



Bertha Hill

January 19, 1914 - January 19, 2005

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IRON MOUNTAIN - Bertha I. Hill, 91, formerly of Kingsford and Quinnesec, died, Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005, at Hyland Nursing Home in Iron Mountain. She was born March 12, 1913, in Champion, the daughter of the late John and Mary (Valimaki) Virta. She was a graduate of Champion High School. Bertha has been a resident of this area since 1944.

She was preceded in death by her first husband Angelo P. Bonetti. Bertha married Robert S. Hill on Oct. 21, 1944, at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and he preceded her in death on July 2, 1979.

Bertha was a member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, the Elizabeth Circle of the church and the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Auxiliary. She loved to work wordfind puzzles and play cards. She enjoyed her sewing and birthday club. Bertha's life consisted of caregiving. She loved children and was caregiver to many children and several adults throughout the years.

Bertha is survived by her son, Louis Bonetti of Iron River; a daughter, Margaret (Edward) Simbob of Quinnesec; a stepson, Robert (Dolores) Hill of Kingsford; 14 grandchildren, Robert (Maria) Bonetti, Richard (Pam) Bonetti, David (Geri) Bonetti, Margaret Bonetti, Mary Ann Bonetti, Patrick Bonetti, Michael Bonetti, Brian (Margie) Simbob, Lori (Paul) Dzik, Amy (Christopher) Lewis, Lynn (Jeff) Iverson, Carrie (Mark) Rollenhagen, Sally (Tony) Santi and Kristen (Jeff) Pearson; 22 great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Agnes Virta of Riverview, lower Michigan; one niece; and one nephew.

She was also preceded in death by an infant daughter, Pauline Ann Bonetti, three brothers, Rudolph, Andrew, and Arne Virta; and three sisters, Martha Paski, Pauline Irwin and Mildred Durica.

Visitation will be on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Funeral services will follow at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church. Rev. Stephen Cowen will officiate.

Burial will be in the Quinnesec Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in her memory.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Bertha I. Hill online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the funeral arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ *The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want...
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters...
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for His name's sake...
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and staff,
they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
of
mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth
over... Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23*

*Psalm 23 is associated
with death, but it has a
much deeper meaning;
for it's a beautiful promise
of everlasting life
and renewal.*

*It assures us that
even in death
we'll not be alone,
that God will be
there to lead us home
and give us comfort.
It's a vow that there's
nothing to fear
for great things await
us in heaven.*

*Truly, this prayer
should lend hope and comfort
to all who hear it.*

I love you all...Karen Baltzer and family

Karen Baltzer - January 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the Family of Grandma Hill,

I wish to send my condolences to all of you. I have very fond memories of Grandma Hill. She had been my babysitter since I was around the age of one. At times, she took care of me for longer periods of time when my Mom had to go away to India. She had an amazing ability to keep me entertained despite the generation gap between us. Because she was close to my family, she asked me to call her "Grandma." This was great for me since my only living grandmother is in India; it was nice for me to have an American Grandma.

Grandma Hill had a quick wit, and was always kind. I miss that kind of old-fashioned kindness, playful teasing, her warm smile, and her great all-American cooking. I was always pleased to see her big blue car pull up in front of our house, because I knew that Grandma Hill was coming to take care of me while my parents were away. Her home in Kingsford was always a delight to visit, and was blessed with the welcoming aromas of her cooking. I enjoyed my visits to Grandma Hill's home, and appreciated its child-proofed comforts.

My family and I were saddened that she developed Alzheimer's, and on a couple of occasions my Mom, Shashi, and I would visit her in the nursing home. I was also disappointed that I could not attend services for Grandma Hill, but was happy to learn that my Mom and Dad were be able to be there to see all of you, as a tribute to her.

With sincere condolences, and my warmest wishes,

*Neena Mahadev
Baltimore, MD*

Neena Mahadev - January 25, 2005 at 12:00 AM