



## Delores "Dee" R. Laydon

July 22, 1927 - January 10, 2022

Delores "Dee" R. Laydon, 94, of Kingsford passed away Monday, January 10, 2022, at Evergreen Assisted Living in Kingsford.

Dee was born July 22, 1927, in Iron Mountain, the daughter of Jacob and Mary (Zitkovitz) Rubbo. She graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1945 and married Gordon Laydon on September 24, 1946, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Iron Mountain. Dee worked as an accountant for Santoni Lumber and Fuel and later for Dickinson Homes.

Dee was a member of Queen of Peace Catholic Church and a former member of the Pine Grove Country Club, Chippewa Club, and the American Business Women of America (ABWA). In her younger years she was active in the local Tuesday night women's bowling leagues. She also had a passion for playing cards and was a member of two long running card clubs. These clubs provided long lasting friendships, travel, shared meals, and of course the occasional glass of wine. Dee loved her family and friends, and her house was the hub of holiday gatherings, parties, and many an after-work cocktail hour. She was known as "Gramma Dee" by not only her grandkids, but any of their friends who were fortunate enough to have crossed her path. Dee was a special person, as witnessed by many, and she will be greatly missed.

Dee is survived by two sons, John Laydon of Spread Eagle, WI, and James (Mel) Laydon of Iron Mountain; sisters-in-law, Rita Rubbo of Colorado and Eleanore Laydon of Wisconsin ; four grandchildren, Matthew Laydon of Charleston, SC, Melissa Menghini of Kingsford, Adam (Danielle) Laydon of Iron Mountain, and Ashlie Laydon (Garren Andrews) of Bingen, WA; and six great-grandchildren, Lily, Maggie, Andrew, Sam, Gavyn and Ryken. She is also survived by special friends Mike and Mary Pini and Clarice Aimone.

Dee was preceded in death by her parents, husband Gordon, and a brother Robert Rubbo. She was also preceded in death by her lifelong friends Clem and Eva Fiera.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the staff at Evergreen Assisted Living for their unending patience, compassion, and care during Dee's final months.

A funeral mass will be held 11:00 am Thursday, January 13 at St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Kingsford. Fr. Michael Woempner will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a charity of your choice in Dee's memory.

Condolences to the family of Delores "Dee" R. Laydon may be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain.

# Cemetery

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## Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.

Iron Mountain, MI, 49801

# Events

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**JAN**   **Mass of Christian Burial**   11:00AM

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St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church  
600 Marquette Blvd., Kingsford, MI, US

# Comments

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“ Mel and Jim, May her Memory be Eternal. Thinking of you at this time.  
Laura Hagan  
Iron Mountain Public Schools  
Administration and Staff



Laura Hagan - January 15 at 02:10 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy to the Laydon family on the passing of Dee. I have many fond memories of her as I grew up in the neighborhood. The large group of guys, all the same age, played basketball in her back yard off of the alley, hide and go seek, and jumping on the pogo stick. Considering all the noise the gang made, Dee always had a smile and kind words. Prayers to the family for comfort and peace in this moment of loss.  
Edward Kovoichich

Edward Kovoichich - January 13 at 04:57 PM

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“ Memories as a child on our yearly family vacation to Iron Mountain to visit Aunt Dee and Uncle Gordy and all our relatives on the Laydon and Gorrell side was one thing I always looked forward to, so as my children were growing up it was something I continued with their grandma and grandpa (Eddie and Ellie) and we would gather at the camp with Jackie and Jimmy and their families. It was a time I will always cherish. As with other family members long passed and missed, you to Aunt Dee will be missed. Our deepest and heartfelt condolences to all your family. Love Cheryl (Laydon) Dethloff family.

Cheryl Dethloff - January 12 at 11:25 PM

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“ I was saddened to hear of the passing of Mrs Laydon. She, along with Gordy, Eva, and Clem were a big part of my growing up. They always made me feel like I was part of an extended family. Her smile and patience will long be remembered. My sincerest condolences to the family

**Bruce Voelker** - January 12 at 05:26 PM

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“ I got to know Dee mostly from listening to my sister Mel talk about her. I know that Dee was a great mother-in-law and that Mel was blessed to have her in her life. Mother-in-laws can sometimes become like our mothers... that happened to Mel (I was blessed to have the same experience with my mother-in-law). Dee left behind a wonderful family and many friends. May memories of her bless all who love her.

**Chris Ameen** - January 12 at 03:03 PM

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“ Chris Ameen purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Delores "Dee" R. Laydon.



**Chris Ameen** - January 12 at 02:55 PM

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“ It's been many years since my last visit to see her with my Mom Ellie and sister Cheryl, though its seems like only yesterday. Time really flies by; Nobody has enough, but everybody has all there is. Condolences' to the family.  
Jeff and Susan Laydon  
Lake Mary, Florida

**Jeff Laydon** - January 12 at 11:27 AM

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“ So very saddened to read of Dee's passing. My deep sympathy and prayers for her family. My late husband, Harlan, worked with Dee at Dickinson Homes for almost 17 years in the very beginning of DH.. She was a great friend and co-worker and when we'd meet in later years there was always a smile and hug. May the happy memories of this great gal remain with you and God comfort all in your grief. God's Blessings,  
Orice Walters



**Orice Walters** - January 12 at 10:56 AM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Delores "Dee" R. Laydon.



January 12 at 08:51 AM