



## Denise Jeanne d'Arc Lessard

June 7, 1941 - August 4, 2025

Denise Jeanne d'Arc Lessard, age 84, passed away on Monday, August 4, 2025, at her home in Iron Mountain, Michigan.

Born on June 7, 1941, in Ste Camille, Quebec Canada, Denise was the daughter of Walter and Juliette (Tardiff) Pouliot. The seventh child in a family of 14, she enjoyed all the best parts of a simple upbringing and the treasured moments of growing up in a big family of 9 brothers and 4 sisters. On July 6, 1963, she married Claude Yvon Lessard at the Catholic Church in Ste Camille, Quebec, Canada. In the spring of 1964 they welcomed a son, Daniel, while living in Montreal, Quebec. Later in 1964, Claude and Denise made the decision to move their young family to the United States, settling into a life in Milford, Michigan. Two more children, Gary and Julie, arrived making the family complete. In their later years they lived in Glennie and Iron Mountain, Michigan. Together they shared 62 wonderful years filled with love, family, and deep companionship.

Denise enjoyed the simple things in life – spending time with her family, traveling, golfing, and bonfires. She was known for her kind heart, steady presence, and a willingness to help anyone in need.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Claude; two sons, Daniel (Pam) Lessard of New Hudson, MI, and Gary (Karen) Lessard of Iron Mountain, MI;

a daughter, Julie (Keith) Dantes of Iron Mountain, MI; 8 grandchildren, Tina (Chris) Thomas, Tony (Kelly) Lessard, Samantha (Nick) Cooper, Marc (Kasey) Lessard, Stephen (Sara) Lessard, Necia (Ben) Lessard, Dallas (Sam) Dantes and Austin Dantes; 8 great-grandchildren, Alana, Nathan, Lola, Preston, Sheldon, Bellaire, Everett, and Noelle; 6 brothers, Robert (Lilianne), Gaston (Edith), Jacque (Lily), Raymond (Lize), Jean (Ginette), Alain; and 3 sisters, Carmen (Wilfred), Monique, and Raymonde (Ronald); and over 50 nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Denise was preceded in death by her brothers, Charles Edouard, Charles, Edouard, and sister Jocelyne, as well as sisters-in-law Clare and Fernande.

A visitation will be held on September 6th from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain and a noon funeral service with a luncheon to follow at the funeral home.

In-lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Oscar G Johnson VA Medical Center at 325 East H St., Iron Mountain, MI, 49801, ATTN: Volunteer Service, to help America's military service veterans.

Condolences to the family of Denise Jeanne d'Arc Lessard may be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 6. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home  
901 Carpenter Avenue  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801  
(906) 774-7676  
nashfuneralhome@gmail.com  
<https://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Service

SEP 6. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Denise Jeanne d'Arc Lessard



Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home - August 26, 2025 at 12:30 PM

MP

My deepest condolences for your loss. My thoughts are with the whole family during this difficult time. 🙏 Manon

Manon Pouliot - September 06, 2025 at 12:58 PM



“ Mes sincères condoléances à toute la famille. Je me souviens de comment elle était une mère et grand-mère aimante et dévouée. Bon courage à tous dans cette épreuve.

Jean-Nicolas Gravel - September 07, 2025 at 12:13 AM

Sophie Allard

“ It was nice to be able to see the ceremony online. Thank you for sharing these memories with us. You made us cry, but also laugh with anecdotes that described perfectly how Denise was: full of energy, kindness, love and humour. Gary, on a bien apprécié les passages en français, merci! Love you! 🥹

Sophie Allard - September 06, 2025 at 02:00 PM

DP

“ *Mes sympathies à toute la famille 🙏*



Dorothée Pouliot - September 06, 2025 at 12:14 PM

RM

“ *Rock, LouiseNrian and Maireen purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Denise Jeanne d'Arc Lessard.*



Rock, LouiseNrian and Maireen - September 05, 2025 at 11:13 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Denise Jeanne d'Arc Lessard.*

September 05, 2025 at 10:20 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Denise Jeanne d'Arc Lessard.*



September 05, 2025 at 10:20 AM

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“ *Dave Eyberse purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Denise Jeanne d'Arc Lessard.*



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**Dave Eyberse** - September 04, 2025 at 10:09 AM

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“ *On behalf of my mom and dad, Robert (brother) and Lilianne Pouliot , our deepest sympathies to Claude and his beautiful family! Love*



*Isabelle Pouliot-Kunca*

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**isabelle Pouliot-Kunca** - September 03, 2025 at 06:32 PM

JM

“ *Jean M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Denise Jeanne d'Arc Lessard.*

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**Jean M.** - August 19, 2025 at 01:11 PM

  
Ghislaine  
Pouliot

“ *Nos sincères condoléances vous accompagnent... Famille Oncle Marcel & Clémence (Pouliot)*



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**Ghislaine Pouliot** - August 18, 2025 at 11:52 AM

GA

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



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**Gary** - August 09, 2025 at 03:21 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Denise Jeanne d'Arc Lessard.



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August 07, 2025 at 09:28 PM