



## Annette Rose Thayer

September 5, 1937 - December 17, 2019

Annette Rose Thayer, 82, of Kingsford was received into eternal life on Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2019, surrounded by her family after a courageous battle with multiple illnesses.

Annette was born on Sept. 5, 1937 in Redfield, SD. She was the daughter of the late Ernest and Rose (Lutter) Richmond. Annette married George (Don) Thayer on May 30, 1954. He was stationed at Ellsworth AFB in Rapid City, SD where Annette was a carhop for the local A & W drive-in restaurant. Upon his discharge, the couple moved to Kingsford, MI. They spent 63 years together in marriage before Don preceded her in death.

Annette and Don were active members of the community. They taught square dancing and Annette sewed beautiful matching outfits for them to wear while dancing. They were also involved in the UP Antique Car Club and displayed their restored autos at many car shows in the surrounding states. They were long time members of the First United Presbyterian Church where Annette taught Sunday school for many years. They loved to play cards regularly with the gang. Annette also loved to garden, growing both beautiful flowers and vegetables that she canned for their family. Annette led aqua exercise classes at the community pool.

A cherished memory of the grandchildren is the day Gramps drag-raced a motorcycle after driving Grandma's red convertible in a local parade. Gramps got off the line first but was passed by the bike. However, the biker lost when their pizzas were taken by the wind and Gramps, with his carload of grandkids, had to dodge the pieces, while the kids shrieked with laughter.

Annette is survived by three daughters, Debra (Ray) Bartnikowski of Iron Mountain, Donnette (Fred) Salczenko of Homestead and Denise Thayer of Quinnesec; six grandchildren, Lisa (Paul) Thoune, Michael (Sara) Salczenko, Christie Fleming, Raymond Bartnikowski, Jennifer (Ben Nevel) Bartnikowski and Nicole Grinnell; and many great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Richard (Lilliane) Richmond of Junction

City, KS and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, Annette was preceded in death by her sisters, Rita Gisi and Barbara King.

Family meant everything to Annette and she will be sorely missed. Her joy in any family get together was to cook and serve her loved ones. If anybody left the table hungry, it was their fault.

Annette's family is very grateful to the staff at Manorcare for the loving care extended to her during her stay.

Visitation will be on Friday, Dec. 20th from 10:00 am until 11:00 am at the First United Presbyterian Church in Kingsford. Memorial services will follow at 11:00 am at the church. Rev. Michael March will officiate.

Condolences to the family of Annette Thayer may be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the arrangements.

# Events

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**DEC**   **Visitation**            10:00AM - 11:00AM

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First Presbyterian Church

395 Hamilton Avenue, Kingsford, MI, US, 49802

**DEC**   **Memorial Service**                            11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Net was always a fun loving sweet person and she and Don were a great team. I first met her with Don when my late husband and I started Square dancing and Don along with the late Joe Van Remortre were both sq. dance callers. Yes she made beautiful square dance dresses and shirts to match for her and Don. It was a fun time and a privilege to dance with them. My sincere sympathy and prayers for all of Net's family and loved ones. She is probably already praising the Lord with Don dancing before Him.



**Orice Walters** - December 20, 2019 at 08:43 PM

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“ Auntie Net was always a big part of our lives. Blessings to all the family. Much love always. Linda

**Linda And Jim Nobles** - December 20, 2019 at 11:03 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of meeting Annette a few years ago through her cousin Daunine Harlock. She was the mother hen gathering her chicks under her wing---family and caring for family was very important to her and she would see to that care, She was delightful in that care of her cousin and came to trust me, after careful scrutiny. She fought a hard battle to be present in so many ways to family and friends and she will be missed and recalled in stories. laughter and tears. Prayers for you today as you celebrate the gift of this remarkable woman's life.

**Arlene Gordanier** - December 20, 2019 at 09:10 AM