



Jan Garber

November 7, 2011

Jan May Garber Age 77 Iron River, MI Died Monday,
November 7, 2011 at her home.

Born: May 14, 1934 in Iron River, MI

The daughter of the late Louis and Hilma (Norkoli) Passamani attended the Bates and Iron River Schools, graduating from Iron River High School in 1952. After graduation, she moved to Chicago where she lived for 22 years. In 1974, Jan moved back to Iron River and was employed with the Iron County Friend of Court office until her retirement in 1998.

Jan was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Kiwanis and served on the West Iron County School Board from 1976 to 1981.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Ronald.

She is survived by her daughter, Paula (Kevin) Garber O'Driscoll of Chicago, IL

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Four brothers; Andrew Passamani of Iron

Duane Passamani of Iron

Phillip (Gail) Passamani of Iron

Daniel (Sue) Passamani of Iron

One sister, Ann (William) Carne, Ispeming,

One grandson. Brendan

Nieces, nephews

and extended family

Visitation: Thursday, November 10, 2011 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Iron River.

Memorial Services will be held Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at

the Trinity Lutheran Church, Iron River, with Rev. Kevin Kaiser to officiate.

Interment: Bates Cemetery, Iron River

Funeral arrangements by the Jacobs Funeral Home, Iron River.

Tribute Wall

BM

“ Paula, So sorry to hear about Aunt Jan's passing. I have nothing but sweet memories of her when I used to visit years ago. Playing catch with her and admiring the painting she did in your bedroom are the things I will remember most. She was very sweet to me and I also enjoyed talking baseball with her. I will always remember her and hold her close to my heart. Love, Cousin Bobby

Bob Martinez - November 12, 2011 at 02:28 PM

PF

“ Paula and extended family, Was very shocked to hear the news of your Mom's/Sisiter's passing. I spoke with her a couple of weeks ago in our office here at Century 21. Her and I were rehashing the 'ole softball days and had many laughs reminiscing. She looked the same now as back then. May you find peace today and laughter tomorrow. She was the softball pitching queen and will be missed for her County involvement and participation.

Punner Franzene - November 11, 2011 at 10:28 AM

LR

“ Paula, I am so sorry to hear that Aunt Jan passed away. I have fond memories of her from when I was a little girl. I wish we could be there with you during this difficult time. It is so nice to read that you and Brenden were her greatest treasures. I'm so happy that she was able to meet her grandson earlier this year. As a grandma myself I know that had to be the most wonderful day of her life. Love to you, Kevin and Brenden.

Lenore Ross - November 10, 2011 at 01:41 PM

BD

“ Paula & Family, I cannot find the words to express how truly sorry I am for your loss. I first met Jan through our women's softball league a few years ago. She was a heck of a pitcher and player. Playing against her and with her was always an experience. I can always remember her saying "pitch 'em high and inside-they will swing everytime". Jan is a great person whom I will miss dearly. She held high standards and lived up to them. Paula, you and your son are her greatest treasures. So-here's to you Jan, you have pitched your final game, you hit a home run and landed safely in Heaven. Thanks for the memories Jan. Paula, our prayers are with you and the family at this time of sorrow. Don't ever forget that she was a great person, a great mother, grandmother, friend and confidant. Go in peace Jan. Sandy Demboski

Brian & Sandy Demboski - November 09, 2011 at 04:21 PM

SL

“ Paula and family, I knew Jan through work as well while I worked in the Dickinson County Friend Of The Court's Office. I don't know if there was anyone that made me laugh as much as she did when we were at conferences downstate. She had me in tears more than once when we were suppose to be paying attention to the speaker. She was a GREAT lady, I'm glad to be able to say I knew her. All my thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Sherri LaBonte - November 09, 2011 at 09:06 AM

AS

“ There are no words to say how sad I am today, Jan was part of our family and Christmas and holidays will never be the same without her. Her spirit, her laughter and watching her on the floor playing with the kids as they opened their gifts. We were so happy to know she was going to be able to do that with Brendan soon. To each family member and Paula especially to you, there is a new bright star in the northern sky. My sympathy to each of you and I am a better person for having known and loved her. God Bless
Sincerely, Audrey

Audrey Stanley - November 08, 2011 at 07:14 PM

LB

“ Paula and family, I was so shocked to hear about your mom passing away—she's always been so full of life...but I can just imagine her skidding into the pearly gates saying "what a ride!". I had a lot of laughs with her over the years both personally and work related. You should know that the sun rose and set on you, Paula, and she was so happy when she knew you were about to become a mom too. I hope to be able to make it to the funeral home but may not be able to as Mike has a cardiology appt in Marquette on Thursday too and right now I'm not certain what time that is scheduled. If I don't see you, please know that I'm thinking about you at this difficult time. Lois Brozak

Lois Brozak - November 08, 2011 at 05:47 PM

JH

“ Jan and I (and Lois) shared some fun when she served Iron County as Friend of the Court. My best memories are from our trips downstate to state meetings. I, too, am shocked at her passing, but am glad to have known her as a friend. My condolences to Paula and family.

Jan Harrison - November 08, 2011 at 04:09 PM