



Dorothy Pozza

March 22, 1914 - March 22, 2012

Dorothy Pozza, 98, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Thursday, March 22, 2012, at Dickinson County Healthcare System.

She was born on March 27, 1913, in Covington, Kent., first born of 10 children to the late Jesse and Myrtle (Jenkins) Jones. She was raised in this area and attended school here.

On Nov. 3, 1928, she married her husband Bert Pozza at Immaculate Conception Church. He preceded her in death in 1963.

Dorothy retired from the Iron Mountain VA Hospital as head chef of the canteen service.

Over the years, she operated a catering service, worked as chef at Aerotel Lodge, Irishs, The Riverside Club and Chippewa Club.

She rented rooms in her home on Stephenson Avenue to people from all walks of life, including the spouses of VA patients, nurses, people from the community and entertainers from the Four Lane bar. She opened her home and her heart to all who entered.

As a grandmother, she taught her grandchildren to sing " Little Wee Man" and

"Pretty Little Girl With The Red Dress On." Dorothy's apartment at Hulst Manor smelled like a gourmet Italian restaurant and she always made special dishes and treats for everyone.

Dorothy is survived by her son, Robert (Sharon) Pozza of Kenosha, Wis.; her daughters, Mary (Robert) Knoke of Breitung Township and Patricia O'Neil of Charleston, S. C.; her brother, Ed Jones of Alaska; sister, Shirley (John) Bjorkman of Kingsford; daughters in law, Marilyn Pozza and Eunice Pozza; 18 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren and two great great-grandchildren: several nieces, nephews and special friends, Marge Hosking and Barbara Chouinard.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her sons, Bert, James and Joseph Pozza, brothers, Edwin, Orie, Charles and Wilbert Jones and sisters, Opal, Stella and Aileen.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home.

The funeral service will follow at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary Queen of Peace Church. Fr. Michael Woempner will offer the Mass of the Christian Burial. Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

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

Condolences to the family of Dorothy Pozza may be expressed online at ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **26.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR **26.** 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church
432 Edsel
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall

KG

“ (Continued from below) Or when she would eat the rinds of oranges. Or picking strawberries, or raspberries, or blueberries, or blackberries...

She put every effort into everything she did and that never stopped. Her house was huge and it was immaculately taken care of each day that she inhabited it and everywhere else she laid her head. She always knew what you wanted and was sure to make a special something for every visitor she had. Gramma certainly knew her way around the kitchen. You could try to help her out but in the end you'd here "let me do it" and she would take over. Making Thanksgiving dinner was a combination of an Italian smorgasbord and the most amazing Turkey dinner with stuffing that still makes my mouth water. All my Thanksgiving memories are truly something that I will cherish. I am extremely thankful that our last one together was so memorable. I will also never forget the Thanksgiving when we got the clock messed up and got up for the sales at 12:25 a.m. instead of 5:00 a.m.

I loved that she liked to watch boxing. I loved they way her skin felt. I loved her wedding ring that she wore every day. I loved when she would tell the story about how her husband would call her "sour pickles." I loved decorating her Christmas tree with her. I loved her manual push lawn mower. I loved her laugh. Most, I just loved being her granddaughter. When she said, "my Kris" and she referred to my kids as "her little angels" nothing beats that - except knowing that she is our angel now.

Kristine Burmeister - Petoskey, MI - Granddaughter - May 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ There is a special bond between a Grandmother and her Granddaughter. Maybe because they spoil you and let you get away with things, but maybe because as a grandmother they get to relax. They can love every minute of their time with each grandchild because they know how quickly their own children grow up. They get to rekindle all the amazing memories they had of holding a baby, taking a toddler's hand, teaching to roll ravioli filling. There are so many things I will keep with me about my Gramma Grunts and if I'm lucky get to share with my own grandchildren

The first was her quick wit. She always knew what to say – as a joke or sentimentally or practically. She wasn't easily duped (especially be a mischievous child) and could put you in your place in a heartbeat. She was going to tell you straightforwardly but only if you needed to be told. Otherwise she would not give it any more consideration. She was all of our caretaker. But luckily, I got to spend time, significant time, with her my entire life. When I was little, I had the most joy from driving around with Gramma to go to Kresege's or when I was being especially persuasive to Mister Donuts. She was generous and kind, the best grandma.

There is no doubt that I will try my very best to channel her every time I make any meal, but that also goes for her green thumb. Christmas cacti were in bloom all year round at her house. Her garden was the best place to be. Her tomato plants were amazing - really everything she did was amazing. Her yard was perfect. Lilacs, green onions, Lily of the valley, snowball hydrangea... but most I'll remember her front porch and swinging with her and singing songs. Or playing with the random decks of cards in every drawer of her house. Or listening to her speak Italian through the upstairs grate in the floor. Or helping her straighten out skeins of yarn. Or going to the corner to buy her milk. Or how every dog loved her. To be continued...

Kristine Burmeister - Petoskey, MI - Granddaughter - May 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *I miss you! But I know you are happy in heaven now with God and your family.*

Bert Knoke - King George, VA - Grandson - May 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *How wonderful to have a mother like you for 67 years!. You are a great example of love and sacrifice for family,. Your hard work provided a comfortable home, nice clothes and deilicious meals and the best pies ever!*

*The best lesson for all of us was how you were able to save money even when only making minimum wage.You carrird on after the death of my fahter, sent me to nursing school and my sister to college, helped be the best grandmother to my children and little Jeff. Thank you mother! Your love will last throughout eternity!
You are deeply missed,
Mary Knoke, daugther*

Mary Knoke - Kingsford, MI - daughter - May 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Dearest Mother,*

We are just back from cousin's Chi Chi's funeral.

We missed you so.

You were always there for us and we could feel your presence.

What a wonderful Mother You have been!!

Hope you are still taking care of the family up there. I am sure you are!!!

You fought the good fight and hope that God has rewarded you.

love forever,

Your son Bobetto

Robert Pozza - Kenosha, WI - Son - May 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ To the Family of Dorothy Pozza,

We were saddened to hear of your Mother Dorothy's passing. May God give her eternal rest and may her soul rest in peace. Please be strong and accept our condolences. All our sympathy is with you.

Regards,

Jerry and Marian McMullen

Jerry and Marian McMullen - Spokane, WA - Friend of Family - March 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *I have lots of good memories of Aunt Dorothy. I would stay at Aunt Dorothy's house a week or so each summer; hung out with Pat . Aunt Dorothy had to put up with a lot of shenanigans that Pat & I pulled on her & Mary. Aunt Dorothy was such a good cook & kept us well fed! Her pasties were the greatest! I will never forget the good times I had in Iron Mountain. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Love to all, Jim and Sharon*

Jim & Sharon Kennedy (Sullivan) - Lufkin, TX - niece - March 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *Aunt Dorothy was a wonderful woman. Whenever we went to her house she would always want to feed us. We saw her in Oct 2010 and she looked wonderful for her age. So sorry to hear of your passing but know that you are with your family that has passed on. Love ya Gary and Denise Sullivan*

Denise and Gary Sullivan - North Street, MI - aunt - March 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

T.

“ I have so many great memories of Auntie Dorothy .. The best our when we went to Iron Mountain to see the family . We would go to her house for brunch .. That table was always full of wonderful food . She put her heart into everything she did . All of the Jones girls were super cooks . And strong women . Now she can be in heaven with her family who has passed . I hope she will say hi to her Chuckie (my Dad) and Stella (my Grandma) for me . Auntie Dorothy will truly be missed ... Sending my love to the family ...

Tonya Sullivan - Falk - Elkhorn, WI - family .. - March 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM