

Denyce "Dee" Mattson

June 28, 1926 - January 27, 2020

Denyce "Dee" Pauline Blomquist Mattson, 93, of Iron Mountain/Munising, passed away on January 27, 2020, at MediLodge of Munising.

She was born on June 28, 1926, in Felch, MI, the eldest of 5 children to the late Edwin and Pauline (Daniel) Blomquist. She graduated from Felch High School and was proud of interpreting and writing letters for the Gold Star Families in Felch during WWII. Upon graduating from high school, she moved to Washington DC and worked for the FBI for one year. Dee then entered the US Army Cadet Nursing Corp Training at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago, IL. Dee and Elroy "Red" Mattson were married on September 13, 1947, at Zion Lutheran Church in Metropolitan. She worked as a nurse/receptionist for Dr. Schmutzler for over 20 years, until her husband was elected sheriff. They later moved to Felch, where they owned and operated the Felch Arco Gas Station, and returned to Iron Mountain until Red's death in 2012, and later resided at Hulst Manor. She then shared time between AZ at her daughter Elyce's and her son Esley's in Munising, where she finally made Munising her home.

Dee was a member of both Zion Lutheran Church in Metropolitan and First Lutheran Church of Iron Mountain during her lifetime. She is survived by three children: Elyce Yunowich (Lou Krenz) of Mesa, AZ; Esley (Sharon) Mattson of Munising; and Dennis (Gerry Lynn) Mattson of Iron Mountain. Siblings include

Daniel (Shirley) Blomquist, David (Mary Lou) Blomquist, and Diane Adams, all from Marquette, and sister-in-law Sally Mattson of Appleton, WI. Dee was the proud grandmother of Heather (Mike) Johnson, Esley E. Mattson, Jeanne (Paul) Jerks, Michael (Shawn) McDonald, and Melissa (Joe) Mattson and her great-grandchildren: Mackenzie and Malcolm Jerks; Brandon (Jordan) Johnson; Carissa (Tyler) Pomeroy; Colin, Morgan and Chance McDonald; and Cody Green. Loving all people, especially the little ones, she was thrilled to be a great-great grandma to Allison and Emma Pomeroy, Lacey and Brilliana Johnson and a great-great grandson to be born in April. She also considered Bob Gingrass and her nephew Brian Bongi as her sons. She also leaves several nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends who will miss her dearly.

Denyce was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Elroy "Red" Mattson; two infant sons, Paul and Earl; son-in-law, James Yunowich; grandson, James Elroy Yunowich; sister and brother-in-law, Donna and Jack Cootware; brothers and sisters-in-law, Lois and Frank DiBiase, Phyllis and David "Tusk" Bongi, Esley Mattson, Donald Mattson, David and Alberta Mattson, and Roger Adams.

Denyce was an incredibly witty, warm, and wonderful person. One of her many accomplished missions was to comfort and love, with letters and self. She definitely knew how to love.

The family would like to thank Dr. Loewen and staff of Niagara, WI and all of the staff of MediLodge of Munising for the wonderful and compassionate care they gave Dee over the past 2 1/2 years.

Private family services were held.

Memorial contributions can be made to Zion Lutheran Church or charity of

one's choice.

Denyce's obituary and online guestbook may be viewed and signed at www.enashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Cemetery Details

Felch Cemetery

Felch, MI

Tribute Wall

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“ Sorry to hear of your loss. My Mom (Betty Kenny) and Denyce were good friends for many, many years.

Mary Lou Baldrice (Kenny) - September 14, 2020 at 03:02 PM

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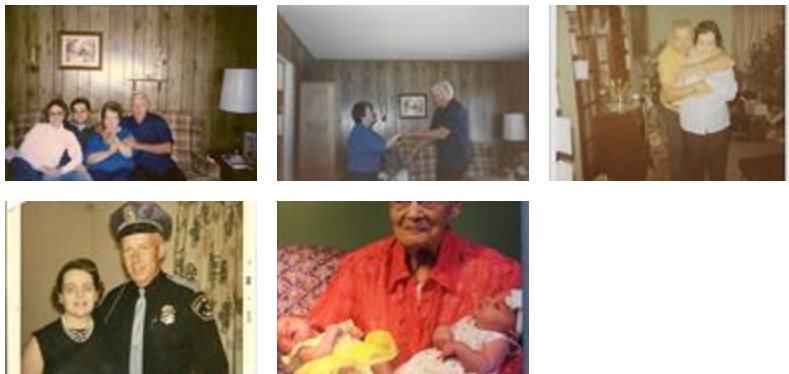
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Elyce Yunowich - February 04, 2020 at 10:28 PM

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Elyce Yunowich - February 03, 2020 at 10:58 PM

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“ *Brad & Joyce Barodte all our love to the family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Denyce "Dee" Mattson.*



Brad & Joyce Barodte all our love to the family - February 01, 2020 at 04:01 PM

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“ *Jack and I are so sorry for your lost. Dee always seemed to have a smile on her face and I remember how she always had a joke or something clever to say. She will be missed, but we know where she is and how happy she is. Hugs and prayers to all of you. Sharon Tesch.*

Sharon Tesch - January 31, 2020 at 03:36 PM

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“ *Brian And Cheryl Adams lit a candle in memory of Denyce "Dee" Mattson*



Brian and Cheryl Adams - January 31, 2020 at 03:16 PM

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“ My sincere sympathy and love to Dee's children and siblings in the loss they all share of this kind and sweet loving Mom, grandmother, sister and friend. To know Dee is to love her. Such it was when I first got to know her as a teen. She and Red were friends of my oldest brother and sister in law, Earl and Ruthie Theisen. Reading her obituary was just a small reflection of this loving woman. She was blessed with an ability to write- only kind and helpful letters/ notes etc. which she did often..She and Ruthie were great nurses working together for Dr. Schmutzler. Dee has been welcomed into the arms of Jesus surrounded by all her loved ones who have gone before. Peace and comfort is hers now. May God comfort those of her loved ones in their loss. Blessings to all.
Orice Walters



Orice Walters - January 31, 2020 at 01:17 PM

JJ

“ I have many nice memories of Dee from the days of my childhood on Iron Mountains east side to more recent times. Dee was always warm and welcoming. My condolences to the entire family..

Jason Julian - January 31, 2020 at 01:01 PM

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“ Dee always had the welcoming door open whenever we seen her and always something delicious to eat before we left. A one of a kind friend. Always had an apron on ready to fix something for anyone who stopped in. Always wrote sweet notes in our Christmas cards. Happy days now for her and Red.

Elaine and Jim - January 31, 2020 at 12:35 PM

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“ *Kathy Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Denyce "Dee" Mattson*



Kathy Reynolds - January 31, 2020 at 11:36 AM

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“ *Beautiful memories of a beautiful and kind person. She made everyone feel so special at the family gatherings, even the “outlaws”. Everyone thought we were Bloumquists because we were with them so often. Thank you for all the JOY you brought Dee! You are truly missed.*

Nancy Marks - January 31, 2020 at 10:23 AM



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Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home - January 31, 2020 at 09:30 AM