ Francie, Chuck & family,
So sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. Our deepest condolences to all of you.

We had many a good visit with your mother and dad on our visits to the Norway to see Jim and Marion. Most of the time by his dad and mom. Our thoughts are with both of you and your families. Sorry we will not be able to attend the service.
love,

Roger & Rosemarie Holzmann

Roger Holzmann - April 17, 2015 at 01:40 PM

KR

“ Kay Von Rueden purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of JoAnn Holmberg.



Kay Von Rueden - April 17, 2015 at 01:27 PM



“ Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of JoAnn Holmberg.



April 17, 2015 at 11:49 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of JoAnn Holmberg.*



April 17, 2015 at 09:53 AM



“ *Francie, Chuck, and Family,
What a wonderful person you mom was. We have great memories of holiday gatherings and your mom would be visiting the area. Always a kind word, always smiling. And what a fantastic cookie maker! May she forever be cherished in your hearts and may you all be ever blessed with all the happiest of memories.*



*Love and Hugs,
Joe and Mary Lee Spitz*

Mary Lee - April 17, 2015 at 06:46 AM

MA

“ I guess it's my turn to share a memory.

I have so many in what I feel is a short time, it's hard to choose one. I first met her at an Olive Garden, got to know her better at Charlie's baptism.....I think I'm going to combine my memories into one great one.

I heard a lot of bad stories about mother in laws, and I mean BAD. JoAnn, I think you might hold the gold medal for the best mother in law. The first time I came up to visit, you knew I liked my wine, so what did you do, you bought me a box of Franzia Merlot and put it in the fridge. I informed you Merlot does not get refridgerated and we had a great laugh. Ever since then you always made sure you had boxed wine and you'd send me home with it, with a baggie around the nozzle along with straws because I like straws (in my non alcoholic beverages).

I am in denial you are gone. I'm waiting for you to tell me it's 5pm and it's cocktail hour, or show me a photo album of Chuck growing up and tell me stories he never would.

I will also now and forever admire you for always speaking of Walter Sr. as your only love. You called him Walt and the stories always roped me in. You never dated or remarried and a part of me found that so endearing as if it were a timeless love story in a book.

You were timeless, beautiful and classic. I will never forget you. May you meet your love Walt once again and truly live happily ever after. I love you Mom.

Mandi - April 16, 2015 at 08:46 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of JoAnn Holmberg.



April 16, 2015 at 08:38 PM

MT

“ chuck and Francis, so sorry for your loss. Your mom was one of the nicest ladies. I got to know her when you and Valerie became friends. I am praying for you two at one of the hardest time in your life.

Mary Lou Tomasi - April 16, 2015 at 07:22 PM



“ Please accept our deepest condolences on the death of your mother and sister. We were saddened to learn of her sudden passing. We will keep her and your family in our loving thoughts and prayers. We will not be able to attend the service but know we hold you in our hearts at this time and in the days ahead.



The Leonard Kirschling Family - Christine and Rick Kieffer, Christopher and Kathy Kirschling, Peggy Courchaine, Nancy and John Deprey and Susan and Jim Barnette.

Christine Kieffer - April 16, 2015 at 04:56 PM

CH

“ 16 files added to the album Family



Chuck - April 16, 2015 at 11:59 AM

TD

“ Chuck, so sorry for the loss of your mother. My thoughts and that of our Charlotte office are with you in this difficult time. I'm sure she was so very special to you and your family. I lost my mom as well and truly know what you are going through. You are so blessed to have had her in your life as long as you did. You will surely have many memories to share with your family of how wonderful she is. Be well my friend.

Tracy Daniels-Armstrong - April 16, 2015 at 11:53 AM

PE

“ Chuck, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Prayers to you and your family. Having lost my mom in January, I find comfort in knowing she is in a better place. I know that they are with us always in spirit.
Penny Garza

Penny - April 16, 2015 at 11:16 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of JoAnn Holmberg.*



April 16, 2015 at 10:11 AM

CH

“ *No matter how long I would be home, 2 hours or 1 week, she would always have plenty of homemade baked goods for me to take back with me...along with various other random items she would find or buy. It was comforting and exciting to see what she had waiting for me when I would arrive. Love you Mom.*

Chuck - April 16, 2015 at 09:20 AM