



LaVerne Baril-Solda

June 17, 1929 - November 24, 2020

NORWAY- LaVerne J. Baril-Solda age 91 passed away Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at Evergreen Meadows Assisted Living in Norway, MI.

She was born on June 17, 1929 in Norway, the daughter of the late Albert and Edna (VanDamme) Johnson.

LaVerne graduated from Vulcan High School in 1947. She attended Northern Michigan University earning a State Limited Certificate and began a teaching career. In the years that followed she earned her bachelor's degree, followed by a master's degree in special education.

LaVerne married Lawrence Baril on August 8, 1952 at St. Barbara's Church in Vulcan. He preceded her in death in 1978.

She retired from Norway-Vulcan Area Schools in 1986 having taught for 32 years. Following retirement, she served on the Norway-Vulcan School Board for 8 years and Dickinson -Iron Intermediate School Board for 12 years.

Having a special needs daughter, she directed much effort to improve the lives of special needs citizens.

A charter member of Memorial Hospice, serving as a volunteer and as an officer. A lifetime member of the Michigan Education Association, and the

National Education Association, and the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System. A member of St. Mary's Church and Oak Crest Golf Club in Norway.

She married Gelindo "Geno" Solda on October 4, 1997 at St. Mary's Church in Norway.

LaVerne is survived by her husband Geno; daughters Linda Baril of Kingsford, LuAnne (James) Batti of Kingsford and Laurie (Brian) Whear of Iron River; sons Lee (Pam) Baril of Eau Claire, WI and Michael (Kristi) Solda of Norway; nine grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; brother Ken Johnson; sisters-in-law Marie Johnson, and Corky Johnson; many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her infant daughter Lois; brothers Roland and Ernest Johnson; and sisters-in-law Marilu Johnson and Joan Johnson.

Interment will be held now at the Norway Township Cemetery.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's Church in the spring.

The family would like to extend a special Thank You to all staff at Evergreen Meadows Assisted Living.

Family suggest that memorial contributions may be made in LaVerne's name to Evergreen Meadows.

Cemetery Details

Norway Township Cemetery

Norway Township, MI

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

PV

“ *Paula Vassar lit a candle in memory of LaVerne Baril-Solda*



paula Vassar - December 21, 2020 at 12:39 PM

CM

“ *Geno, Mike, Linda, LuAnne, Lee and Laurie my deepest sympathies on the passing of LaVerne. She was an incredible teacher and mother with a zest for life. With great loss comes great memories; may you cherish them everyday.*

Chuck Melchiori - December 06, 2020 at 06:55 PM

DJ

“ *My God Mother was a wonderful person thru out her entire life! Always a smile on her face, and a caring sole. My memories of Auntie will be carried with me the rest of my life. Thank you Lord for Blessing US with her in our lives!*

dave johnson - December 01, 2020 at 08:57 AM

BA

“ *Brian Adams lit a candle in memory of LaVerne Baril-Solda*



Brian Adams - November 30, 2020 at 08:16 PM

TP

“ *Geno, Mike & Family--
Know that we share your sorrow. LaVern was a wonderful, dynamic woman.*

*Taylor Polomis
Minneapolis. MN*

Taylor Polomis - November 30, 2020 at 04:08 PM

SM

“ *I am sorry to learn of Laverne's passing. I have fond memories of Laverne as I began my teaching career at Norway Elementay School. She was very supportive to a young guy who was over his head at times. I appreciated her sense of humor and was most impressed by how much she cared for her students who had academic challenges.
Her actions made a long lasting impression on me.*

*With sincere condolences,
Scott McClure*

Scott McClure - November 30, 2020 at 03:51 PM

EG

“ *I am so sorry to hear of this news. LaVerne was our neighbor when I was growing up. I remember popcorn Friday nights and highballs.....(I had pop of course) but my memories of her are nothing short of fun, laughter and unfiltered joy! She came to my wedding 34 years ago.....and I think that was last time I saw her. Such a kind lady....took us in when our house burned down.....loved her organization! She even was my teacher too! So many wonderful memories.....my heart sank when I read of this. Linda, Lee, Laurie, Luann...my sincere sympathy. Edie (Anderson) Gillissie*

edie anderson gillisse - November 29, 2020 at 09:01 PM

HM

“ *Holly McCarthy-Biolo lit a candle in memory of LaVerne Baril-Solda*



Holly McCarthy-Biolo - November 29, 2020 at 07:43 PM

JA

“ *Dear Geno and family,
My grandmother (Katherine Bernard) and Dad (Bob) were neighbors across the street. LaVerne was a force of kindness and fun! Perfect combo to live across from for 25 years. Those retired teachers never lost their spark. Gram wore a very colorful hat that LaVerne gave her and I will always smile thinking how that hat was just about all people could see while Dad drove her around all the beautiful roads of the UP. So farewell dear lady and may God Bless her entrance to Heaven.
Sincerely, Janice and Ray Adkins*

Janice Adkins - November 29, 2020 at 01:15 PM

SM

“ *Geno, Lee, Laurie, Linda, LuAnne & Michael,*
I was so sorry to hear of the passing of LaVerne. LaVerne was such a good friend of my Mom's (Joannie Flink) and our family. I would say to my Mom that LaVerne was her FUN friend. She was one of those people that you loved being around. She was always smiling, funny and made you feel good being in her presence. I attended a few of her and Geno's happy hours at the house when I would come home to visit. That was always a great time catching up. My Mom always looked forward to their annual birthday dinner at her house that she would have for Linda. Many memories made between those two. I hope they are catching up in Heaven sharing laughs and a beer.

Sending love and prayers to all of you at this time, Sally Flink McDonald



Sally McDonald - November 28, 2020 at 03:15 PM

KO

“ *Geno, LuAnn, Mike and families, I am so sorry to hear of LaVerne's passing. What a special lady. Always so happy and cheery and genuine. A person was truly blessed to be able to say they knew LaVerne and had her as a friend. May she be safely home in the arms of our Lord and Savior and may he wrap his arms around all of you and comfort you in this difficult time. Rest in Peace Sweet Lady.*

Kathy O'Connell

Kathy O'Connell - November 27, 2020 at 12:53 PM

JG

“ *Geno,
I am so sorry for your loss. She was such a kind caring person. My children just loved her. When we went past her house she would always smile and ask how they were doing in school and always a nice encouraging comment for them. She will be missed. My childrenLaurie. Gary. Lisa and. Amanda*

Jeanne Gardipee - November 26, 2020 at 11:09 AM

RH

“ *Geno, I am so sorry to hear of LaVerne's passing. I so enjoyed visiting with her and bringing communion to the both of you. I was hoping I would be able to get back out to Evergreen for another communion service, but this shutdown has kept us all apart. She was a wonderful lady and I also enjoyed the casino trips that we were on together, especially my mom's very last one when you and LaVerne both spent time with her. I will never forget that trip....*



Hold on to your memories for they will get you through this time

*Prayers and Love to you and the Family,
Rosemary and Pete Haepers*

Rosemary Haepers - November 25, 2020 at 08:07 PM

SP

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



God's Love and Blessing Geno and Family

St Mary's Parish - November 25, 2020 at 07:57 PM



from St Mary's Parish!

St Mary's - November 25, 2020 at 07:59 PM