



Charlotte Adaire Nelson

January 20, 1931 - January 20, 2012

Charlotte Ann Adaire Nelson, 81, of 912 W. Ludington St. in Iron Mountain, passed away on Friday, Jan. 20, 2012, at ManorCare Health Services in Kingsford.

She was born Nov. 25, 1930, in Mastodon Township, on her grandparent's (Johnson) farm, daughter of the late Martin and Crystal (Johnson) Martinson. Charlotte graduated from Forest Park High School in 1948, and lived in this area for most of her life. She had a wonderful Christian upbringing with lots of love and laughter. Charlotte was baptized and confirmed at the First Lutheran Church (now United Lutheran Church) in Crystal Falls.

She married the love of her life, Paul Nelson, on Feb. 19, 1949, in Decorah, Iowa. Charlotte's dream was always to become a nurse but was unable to fulfill that dream due to a lack of funds for college. However, she spent 10 years as a nurse's aide at Dickinson County Hospital, a job she truly loved. She was blessed with the heart of a caregiver, which was evident throughout her entire life. Charlotte was a volunteer at Family Ties Adult Day Care Center for several years and also cared for several family members in their golden years.

She was a faithful member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain. She enjoyed cooking and had many special recipes that she shared

with family and friends. She also enjoyed musical concerts and other activities that her grandchildren were involved in. Charlotte loved to tell stories and reminisce with family about times past. She had a very special relationship with her sister, Marlene and loved their visits together. Her greatest joy was to see the love of Jesus in those around her.

Charlotte is survived by her husband, Paul; three sons, Don (Pamela) Nelson of Iron Mountain, Dean Nelson of Norway, and Daryl (Sonya) Nelson of Iron Mountain; a sister, Marlene Olsen of St. Ignace; an adopted sister, Lynne Joling of Arizona; six grandchildren, Scott (Bridget) Nelson, Christopher Nelson, Sherri (Harvey) Porath, Michelle (Jeff) Backlund, John Nelson and Jessica Nelson; seven great-grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and cousins. She had many dear friends and extended family that were special to her and was known as a second "mom" to many people. Two of those especially close to her heart were Connie DeGroot and Mike Golfis.

She was preceded in death by two sons, David Nelson in 1978 and Paul M. Nelson in 2010; a sister, Judy Martinson; and a brother, Donald Martinson. She is now reunited with these loved ones as well as with her very special cousins, Ernestine Carlson and Jeanette Patterson.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain.

Funeral services will follow Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the church. Rev. Stephen Cowen will officiate.

Burial will be in Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Crystal Falls in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

Condolences to the family of Charlotte Nelson may be expressed online at ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **24**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
1210 S. Kimberly Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Funeral Service

JAN **24**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SM

“ I have fond memories with Auntie Char and her family- super kind and welcoming and always so positive and outgoing. Visits were rare, but special and I'm so grateful for all the help and love she provided to my Mom. She's in our hearts and minds and we are also thinking of you!

Scott Joling - Lake Winnebago, MO - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Charlotte was one of our dearest patients and always a pleasure to take care of. She was more than a patient to us, she was more like a family member to everyone. It will be hard to not miss her smiling face and her thoughtful words. She will be greatly missed, Heaven is lucky to have her.

*Our thoughts and prayers are with Paul and family,
Her nurses*

Jill Normand and Beverly Gaudette - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Dear Mr Nelson and family,
I will miss your wife, she was a dear friend to me and my parents. Sorry I will be unable to attend the services as I live 5 hours away. My prayers and love are sent to you and your family. I will try and stop by the next time I am in Iron mountain for a visit. She is with her family, my parents and other church friends that have gone before us.

Pam (Parsons) Dupuis

Pam (Parsons) Dupuis - Kenosha, WI - Friend - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear Paul and Family,

We are saddened to hear that a saint has left this earth, but rejoice in her wonderful faith and assurance of eternal life. Char was a model of joyful Christian living. We are thankful to have know here. She always said she was Dave's "cousin", but we still haven't figured that all out. May you be blessed and comforted as you adjust to life without her. We are in California, will see you in person when we return.

Love, Dave and Mary Lou

Dave and Mary Lou Blomquist - Iron Mountain, MI - Friends - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM