



Nadine Mary Begin

January 15, 1932 - December 1, 2018

Old Mission Peninsula – Nadine Mary Begin, 86, of Old Mission Peninsula passed away December 1, 2018 at her home with her family by her side. The family is saddened to say farewell to her earthly body, but know her soul is at rest with her lifelong companion, Jesus.

Nadine was born on January 15, 1932 in Grand Rapids to the late Joseph and Helen (Fifelski) Grasiniski. She was baptized as Patricia Mary at Sacred Heart Church in Grand Rapids. At age 18, she was called to a life of faith by joining the Felician Sisters where she earned a Master's Degree in Home Economics and taught students for 22 years. As a nun, her name became Sister Nadine. Most would agree that "Nadine" was a far more fitting moniker for the elegant woman she became after setting aside her unadorned nun dresses to don exquisite and bright outfits after exiting the convent.

In 1970 she met a "handsome and debonair" priest at St. Margaret Mary in Detroit. After the two made their own decisions to seek a different life and retire from their positions, they were married on October 4, 1974, the Feast day of St. Francis and Bob's birthday. On March 10, 1978, at the age of 46, she welcomed a daughter, Marie-Chantal. She described the moment as "nothing on earth can compare to the ecstasy of God's presence" as when receiving her baby in her arms.

In 1983 the two purchased land on Old Mission Peninsula and begin planting a vineyard, opening Chateau Chantal together in 1993. Setting her decorating, cooking and hosting skills to work, she warmly served guests daily for 10 years. To provide her guests with a compendium of her recipes, she wrote a book called "Feed my lambs, feed my sheep; the meals and memories of a lifetime" in 2009.

The "last intense joy of her life" was the arrival of a grandson, Luca, who called her Busia, Polish for Grandma. He brought a little piece of heaven down to earth with his smiles, laughter, and play.

Nadine's life was one of giving. Through her talents, she provided love and comfort to friends and strangers alike on an unparalleled level. There wasn't a day without music, laughter, delicious food, love, and prayer. The everyday was celebrated and special.

Nadine is survived by her husband of 44 years Bob; daughter Marie-Chantal (Paul) Dalese and grandson Luca. She is also survived by her sisters Carol Matecki, Angel (Jim) Erdmans and Mari (Raphael) Capila; and sister-in-law Elaine Grasinski.

Nadine was preceded in death by her parents and siblings Frances Hrouda, Genevieve Grasinski and Joseph Grasinski.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 12 Noon with visitation beginning one hour prior. Interment will take place after the mass at St. Joseph's cemetery. All invited to Chateau Chantal for refreshments and to share memories with the family following the services.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contribution's in Nadine's honor may be directed to St. Joseph's Parish. [St Joseph

Parish]https://www.sagepayments.net/eftcart/forms/donate.asp?M_id=817889163228

Please visit www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com to share your memories and condolences with the family.

The family is being cared for by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home.

Cemetery

Events

St. Joseph Cemetery
Center Road
Traverse City, MI, 49686

DEC 8 Visitation for Family and Friends 11:00AM - 12:00PM

St. Joseph Catholic Church
12675 Center Road, Traverse City, MI, US, 49686

DEC 8 Mass of Christian Burial 12:00PM

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12675 Center Road, Traverse City, MI, US, 49686

DEC 8 Memorial Gathering 01:30PM

Chateau Chantal
15900 Rue De Vin, Traverse City, MI, US, 49686

Comments



“ Words may not suffice to express the heartfelt sorrow that we feel for the passing of your mother. She was an incredible, wonderful person. Please accept our sincere condolences and prayers for you and your family.

Bruce and Cathleen Hawthorne

Cathleen Hawthorne - December 07, 2018 at 03:39 PM



“ I am thankful to God for the gift of Nadine's life who shared her amazing talents, her sense of humor, her love for life with me. She is my best friend and her spirit will forever live in my heart. I will always remember her love for color, for roses, for chocolate' but especially her love for her dear family.

Sue Arnold - December 07, 2018 at 03:07 AM



“ Dear Bob, we were saddened to hear about Nadine, our thoughts and prayers for you and family. Enjoyed many a (great) breakfast with Nadine and you since 1993. We will miss her.
Bob & Shirlee Peterson

Ivan R Peterson & Shirlee - December 05, 2018 at 10:22 PM



“ Thinking of Marie-Chantal and family.
Sending you peace and love.
Susan Odgers

susan Odgers - December 04, 2018 at 05:43 PM



“ Our most heartfelt sorrow and sympathies to Robert, Chantal & Family, as we celebrate the precious life of our dear friend Nadine. What a wonderful Lady! She was an inspiration to us in her generous hospitality, genuine love and a welcoming that goes deep to the heart. We will miss her and yet she will always be in our minds and hearts. God bless, console and strengthen you and know she still protects you from heaven. Love

Philip & Joann Briffa



“ Fr. Ronald Gronowski lit a candle in memory of Nadine Mary Begin



Fr. Ronald Gronowski - December 02, 2018 at 05:51 PM



“ Nadine, what a woman! A person of elegance, charm, charisma and faith to move mountains. I shall always remember her graciousness and oh, her laughter. That laugh was so contagious and filled the room. Nadine and Bob always made me and I know everyone who knew them not merely comfortable, but part of the family. Bob, you have so many wonderful memories of the two of you traveling the world, dining delightfully and testing wines the names of which most of us can't pronounce. You welcomed guests from around the world and shared stories as they visited CC, But when all is said and done most of all you will remember a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Nadine lived an incredibly full life and touched thousands of others and made them better and I am one of those fortunate recipients. Bob, your blessings are many, your memories are innumerable and your faith tells you Nadine is living a fuller life than any of us can imagine. May Nadine and all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen. Fr. Ron

Fr. Ronald Gronowski - December 02, 2018 at 06:34 PM