



Carmeline Ivacko

August 23, 1928 - March 10, 2026

Carmeline Ivacko, 97, of Kingsford, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at Evergreen Assisted Living.

Carm was born on August 23, 1928 in Iron Mountain, the daughter of the late John and Crocifissa (Mosca) Ganga. She attended Iron Mountain High School and graduated in 1946, and remained a lifelong resident of the area.

On August 28, 1948, Carm married Joseph J. Ivacko at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Iron Mountain. They raised three children and shared 71 devoted years of marriage before he preceded her in death on November 30, 2019.

Carm cherished her time and friendships while working for decades in the office at Clairmont Transfer Company. Not being one to sit still, she then went on to work at Four Seasons Beer Distributing, finally retiring in her mid-80s. Carm was an active member at American Martyrs Catholic Church and served on St. Barbara's Circle in the Ladies Guild. She was also a member of the American Business Women's Association.

Family and friends were at the center of Carm's life, and she was always up for a game of cards or cup of coffee with the neighborhood friends, camping at Chicagoan Lake, traveling to Vegas, and going to camp. A true Northside

Italian, Carm was an excellent cook and the family always looked forward to her homemade cheese ravioli and prime rib at Christmas. She also made sure the boys never went hungry during deer season at camp.

Carm is survived by her children, Jon (Linda) Ivacko of Vulcan, Jim Ivacko of Pembine, and Carol (Dale) Larson of Iron Mountain. She is further survived by grandchildren Joe Ivacko, Felicia (Tim) Sayer, Brian Ivacko, Carrie (Brett) Gerner, Carlene Cecelio, and Abby (Sam) Smith. Eleven great-grandchildren also brought great pride and joy to her life.

In addition to her parents and husband, Carm was preceded in death by eight half-siblings.

Visitation will be held on Friday, March 20, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. at Kingsford Funeral Home. A Memorial Mass will follow at 11:00 am at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford at 11:00 a.m. Friday with Rev. Greg Heikkala officiating. Inurnment will be in Dickinson Memorial Gardens next to her husband, Joe.

The family would like to express their deep appreciation to the caregivers at Evergreen Assisted Living, who served as a second family to Carm over the past few years. Your kindness will always be remembered.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Carmeline Ivacko online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Cemetery Details

Dickinson County Memorial Gardens

Hwy U.S. 2
Iron Mountain, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 20. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Kingsford Funeral Home
1000 S. Carpenter Avenue
Kingsford, MI 49802
(906) 774-7676
nashfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com/>

Memorial Mass

MAR 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

MT

“ So sorry to hear about your mom. I did Carms hair for years at Independent Haircutters, She was a beautiful lady, so kind. She will be greatly missed. Love, Missy ❤️

Melissa Turini - March 19 at 09:56 AM

MD

“ Mike & Diana purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Carmeline Ivacko.



Mike & Diana - March 19 at 09:28 AM

MT

“ Mary Jo Trepanier lit a candle in memory of Carmeline Ivacko



Mary Jo Trepanier - March 13 at 07:58 AM

GS

“ Jon, Jim & Carol: Sorry for the loss of your mom, she was a beautiful lady both inside and out. For me she was the last Lyman Street mother of my childhood and I'm sorry to see that end. Today's neighborhoods are nothing like the special place we shared growing up and your parents (and grandma) were a big part of it.

Gordon Sorensen - March 12 at 07:20 PM

LD

“ Love, Debra and Denise purchased the Moments of Comfort Charcuterie Gift for the family of Carmeline Ivacko.



Love, Debra and Denise - March 12 at 02:53 PM

LD

“ Love, Debra and Denise planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carmeline Ivacko.

Love, Debra and Denise - March 12 at 02:53 PM