



## Bertha Holmquist

July 18, 1918 - July 18, 2013

Bertha E. Holmquist, 95, of Kingsford, passed away on Thursday, July 18, 2013 at Freeman Nursing & Rehabilitation Community where she has been a resident for the past two years.

She was born January 12, 1918 in Marquette, MI, daughter of the late John and Eva (Olive) Peterson. Bertha graduated from Graveraet High School in Marquette in 1936 and married Harold Holmquist on September 28 that same year. They were married for 69 years when Harold passed away on May 25, 2006. They moved to Kingsford in 1941. Bertha was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Iron Mountain and the Order of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed going to the casino and spending time with family and friends. You could always count on a cup of coffee and some homemade rye bread or sweet rolls if you stopped by.

Bertha is survived by two daughters, Ellen (Ronald) Krieg of Marquette and Melanie (Dick) Froling of Green Bay, Wis.; one son, Jerry (Liz) Holmquist of Iron Mountain; six grandchildren, Michael Krieg, Rebecca (Chuck) Krieg Peterson, Rob (Samantha) Froling, Mark (Tonia) Froling, Erin (Craig) Holmquist Recla and Sven (Missie) Holmquist; 11 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren, a sister Olive (Paul) Olivier of Marquette, many nieces and nephews and her good friend, Jan Van Haute.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by an

infant son, Richard Holmquist and five brothers.

Private family graveside services were held at Quinnesec Cemetery.

Condolences to the family of Bertha Holmquist 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 to handle the funeral arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

BF

“ Jerry,  
*I'm sorry to here of the passing of your mother. You are in our prayers.*

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**Bill & Yvonne O'Kane - Appleton, WI - old friend** - July 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *I am sure Bertha and Harold have had a great reunion in heaven. I always remember the Christmas holidays with the Peterson family and all of us kids.*  
*I only remember one time going to Kingsford with mom and dad (and Pam) to visit them, but it was a nice comfortable house.*  
*Whenever we had a funeral or a wedding, Aunt Bertha and Uncle Harold were always there, and the memories of that faithfulness and solid family are great to have. Mom always talked about how much she liked Bertha. It is a sad day for the family, but a happy one for her. I was amazed that the last card I received from her was such clear, beautiful handwriting and her mind was so good. You all have my condolences and I'm sorry I won't meet you to tell you in person, but she was very special. Love to all Judy Peterson Gaspar*

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**Judy Gaspar - Arbor Vitae, WI - niece** - July 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *I recognized Mrs Holmquist at the nursing home about a year ago and we talked of times shared at Trinity Methodist when I was younger and my mother and she were involved with WSCS. A lovely lady. My sympathy to her family. I knew Melanie.*

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**Martha Nicholls Schinderle - Portage, MI** - July 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ *I BELONG TO THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN & SING IN THE CHOIR.*

*WE WANT TO SEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF BERTHA HOLMQUIST. WAS A WONDERFUL WOMAN.*

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**virginia west - KINGSFORD, MI - TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - July 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM