



Christine Rocconi

November 20, 1922 - November 20, 2006

IRON MOUNTAIN - Christine L. Rocconi, 84, of Iron Mountain, passed away Monday, Nov. 20, 2006, in Iron Mountain.

Chris was born on Friday, Oct. 13, 1922, in Sampson County, N.C., daughter of the late Brilla and Vander Smith. She graduated from Clement High School and attended Pineland Junior College in Salemburg, N.C.

Christine worked as a secretary at Fort Bragg, N.C. during World War II where she met Etolo "Rac" Rocconi. They were married March 28, 1946, in Fayetteville, N.C.

Chris and Rac resided in Iron Mountain their entire lives where they raised their family. Christine cherished her role as wife, mother and homemaker. She was a faithful and loving support to her husband and children and Rac's devoted caretaker in his final years.

Chris is survived by her children, Joanne (Michael) Bowen of Boulder, Colo., Patricia Nemode of Traverse City, lower Michigan, Janet (Michael) Rocconi Froze of Cedarburg, Wis. and Charles Rocconi of Traverse City; seven grandchildren, Matthew, Daniel, Benjamin, Rachael, Emily, David and Scott; four sisters, Joyce Jackson, Betty Lou Holland, Annette Tew and Phyllis Ring; two brothers, Mack Smith and Charles Smith; one sister-in-law, Inez Bugni

and many nieces and nephews.

Christine was preceded in death by her husband; four brothers, Rudolph, Herrell, V.B. and Bronze; and one sister, Clara.

Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday at the Kingsford Funeral Home. Parish prayers will be offered at 7:30 p.m. Friday evening at the funeral home.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 9 a.m. at St. Mary and St. Joseph Church. Fr. Daniel Zaloga will offer the Mass of the Christian burial. Tom Bugni will serve as lector during Mass.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

Pallbearers will be Matthew Nemode, Benjamin Nemode, Scott Nemode, David Froze, Charles Smith and Stephen McPhail.

A memorial will be established in her memory.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Christine Rocconi online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Kingsford Funeral Home with the funeral arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ *I was saddened to hear of your mother's passing. She was always so pleasant to me and the rest of Chuck's friends. Hope you all are well.*

You are in our prayers.

Thomas M. Payant

Tom Payant - February 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Joanne, Patty, Janet, and Charles
I am saddened to hear of your mother's passing. We all have lost our wonderful parents over the last few years, but our fond memories of childhood together growing up were special. My thoughts are with you during this sad time. We have not seen each other in many years, but my mother (Louise) would speak with you girls occasionally when you contacted her.*

Jane Rocconi Mangrum

Jane Rocconi Mangrum - November 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ *Aunt Christine meant a great deal to us. She was like a mother to my mother and a surrogate grandmother to me. A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and best friend. This matriarch of the family will be missed. God bless you, and know that we wish we could be there to help honor her life.*

Keith, Shannon, Camille and Nicholas Tew

Keith Tew - November 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We are so saddened to lose such a wonderful aunt. Our thoughts and prayers are with our family...we wish we could be there with you all. We treasure the memories of Aunt Christine, she was definitely an "anchor" in our lives. We love you and wish you God's peace.
Jennifer, Scott, Andrew and Jackson Finberg

Jennifer Finberg - November 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM