



Billie Lee Mannisto

June 11, 1947 - May 25, 2009

Billie Lee Beer Mannisto, 61, left us tragically and unexpectedly on Monday May 25th, on Memorial Day. She was born in Sault Ste. Marie on June 11, 1947. A 1965 graduate of DeTour Area Schools, Billie attended Northern Michigan University where she achieved a BS in Education and an MS in Guidance & Counseling, with subsequent graduate degrees at Oakland University. Billie loved teaching and truly made DeTour High School a better place with her knowledge, experience, and fun in the classroom. After retiring from her career in Secondary Education, Billie pursued small business as the owner-operator of a gift shop and then, most recently, as a full-time Real Estate Broker with Statewide Real Estate in Cedarville. She bought and sold homes for many families and individuals who shared her passion for the beautiful Upper Peninsula. As a lifelong resident of Eastern Upper Peninsula, Billie loved the water, and enjoyed boating and swimming in Lake Huron and the St. Mary's River. Proud, tough, and independent, Billie was a true YOOPER at heart! But she also appreciated warmer weather, and made several trips to California where she spent time with her daughter Michelle in San Diego and Redding. Michelle and Billie visited Lake Tahoe and Hollywood, and vacationed in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. Even while on vacation, Billie enjoyed teaching, and worked periodically as a substitute teacher on her visits to California. Billie is survived by her daughter Michelle Mannisto of Long Beach, CA, Brother Charlie (April) Beer and niece Allison (Patrick) Carpenter and two great nephews and niece all of Lowell, MI. She

was predeceased by her parents, James and Edith Beer of DeTour. Visitation is Sunday, May 31 at 1:30PM with services, presided by the Reverend Judith Arnold, at 2:00PM at the Detour Union Presbyterian Church (De Tour Village, MI 49725. 906-297-2341) and burial service immediately following at the Maple Grove Cemetery. A celebration of Billie's life, to be announced, will follow burial services.

Tribute Wall

AB

“ My deepest sympathies to the Family of Billie Lee Mannisto. Approximately a week and a half previous to Billie's tragic passing; I saw and talked to her outside of my apartment in the Sault. Billie and I spoke of going out to dinner and having some fun after the long hard winter we had endured. Billie befriended me in 'my time of need' and Billie is a beautiful loving lady. I consider myself 'Blessed knowing Billie. No one loved is ever lost and Billie is Loved very much!

Ann Marie Brunk - June 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Missy,
Thinking of you. I hope you find comfort in the memories of your Mom. Love, Charlotte

Charlotte (Moser) Goudreau - June 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. My condolences and prayers are with you. Billie was a lot of fun in class and I still remember taking her French I class. I even remember how to say "I Love You", and "No, I do not speak French". There is a story there, as there always were in Billie's classes...but I'm sure Kevin Hamel wouldn't appreciate me sharing the details! :) She will be missed.

Many blessings to you and your family.

Kasey McFarland

Kasey (Astle) McFarland - June 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Missy, Chuck and April,
I was so sorry to hear of Billie's passing. She was a bright and talented person with a huge heart.
It won't be the same on the 4th to not hear about Scotch Bluff and the McLeods.
She was truly a special person and will be sadly missed by my entire family.
Bonnie Hughes*

Bonnie Hughes - May 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ *We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Billie's fun sense of humor will be missed and her love of life will be remembered by everyone who knew her. Our sympathy to you.*

Clarlyn & Rick Ledy - May 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *We only have the fondest memories of Ms. Mannisto. She was always fun and always made us smile. We are deeply sadden by her passing. We hope that Missy, Chuck and April all know that our thoughts and prayers are with them during this difficult time.*

Jodine and Maxine Fairchild - May 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Missy, I am thinking of you and all of the family, my deepest sympathy goes out to all of you, I don't have to tell you what your mom has meant to me, I think you already know that. I practically grew up at your house for many years, and we have shared some great times. All of the laughs , and all of the great memories through the years will never be forgotten. She will be deeply missed by all! She truly was one of a kind, You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Love, Annette

Annette(Callaghan) Wilson - May 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Missy its been sometime since we have seen eachother we all grow up and have different lives but I want you to know that Im thinking about u and my thoughts and prayers are with YOU.. Keep thinking about al the good mem. with your ma and that will comfort u threw this hard time.

Dawn Cruickshank - May 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I have so many fond memories of Ms. Mannisto as my English and French teacher, and of Billie, the fun, generous person she was. I also worked for her one summer at her tanning salon, and we had some good chats and lots of laughs. She was a kind and giving person, always wearing a big smile, and I know she'll be missed. Missy, Chuck, and April, my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Janet Cross - May 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ I am deeply sorry for your loss, Missy (and family). I was lucky enough to be in touch with your Mother in the last few months; I feel grateful to have had those opportunities to catch up with her. She was a wonderful person- one who made a difference in my life by her teaching and one who made a difference in my life through her friendship. Please know that she will be sadly missed by many, and also know that you are in my thoughts and prayers at this time. I pray that you find the courage and the strength to carry you through this difficult time.

Nicole "Ingrid" Seaman - May 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Michelle, we are so sorry to hear of your tragic loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Dear Billie, may you rest in peace. You will be missed by many.

Sharon and Margo - May 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Billie, you are one of a kind. It was always nice to run into you. You always had a nice word for everyone you knew. Thanks for the memories, and most of all your friendship. Peace to you my friend. Best to your family. Don Hurban.

Don Hurban - May 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ God where to start. First of all Ive known Mrs Mannisto all of my life and from a kid in school to now a adult still respected her enough to call her "Mrs. Mannisto" I just couldnt bring myself to call her Billie. First of all I would like to say Im sorry of her lose to her extended familey. She was truley one of a kind and will be missed by all. She was so much fun in school as my teacher. She liked to have fun but did make sure we also learned. My familey was her neighbors (Don and Kathryn Cruickshank) 4 many years. Billie and my mothere Kathryn were very close and she also sends her deepest regaurds to all.....

Dawn Cruickshank - May 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Missy, Chuck and April, I was so sorry to hear about your loss. Although I hadn't been in touch with Billie for some time, I will never forget the good times and laughs we shared over the years.

I hope that knowing you are in my thoughts will somehow help you through this sad time.

Cheryl (Bernard) Whittaker - May 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Missy,
I just wanted to tell you that I am thinking about you! You are in my heart and in my prayers! Your mom was truly a good person.
Love,
Marian (LaPoint)Burton

Marian - May 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ My condolences to the family and especially to Michelle. It's not easy losing a parent at such a young age...may your fond memories help comfort you during this time.

Lori Schmitigal Tomkinson - May 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to her daughter Michelle and Chuck & April. Great memories will get you through this time of sorrow.

Billie & I had some good times driving back and forth from NMU, Marquette to home on the weekends.

She will be missed.

Nancy (Tominack) Gloden - May 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Missy and the rest of Billie's family. I knew Billie as a very giving person, she would have done anything to help a friend in need. I also have had a lot of good times with her and have several fond memories of times spent with Billie.

Susan Woods - May 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ To Michelle.....
Sorry for the loss of your Mother - May she rest in peace.

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal.

David A. Dear - May 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ To Michelle: I am very sorry for your loss and pray that your many memories of your love for each other will help you through tough times. God knows it isn't always easy to be a teacher and a mentor to children, and takes a special person to do so. Your mom thoroughly had a passion for it and loved it and touched many lives! She loved her community, which she seemed to create wherever she went, and loved and enjoyed life!! One cannot help but to smile when thinking of Ms. Mannisto!:) Take care.

Roxanna L. (Kelcheski) Kemppainen - May 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NJ

“ Visit's to DeTour will never be the same without Billie. I am going to miss the endless cooking, the laughs, the good times, the interesting conversation, and the smiling face. I am grateful to have known Billie and grateful for all the wonderful memories we shared! My love and condolences to all her loved ones.....

Noelle Johnston - May 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM