



Caroline Miller

January 25, 2009

KINGSFORD - Caroline "Tillie" Miller, 87, of Kingsford, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital after a long and courageous battle with lung disease.

Tillie was born on Jan. 9, 1922, in Iron Mountain, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (McLeod) Uren and was the youngest of their 11 children. She grew up in Iron Mountain and graduated in 1939 from Iron Mountain High School as salutatorian of her class.

Tillie married Walter H. Miller of Vulcan on Oct. 23, 1942, when Walter was serving his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II. In her youth, Tillie was employed for a time at Wisconsin-Michigan Power Co. During the first part of the war, Tillie worked as a reporter for the Iron Mountain News and was secretary to the editor. She moved to Milwaukee in 1944, to care for family.

After the war ended, Tillie and Walter moved to Houghton while Walter completed his college education at Michigan Technological University, graduating with an electrical engineering degree in 1949. They spent the rest of their lives in the Iron Mountain area. Their loving marriage lasted more than 55 years until Walter's passing in 1998.

Tillie was an accomplished soprano and remained active in the music and arts

community in the Iron Mountain area for her entire life. During and after the war years, she sang soprano with her cousin, Rugean Fraker and sisters, Dorothy Underhill and Jean LaHaie in the popular vocal group "The Uren Sisters" performing many times in the area. She was also active in "The Lions Roar" productions and operetta, singing the lead role in "The Merry Widow" in 1960. She sang in the choir at the First Presbyterian Church in Iron Mountain and Kingsford for many years, and was the soprano soloist in numerous productions of "The Messiah" by Handel. Her lovely voice was enjoyed by many. She was an active member of Matinee Musicale, the Music Club and the PEO for many years. She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Tillie is survived by her sons, Dr. Robert W. Miller of Allentown, Pa. and Rodney T. (Lynn) Miller M.D. of Dallas; her grandchildren, William Miller, Amanda List, Derek Miller and Allyson Miller; her great-grandchildren, Thomas List, Stephanie List and Devin Miller and numerous nieces and nephews.

Tillie was preceded in death by her husband Walter, her son; William; brothers, Richard and Howard Uren; and sisters, Ruth Uren, Inez Keen, Elizabeth Zahn, Violet Gambucci, Dorothy Underhill and Jean LaHaie.

Visitation will be Friday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church. Rev. Michael March will officiate.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in her memory at the First

Presbyterian Church in Kingsford.

Condolences to the family of Tillie Miller may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Tribute Wall

MC

“ Your mother was such a special lady. She was along time friend of my mother and I can remember my grandmother, who was a friend of your Aunt Ruth, telling me stories of my mom and yours when they were younger, the Christmases we went to your home with her to deliver Christmas gifts to you and you family, and the days at Spread Eagle. She always talked about how proud she was of her boys. I will miss hearing "Hello Mary Louise" my greeting from your mother. I am in Chicago with my daughter and missed the service for "Tillie" but know that I am thinking of you all and will always remember your mom.

Mary (Tabaka) Couper - February 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ our deepest sympathy to your family. We will miss your mom she was a beautiful lady.
Dr. Shein and staff

Frances Bennett - February 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ I was so sad to hear about Tillie. I always enjoyed seeing her at family functions, I know she will be missed. Beth and Steve List

Beth List - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JQ

“ Hello, my name is Joy Quandt. I was previously married to Sharon Elliott's son, Brian. Your mother was such a kind soul and loved the Lord. I will certainly miss seeing her and church. That warm smile was certainly welcoming. I will be giving my offering in her name tomorrow at church service. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Joy Quandt

Joy Quandt - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ I am very sorry for your loss. Tillie will be sadly missed by all. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Kristin (Wahlstrom) Novara - January 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Bill, My thoughts & prayers are with you during this time of sorrow. My grandmother had the pleasure of hearing Tillie sing on a number of occasions, tells me she was wonderful. She is now back to singing with her sisters and you have a beautiful angel looking down on you. Hold your memories of her close to your heart and she will always be there. With my sympathies,

Jennifer (Sorensen) Flynn - January 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Your Mother meant a lot to me and my family. She and my mother were dear friends and I felt as though every time I had the opportunity to talk with your mother, I was able to connect to my Mom. My children also share this warmth for your Mother, as every Christmas, my Dad, John Bertoldi, would have the kids deliver her Christmas gift to her from him. They always enjoyed this tradition. I have been able to get to know her grandson, Bill, these past few years and he is certainly someone Tillie was and can be proud of. We will be in Chicago for the next four days and will have to miss the service. By best to you all! Jane Santini (Tabaka)

Jane Santini (Tabaka) - January 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ Dear Bill & family, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know you are in our thoughts & prayers during this difficult time. God bless, Kris & Nate

Nate & Kris Czerwan - January 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ What a wonderful lady! She was truly a class act--we will miss her smiles & her kind words--we are very sorry for your loss.

The Girls at Twisted Sisters Boutique - January 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ I am truly sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to all the family and relatives. Having had my grandmother pass away while i was quite young, Tillie with a kind word and a warm and welcoming smile was like a grandmother to me as well. She leaves us with many great memories. Tillie will be greatly missed.

Matt Hamari - January 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM