



Mary Margaret (Dunlop) Kostecki

March 2, 1942 - April 1, 2024

Mary Margaret (Dunlop) Kostecki, age 82, of Cedarville, Michigan, passed away on April 1, 2024. She was born on March 2, 1942, in Rochester, Michigan, to Marion and George Dunlop.

Mary graduated from Rochester High School in 1959, and after graduation she attended Siena Heights and Lake Superior State University for undergraduate studies. She received her master's degree from Michigan State University. In 1963, she married John J. Kostecki and went on to have three children. Mary and John were partners in a motorcycle shop in Rochester before moving to the Upper Peninsula in 1978. They purchased and ran Cadogan Point Resort on Dudley Bay. They later moved to Pipe Island in the Saint Mary's River where they felt privileged to maintain the lighthouse keeper's home and cabins. John and Mary were most recently residents of Straits Area Senior Living Center in St. Ignace, Michigan. Known for her compassion and kindness, Mary served the area through her job as an MSU Extension Director where she worked to connect area services to support children and families. She was proactive and dedicated to her work. John and Mary also enjoyed participating with local artists, opening the Timberdoodle and Pilot House in Detour Village. John and Mary were also grateful for the opportunity to support the Cedarville Band's trip to China.

Mary was a devoted mother to John Jr., Heath, and Jennifer; she was a

mother-in-law to Cymantha, Sharri, and Jeff. She cherished her grandchildren, Nicholas, Nathaniel, Chandler, and Caroline. Mary will be dearly missed by all who knew her. Mary's family asks that she be remembered through acts of kindness.

A Celebration of Life will be held on June 29th in Cedarville. The time and place will be announced later.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Habitat for Humanity - Grand Traverse Region, 2487 Rice St, Traverse City, MI 49684.

Family Life Funeral Homes assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Obituary as submitted by family.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Such an angel on earth. This lady wanted nothing but to help. Help those in need. Help those hurting. Help you reach your highest potential. Help you see things differently. I so appreciate and feel blessed to of known Mary. Such a lovely soul. Rest in Peace sweet friend.* □



Sherry Pitko - April 27, 2024 at 07:53 PM

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“ *Yes, kind and compassionate are the first two words that come to mind when hearing Mary's name or seeing that beautiful photo chosen for the obituary. Blessings and comfort to her wonderful family. May she rest in peace and bliss. - Geraldine Stelmaszek*

Geraldine Stelmaszek - April 11, 2024 at 08:42 AM

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“ *The best childhood memories of 4H camp ever! Will forever remember her gentle soul! Fly high Mary!*

Staci Nelson - April 08, 2024 at 04:50 PM

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“ Mary was the kindest, most giving person all the time, not just occasionally. We live on Spring Bay and I recall several boat trips over to Pipe Island to have dinner with her and John. Her spaghetti was delicious 😊

Every year around Christmas she would pop into our store in DeTour, North Country Sports, and gift us with a Pantone, Italian sweet bread. Delicious. I also remember her deep love and concern for her twin grandsons Nathan and Nathaniel. She encouraged me to "hire" one of the boys for a few hours of work in the summer. She loves entrepreneurial work and encouraged several endeavors in the Village. Sweet lady for sure . May she now rest in Peace 🙏

Cathy Kohring - April 06, 2024 at 09:58 AM