



Cheryl Leppiaho

August 23, 1953 - August 23, 2013

Cheryl E. Leppiaho, 60, of Crystal Falls, passed away on Friday, August 23, 2013 at Northstar Health System in Iron River.

She was born September 20, 1952 in Freemont, MI, Daughter of the late Patrick and Doris (Allison) Robinson. Cheryl was a 1970 graduate of Forest Park High School. While she was in school, she was active in band and choir and served as a flag girl in the Drum and Bugle Corp. On October 26, 1991 she married Eugene L. Leppiaho and they made their home in the Kimball Mine location in Crystal Falls. Cheryl's great joys in life were her grandchildren, sewing, watching her birds, her flower beds and baking yummy treats.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her in laws, Vilho (Bill) and Esther Leppiaho; three stepchildren, Richard and Patti Leppiaho and Brian Palmer; a nephew, Craig Robinson and a great nephew, Abraham Ritzenhien.

She is survived by her husband, Eugene; her children, Joseph (Jackie) Smokevitch of Johannesburg, MI and Michelle (Keith) Graves of Crystal Falls; stepsons, John (Angela) Leppiaho of Green Bay, WI and KNE Palmer of Tucson, AZ; grandchildren, Ashley Buell, Kaden Graves, Allison and Joseph II Smokevitch; step grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Madelyn, and Connor Leppiaho; her siblings, Judy (Jim) Ritzenhien of Vulcan, MI, Bill (Kathy) Robinson of Racine, WI and Richard (Sarah) Robinson of Marion, MT; her sister in law, Sue (Bob)

Sliva; many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. Also by her special friends, Sue, MaryAnn, Kitty and Donna.

Visitation will be from 1:00-2:00pm Saturday, August 31, 2013 at the Nash Funeral Home of Crystal Falls. Memorial services will follow at 2:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her memory to the Iron County Cancer Unit or the Northwoods Animal Shelter

Condolences may be expressed online to the family of Cheryl Leppiaho at www.nashfuneralhome.net.

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home of Crystal Falls with the funeral arrangements.

Tribute Wall

BM

“ *My dear friend, my mentor through my teenage years of my life through my adult years you listened you laughed you gave me advice and you made me part of your wonderful family through the years of our long distance relationship. You will always be in my heart. May God wrap his loving arms around you and be in peace in his heaven above. I will miss you.*

Barbie Jeffries - Princeton, WV - Friend, Godmother to Michelle - August 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Leave a condolence or a memory.*

Barbie Jeffries - Princeton, WV - Friend and Godmother of Michelle - August 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *Cheryl and I were in Jim and Judy's wedding together (50+ years ago). We had a great time and it has always been a great memory. We will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers. Sorry we cannot be there for your family.*

Peggy (Ritzenhein) Bitely - Sparta, MI - August 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ *Aunt Cheryl fought a courageous battle against cancer. She is a beautiful woman that will always have a special place in my heart. I will miss her!*

Katie Ritzenhein - Negaunee, MI - She is my Aunt - August 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Aunt Cheryl,
you will be missed by many. All of us know the war you battled over
the past several months. May the angels greet you at the gates and
may GOD hold you in the palm of his hand. Now you walk with
everyone with a smile on your face.

Joe and Michelle,
Our sincere condolences to you and the family.
Hugs,
Christy

Christy and Mike Talley - Graham, WA - She is my Aunt - August 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Sorry for your loss and sending prayers to the family

Butch and Candy Soderena - Amasa, MI - August 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Michelle... I am so sorry for your loss! Prayers continue for strength
and peace for you and your family! Sincerely, Rhonda Wickerham

Rhonda Wickerham - MI - August 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Joe and Michelle,

Sorry to hear that your mom has passed on. Take care and Peace
to all of you

Dawn Payne - Crystal Falls, MI - acquaintance - August 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM