



Anna DuFresne

May 9, 1927 - February 4, 2011

Anna Mae DuFresne, 83, of Bass Lake Road in Breitung Township, passed away on Friday, Feb. 4, 2011, at ManorCare Health Services in Kingsford.

Anna was born on May 9, 1927, at home in Aurora, Wis., daughter of the late Albert and Esther (Anderson) Larson. Anna attended grade school in Aurora where she was the first girl to play on the boy's baseball team. She graduated from Kingsford High School in 1945.

After graduation, she moved to Auburn, Wash., to work at the Seattle Port of Embarkation as a civil service operator. She returned to Iron Mountain to marry Charles DuFresne on Dec. 11, 1946. Anna worked for the Aluminum Specialty in the Ford Plant. She later worked at the Red Owl Store and Ed's Grocery. She and her husband moved from Kingsford to Bass Lake Road in 1965. Anna continued working as the bookkeeper for the family-owned business, DuFresne Construction, for many years.

Anna was an avid golfer. She often tested her luck by going to the casino and was very successful winning countless jackpots. Anna loved being outdoors, enjoyed gardening and canning, and was a wonderful cook. She made the best cinnamon rolls and the family will never forget her Sunday dinners. She especially enjoyed visits with her grandchildren and great-grandsons.

Anna is survived by her children, Gary (Linda) DuFresne of Breitung Township, Craig (Paula) DuFresne of Felch and Lynne (Ron) Olson of Homestead, Wis.; brother, Jon Larson of Auburn, Wash.; sisters, Shirley (Hubert) Franck and Karen Hixon, both of Aurora, Wis.; four grandchildren, Rebecca (Nathan) Boravich, Paul (fianc Rachel Latz) DuFresne, Amy (Jesse) Stoltenow and Bryan (Samantha) Olson; great-grandsons, Derek Rosatti and Bradley Boravich; brothers and sisters-in-law, Allen (Dorothy) DuFresne, Barbara (Lloyd) Tharpe and Diane Izzo. She is also survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews, and a dear friend, Carmen Ambrosia of Iron Mountain.

In addition to her parents and husband, Charles, who passed away April 22, 1988, Anna was preceded in death by an infant son, Leonard Charles; a sister, Elaine Greenwood; and a brother, Reams Larson.

Private family services are being held.

Burial will be next to her husband at Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

Condolences to the family of Anna M. DuFresne can be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Tribute Wall

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“ May you find comfort in the fond memories of her and may God give you all the strength to endure this time of sorrow. Remember and rejoice in God's promises in the scriptures to obedient mankind who have fallen asleep in death at Acts 24:15, there will be a resurrection of the righteous and the unrighteous. In addition, very soon pain, sickness, and death will be no more as mentioned in Revelation 21:1-5. My sincere condolences to the family.

Pat Freeman - February 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Gary, Craig ,Lynne and family members,
So sorry for the loss of your mom. She was a dear lady. I loved her fiestiness.I still remember her out mowing that big lawn. I think back to all the time spent at your home and how we were always welcome. What fond memories! Your dad was such a kidder, and your mom was a good cook and baker. How fast those years seem to have gone by, and I thank God for all those great years of memories . May they give you peace with her now at rest.
God Bless & Keep.
Debbie

Debbie (Gendron) Polzin - Pembine, WI - neighbor - February 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sorry to hear about your loss. I remember when I built the golf hole behind the house and she came over to see it. She was going to come over and share it with me and I regret it never happened. She always was so bubbly. Your pop was great too, and I guess the good news is they are together now, as our parents are. Grieve, as you must, but remember all those we have lost want us to live life to the utmost and be happy, until we join them in ultimate happiness.
Love, Doll and Bill

Bill and Dolly Cook - Iron Mountain, MI - Neighbor - February 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM