



Doris Smithson

October 23, 1926 - January 5, 2013

Doris Smithson,

86, of Homestead, with her family by her side, went to be with her Lord on Saturday, January 5, 2013 at her home. She was born on October 23, 1926, one of twelve children born to the late Edward and Anna (Dixon) Lantz.

She was a graduate of Felch High School and worked as a secretary in Chicago for 2 years. In 1947, Doris married Sumner Grunlund and together they built a home while raising their family in Foster City. They subsequently moved to Norway Lake where they built and operated The Norway Lake Village Mart and continued to raise their family. Sumner preceded her in death in 1970. Doris later married Donald Nault and they moved to Homestead, WI where they built a home together and lived until Donald's death in 1994. Doris married Benjamin Smithson in 1999 and they have made their home in Homestead since that time. She enjoyed a life of study in God's Word while sharing her love for Him with others. She hosted many home Bible studies throughout the years and many of her Christian friends called her a teacher, counselor and a mentor. Her passion for sharing her faith was first in her life and she had amazing boldness and strength of conviction. She and Ben prayed diligently for loved ones and strangers while touching many lives.

She is survived by her husband Benjamin; her children, Regan (Deby)

Grunlund of Howell, MI, Leon (Kathleen) Grunlund of Norway Lake, Debra (Allen) Dixon of Norway Lake and Rosanne (Rex) Cosgrove of Moscow, ID; step children, Donald (Bev) Nault of Escanaba, Donna Milis of Wisconsin, Darwin (Louise) Nault of Gladstone, Dale (Chris) Nault of Stonington, Patsy, Peggy and Jim Nault, Kenneth Kasten of Aurora, Gayle (Ed) Gorman of Ironwood, MI and Steven (Heather) Smithson of King George, VA; sisters, Ruth Kouvelis of Chicago, Jaqueline Sheldon of Kingsford and Norma Alexander of Felch; brothers, Herbert (Carol) Lantz of Norway Lake and Donald (Janet) Lantz of Pickeral Lake; sisters in law, Rita Pozza, Delores Lantz, Blanche Lantz, Ruth Hirn, Caroline and Marge Smithson; brother in law, Rocky Rasmussen. She is also survived by many grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Doris was preceded in death by three brothers, Roy, Chester and Robert Lantz; four sisters, Bonnie Rasmussen, Vivian Quick, Janet Olson and Eleanor Lamont; step children, Larry, Teri and Bradley.

Visitation will be from 10:00am-12:00 Noon on Saturday, Jan. 12th at Zion Lutheran Church in Metropolitan/Felch. Memorial services will follow at 12:00 Noon at the church. Rev. Joel Smeby will officiate. Burial will be in the Foster City Cemetery.

Flowers will be provided by the family.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Doris Smithson online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church
W4703 Metropolitan Rd.
Felch, MI 49831

Memorial Service

JAN 12. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RF

“ *What a precious lady, my friend Doris was. I shall miss her. She imparted many Godly thoughts and wisdom into my life and the lives of all who met her. We spent time together in Women's Aglow meetings, Full Gospel Fellowship meetings, prayer meetings at her home as well as at our home in Iron Mountain. She was a praying woman, especially for her family. I shall never forget this precious saint and Bible scholar. I admire all the time she spent in Bible study. She left a great legacy to her children. May God comfort each family member, and we rejoice to know we will see our beloved Doris again.*

*Love,
Ruth & Jim Brandt*

Ruth Brandt - Sun City Center, 33573, FL - good friend - January 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *I am so very sorry to hear about Doris' passing. She was a beautiful woman, inside and out. May God Bless You all in your time of need.*
-cousin Meridy

Meridy Sundholm - Arnold, MI - Cousin - January 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Ben (Midge)*
You are in our thoughts and prayers on your loss. The two of you certainly have a lot of family support.
Jim Rossi (Alpha)

Jim Rossi - Traverse City, MI - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Aunty Doris,*

I have many fond memories from childhood to adult, you were such a beautiful person both inside and out and such an inspiration to us all here on earth. Heaven is for sure a better place now that you are seated with our lord and savior. You will be missed so much on earth and we all will be looking forward to meeting again in heaven. Ben and family please accept our sympathy and please know our families thoughts and prayers will be focused towards your family in this difficult time. Aunty Doris was always an inspiration to me for me to know and love Jesus as much as she did. We love all of you and God Bless each and everyone of you.

Chuck Lantz, Cully Lantz, Michelle Murray, Megan Murray, Mitchell Murray

Chuck Lantz, Michelle Murray - Iron Mountain, MI - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Great grandma Doris, we all miss you so much. You were such a positive, warm, caring person and you touched mine and so many other people's lives. I cherish the memories we have with you. From many get togethers at deer camp, to Christmas at your house playing charades, to playing your piano and sitting on your porch swing enjoying the beautiful view of the river. I'll never forget the time our car broke down so we got to stay up north an extra day and we stayed the night at your house. I had so much fun and felt so at home and didnt want to leave. Then for lunch you made us peanut butter and jelly english muffins :) i will always cherish how important it was for you to travel the distance to my highschool graduation and then my baby shower. And I am especially glad you got to meet your great, great grand daughter and that we could get 5 generation pictures. As she gets older I will show her those pictures and others and tell her what a wonderful person you were and how lucky she is to have got to meet you. I will miss you so much, but I know I will see you again one day in heaven. You are a role model to me and I want to live a happy christian and joy filled life just like you. I love you and can't wait to see you again :) ?

Carly Gross - Wausau, WI - great granddaughter - January 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Grandma, we will miss you SO much here on this Earth--words cannot say. I will cherish so many fond memories of you and how much you loved all of your family, especially us grandkids. You gave us your wisdom, guidance, and love and instilled in us your faith in the Lord. It will be so empty without you at our family gatherings, but I rejoice in the day I will be reunited again one day in Heaven. I can't wait to give you a big hug and see you again, this time for Eternity. You've only left for a short while, considering the 'big picture'. I find peace in knowing this, and the fact that you are in the God's loving arms now, reunited with your loved ones that have gone on before you. You will always be in my heart and thoughts. I love you so much! ~Tara

Tara Grunlund - Wausau, WI - granddaughter - January 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Heaven is a better place now that Doris is there. She was a very lovely lady who will be missed by all who knew her. Ben, our sympathies are with you. May you always take joy in the many wonderful memories you have. God Bless you and all the family. With love, Jack & Dee

John & Deanna Ebertsch - Iron Mtn., MI - Friend - January 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM