



Dorothy Sparapani-Cocking

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KINGSFORD - Dorothy J. "Dolly" Sparapani-Cocking, 90, of 217 Lyman St. Kingsford, passed away on Thursday, April 28, 2005, at ManorCare Health Service in Kingsford.

She was born July 2, 1914, in Hardwood, daughter of the late Michael and Anna (DuFresne) Mooney. Dolly was a lifelong resident of the area.

She married Frank J. Sparapani at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in 1931. Frank preceded her in death in 1965. Dolly then married Howard Cocking in 1967, at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. Howard preceded her in death in 1979.

Dolly worked for 11 years in the hot lunch program at the Kingsford Junior High School where she enjoyed her favorite pastimes, cooking and baking. She was a member of American Martyrs Catholic Church and was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. Dolly's grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great grandchildren were her pride and joy, and they visited her often.

She is survived by a son, Ronald (Jeanine) Sparapani of Kingsford; three daughters, Lola (Donald) Baravetto of Iron Mountain, Sheila Derrick of Oak Creek, Wis. and Rhonda (James) Smith of Glendale, Ariz.; a stepson, David Cocking of Kingsford; two sisters-in-law, Eileen and Mary Mooney; a brother-in-law, Tom Kenny Sr.; a cousin, Isabelle Mooney Alimenti; a special niece, Sharon Pucci; 22 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren, five great-great grandchildren and many loving nieces and nephews.

Dolly was also preceded in death by four brothers, Milton and Lawrence Bishop and Michael and Russell Mooney; four sisters, Ruth Newitt, Alice Kenney, Florence "Tiny" Nord and Patti Lucas; and three stepsons, Robert, Thomas and Jerome Cocking.

Visitation will be on Sunday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Parish prayers will be recited at 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Funeral services will be held on Monday at 9:30 a.m. at the funeral home and 10 a.m. at American Martyrs Catholic Church. Fr. Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will be in Dickinson County Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers will be Ronald Sparapani Jr., Randy Sparapani, Richard Derrick, Bill Sparpana, Chris Cocking and Mike Derrick.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Dolly Sparapani-Cocking online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Mrs. "C" was the most wonderful lady I have ever known. She will be missed by me very much. My prayers are with you and your family.

Bruce Fugere - May 07, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was saddened by Dolly's death, but know she is finally at rest. The last time I visited her, she smiled her sweet smile, but I don't think she knew me. I have so many memories of when David and I lived with Howard and her back in 1967. I loved her laugh, her cooking, and the fact that there was not a judgmental bone in her body. She loved and accepted everyone, and she will be missed by so many. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. Jane (Cocking) Juchemich

Jane Juchemich - May 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM