



## Delores C. Secrist

January 9, 1932 - October 24, 2013

Delores C. Secrist

81, of Niagara, passed away on Thursday, October 24, 2013 at her daughter's home in Kingsford. She was born on January 9, 1932 in Iron Mountain, daughter of the late Tad and Clara (Jendryka) Hover. She attended the Iron Mountain schools, graduating from Iron Mountain High School in 1950. She went on to attend Northern Michigan University where she received her Master's Degree in Teaching grades K-9, with a Minor in Special Education. Delores married Edward "Sonny" Secrist on February 6, 1954 and he preceded her in death on June 11, 2008 after more than 54 wonderful years together. She taught at the surrounding schools until her retirement. After retiring, she worked as a security officer for the Niagara Paper Mill and the Ford Airport. The couple resided in Kingsford where they raised five children, who were the center of her universe. After her retirement, they spent winters in Arizona and Florida. Delores and Sonny resided in Niagara during their later years.

Delores was a member of American Martyrs Church. She loved life. Dancing, roller skating, shopping and watching the Green Bay Packers were some of her hobbies. Most recently she has enjoyed doing Karaoke . She truly loved people and had a great sense of humor. Delores was always the "Life of the Party". Her grandchildren were also a big part of her life. She was preceded in

death by her son, Larry; her son in law, David VanMarter; her siblings, Walter (Bernice) Hover, Leona (Frank) Harwath, Bernard Hover, Ted (Dorothy) Hover and an infant sister, Claire Ann.

Delores is survived by her children, Gaye Lynn (Mwenda) Secrist of Maui, Hawaii, Dee Ann (Telly) Montanez of Draper, Utah, Sandra VanMarter of Kingsford and Edward "Eddie" (Ida) Secrist of Niagara; grandchildren, Travis VanMarter, Lynnsey VanMarter and Ashley Secrist; a sister, Dorothy (Clarence) Lindeman of Niagara; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and her little Shih Tzu(Mindy).

Visitation will be on Thursday, October 31, 2013 from 9:00-10:30am at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Funeral services will be at 11:00am Thursday at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. Fr. Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will take place in the Niagara Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in her memory.

Condolences to the family of Delores C. Secrist may be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

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

# Cemetery Details

## Niagara Cemetery

Washington St.  
Niagara, WI 54151

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **31**. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

OCT **31**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

JT

“ *My condolences to the Secrest family. I remember your mother with the fondest of memories, she always had a smile on her face. You are all in my prayers, take care of each other. Joan Tappy*

Joan Tappy - November 04, 2013 at 05:13 PM

DE

“ *Secrist family: Neil let us know about your mom. It's been years but we wanted to let you know you are in our thoughts and prayers and hoping all the good memories you have help lessen the sorrow of her passing. We adored your mom and dad and will never forget their generous hospitality late one night (over 30 yrs ago) after we got a speeding ticket in Rhinelander, WI and the officer made us pay cash which left us with no gas money to get back to Muskegon. They gave us a place to sleep until we could get to the bank in the morning. We had the pleasure of seeing them again in the late '90s. Cousin Desty (and wife Geralyn) DeRochey, Holland, MI*

DeRochey - November 04, 2013 at 02:25 PM



“ *Amanda Voelker lit a candle in memory of Delores C. Secrist*



Amanda Voelker - October 30, 2013 at 07:35 PM

KP

“ Dear Dee, Sandy and Family...I am so sorry for your loss. Your Mom and Dad were two of my most favorite people. I'm unable to attend the service tomorrow but please know that my thoughts are with you. Kay Parkinson

Kay Parkinson - October 30, 2013 at 04:31 PM

AG

“ Dee and family, you are all in my prayers at this time. I remember your mom from the mill and seeing her at school functions. Allison(Gussert)Graham

Allison Graham - October 30, 2013 at 03:35 PM

SL

“ We will always have our karaoke nights at four seasons. It was a blast how you would sing to all. Scott and I will hold your memory close. Bless you. And forever. "Sweet Dreams of You".

Scott & Connie Lindstrom - October 30, 2013 at 11:18 AM

LR

“ Lloyd and Michelle Richman purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Delores C. Secrist.



Lloyd and Michelle Richman - October 30, 2013 at 10:53 AM

LK

“ *Lauri Kulju purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Delores C. Secrist.*



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**Lauri Kulju** - October 30, 2013 at 08:33 AM

KJ

“ *Kris Johnson lit a candle in memory of Delores C. Secrist*



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**Kris Johnson** - October 29, 2013 at 11:35 PM