



Ruth B. Visnaw

July 31, 2015

Ruth B. Visnaw, 66 of Pte LaBarbe Road, St. Ignace passed away at home following an 11 month bout with cancer. She was born in Petoskey on August 12, 1948 to James J. and Dorothy "Sis" (Bentgen) Brown. She is one of 11 children born to the household. She graduated from LaSalle High School in the class of 1966 and completed 2 years of college and several banking schools. She was a Mortgage Loan Officer at 1st National Bank for many years. Ruthie was a very loving and friendly person, and could put together a dinner for 35 people in a very short time, and did so many times. She was a Championship Golfer, winning tournaments at the St. Ignace Golf and Country Club many times. She had 2 businesses on Mackinac Island, the Sleeping Turtle and the Wharf,, and operated them for over 10 years. She was a very active member of the St. Ignace United Methodist Church, and held many offices, donating her time graciously. She also taught Sunday School and had a perfect attendance in Sunday school for many years. Ruthie will be sorely missed, by her family and many, many friends. She retired from the bank in the fall of 2013.

She married Joe Visnaw on October 14, 1972 and he survives; a son, Joe Joe and his wife Kari of St. Ignace; 2 grandchildren, Trevor and Avery; her siblings, Prentiss Brown III "Giz"; James (Geri) Brown, Bobby (Krista) Brown; Paul (Cindy) Brown; Andy (Lora) Brown; Jane Perry; Susan Pierson; Sally (John) Herbon; Barbara Brown; all of St. Ignace and Caroline "Lina" (Curtis:)

Cheeseman, Northville; Uncles, and Aunts Prentiss M. Brown Jr; Paul (Meg) Brown; Bruce Bentgen; Jack and Barb Bentgen; Bruce and Barb Laing; and many nieces and nephews. and cousins. She was preceeded in death by her parents, Jim and Sis Brown. and her Aunt Margaret "Peg" Brown.; aunts and uncles, Ruth and Forest Evashevski; Patricia Watson; Hugh and Mariana Rudolph; and her grandparents, Senator Prentiss and Marion Brown; and Capt Hilliard and Lucille Bentgen;and aunt Anne and Bill Bentgen.

Friends may call at the St. Ignace United Methodist Church on Tuesday, August 4 from 10 am until 1 pm when services will be held with Pastor Susie Hierholzer officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery . Those wishing to remember Ruthie may do so by giving to the United Methodist Church with envelopes available from Dodson Funeral Home, who assisted with arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth B. Visnaw*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Ruth B. Visnaw*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Ruth B. Visnaw*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *We are very saddened to hear of Ruth's passing our prayers to the family and her many friends.*

Sue and Ben Perry - August 04, 2015 at 06:39 PM



“ *Rest in peace my friend. You gave it one damn good fight.*

David Schlehuder - August 03, 2015 at 06:37 PM



“ *Ruth always impressed me as one of God's incarnations of a Sun Beam.*

Tom Weiss - August 03, 2015 at 01:36 PM

MH

“ Blessings on Ruth's family in thanksgiving for a life well-lived in love for others. Sincere sympathies.

Mike & Janet Herman - August 03, 2015 at 09:36 AM

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“ May the Lord bless and comfort the Brown and Visnaw family during this time of grief. Please accept our sincere condolences.

Sharon and Jim Olson - August 02, 2015 at 01:11 PM

MB

“ So sorry...and will b there. Ruth had such a wonderful personality and I went to school with her. just so happened we rode by her home today and really thought of her. Miriam (Smith) Blair

Miriam Blair - August 01, 2015 at 04:19 PM