



Alma Marie McDowell

October 16, 1938 - February 25, 2024

Alma Marie McDowell, 85, of Kalkaska, peacefully passed away on February 25, 2024, surrounded by loved ones. Alma was born on October 16, 1938, to Alfred E. and Marie E. (Pepin) Anderson in Ishpeming.

Alma graduated from Henry Ford Hospital as an RN in 1959. She worked at the Traverse City State Hospital from 1960 to 1989 when she retired.

Alma married John "Bubba" McDowell on April 8, 1989. They each brought three children to the union, Renee Creel (Kerry), Matthew Groesser (Sandy), Greg Groesser (Val), Donna Yohe (Brad), Ricky McDowell (Linda), and Scott McDowell. Alma also has numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. She is survived by her brother David Anderson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John "Bubba", brother, Joseph Anderson, sister-in-law, Patricia Anderson, sister-in-law, Clarann Anderson, and infant son Mark Groesser. A visitation will be held from 5:00pm to 8:00pm on Friday, May 24, 2024 at Kalkaska Funeral Home. An additional visitation will be held at 10:00am on Saturday, May 25, 2024 at St Mary of the Woods Catholic Church followed by a Mass at 11:00am. Burial will take place at Evergreen Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Father Fred

Foundation or The American Lung Association.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

272 West St.
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **24.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home
152 S. Cedar
Kalkaska, MI 49646
(231) 258-3346

Visitation

MAY **25.** 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church
438 CR 612 NE
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Funeral Mass

MAY **25.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jim Wright. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Alma Marie McDowell.*



Jim Wright. - May 22, 2024 at 09:19 PM



“ *Jim Wright. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alma Marie McDowell.*

Jim Wright. - May 22, 2024 at 09:19 PM

JW

“ Miss Alma was my Mother-in-law for many years. My girlfriend’s mother obviously before that. Then came my surrogate mom after my mom died. Alma was a smart lady, and believe me being a teenager I tried to slip things past her, and never got away with it at least not very long. 😊. Not only that she was a very compassionate and caring lady. When Renee and I first started dating, and it started getting serious. As any mother would be she was concerned not only because we were young, but you see I was a very sick kid. I had just had surgery to have a fistula put in my left arm, and only half of a functioning kidney. While she was working full time she still took time to drive me an hour and a half to Cadillac Mi. To get certified to give me my dialysis treatment at home and not drive all that way. Then treated me twice a week for months. While they looked for a kidney donor. She did this way before we were thinking about getting married. That’s the kind of lady Miss Alma was. Years later when we decided to get married at Renee 18 and me 20 Alma obviously very concerned but she never wavered her support for us both financially and lovingly and emotionally. While I lived a state away at first, but then 4 states away she always supported us in many ways. Then when my mom passed away in 1996 she helped me deal with my loss as much as my whole family did, and I couldn’t have thanked her enough. Unfortunately many years later our marriage came to an end. After a few years of not so nice times. We eventually all mended fences. We have enjoyed many years of sharing holidays with everyone watch the kids and grandkids grow up. This past Thanksgiving was just not the same without her at the family day together. Miss Alma I can’t thank you enough for being in my life. You were and are a great lady. Rest in peace.

Sincerely “we aren’t stupid “

Jim Wright 🙏❤️.

Jim Wright - May 22, 2024 at 09:11 PM

KB

“ *Kim, Emily, & Barb purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Alma Marie McDowell.*



Kim, Emily, & Barb - March 03, 2024 at 07:57 PM

CI

“ *Sending condolences to the family. Alma was a sweet and caring woman!*

Cindy Ingalls - March 02, 2024 at 04:52 PM