



Betty May Massa

February 5, 1930 - February 17, 2018

Betty M. Massa, 88, of Kingsford, passed away on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at ManorCare Health Services.

She was born February 5, 1930 in Iron Mountain, daughter of the late Ronald and Pauline (Alleva) Ackerman. Betty married George Massa on September 28, 1947 in Iron Mountain and he preceded her in death on April 14, 1990. For many years, Betty woke up early in the morning to prepare authentic Italian foods for the Northside T&T and later homemade pastas for Romagnoli's. Gramma Betty loved spending time with her family and was her grandsons' most loyal fan, no matter the game. She also adopted and cheered for countless others over the years, becoming "Gramma" to everyone. Betty was well known for giving long, tight hugs.

Betty is survived by a daughter, Melanie (Jan) Groeneveld of Kingsford; three brothers, Steve Ackerman of Kingsford, Albert (Rita) Ackerman of Texas and Donald (Virginia) Ackerman of Wyoming; a sister, Pauline Bolan of Las Vegas; two grandsons, Justin Groeneveld (Jessica) of Kingsford and Jacob (Britney) Groeneveld of Concord, NC; two great grandchildren, Madison and Aubrey Groeneveld; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, Betty was preceded in death by her infant daughter, Carol Ann; a son Rodney Massa; a grandson, Jordan

Groeneveld; two brothers, Ronald and Nick Ackerman; and two sisters, Antoinette Brault and Yvonne Sauld.

Special thanks to Betty's very good friend, Kay Groeneveld, for many years of gentle kindness and companionship.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 8:30 to 10:30 A.M. at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Funeral services will follow at 11:00 A.M. at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. Fr. Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Betty Massa online at www.erickson-rochon-nash.com

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

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

Cedar Ave
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 22. 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Martyrs Catholic Church
908 W. Sagola Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall

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“ *I wish to send my condolences and prayers for Betty and the family.
She was a special lady.
Marcella (Lyman) Lucas*

David Lyman - February 21, 2018 at 03:17 PM

“ Melanie and family,

I know that in your time of sorrow, no words can comfort you and saying I understand, I do but yet, I do not because each person grieves in their own way. I will leave you with this...

So many people imagine that death cruelly separates us from our loved ones. This is a sad mistake. In death there is certainly the very real pain and sorrow of physical separation. But it is equally true that our loved one remains with us. They do not go to some dark and distant place. They simply begin their eternity. We do not see them because we are still in the darkness of this world. But their spiritual eyes, filled with the light of heaven, are always watching us as they wait for the day when we shall share their perfect joy. We are all born for heaven and one by one we end this life of tears to being our life of love in endless happiness.

Death does not destroy our loved ones. But gives them life! A life with power to know fully and to love perfectly. With this new lie and new power our loved ones are always present to us, knowing and loving us more than ever before.

Our sorrow is a sorrow of homesickness, a longing for our loved ones. But it is we who are away from home, not they! Death has been for them a doorway to an eternal home. And even though we cannot see them we know they are still with us, lovingly and tenderly waiting for the day when we, too, will enter the doorway of our eternal home. It is such a mistake to see death as separation and nothing more. For us we believe, death is a preparation for eternal union with those we love, in the peace and joy of heaven.

~~ Marion Mission

Have faith in the Lord for he shall comfort you all the days and nights to come!

With love and prayers your cousin, Chris

Chris Sauld - February 20, 2018 at 10:16 AM