



Eleanor M. Fornetti

September 5, 1923 - November 22, 2015

Iron Mountain

Eleanor Margaret Fornetti, 92, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Sunday, November 22, 2015 at Maryhill Manor in Niagara. Eleanor was born on September 5, 1923 in Kingsford, daughter of the late John and Florence (Jacobsen) Campagnola. Eleanor has been a lifelong resident of this area and was a 1941 graduate of Kingsford High School. She married Dr. Theodore B. Fornetti on July 3, 1944 at St. Mary Queen of Peace Church in Kingsford. After 68 years of marriage, Ted preceded her in death on February 25, 2013. Eleanor was the first family member to work in the dental field. While Ted was in dental school, she worked as a dental assistant for Dr. J. C. O'Donnell here in Iron Mountain. In later years, she also assisted and managed Ted's dental practice. Following their retirement, Eleanor and Ted volunteered their time to perform dental procedures on patients at St. Jude's hospital on the island of St. Lucia. They were generous, community minded individuals, instrumental in the formation of the Bay West College and were also an integral part of helping to secure the land to build the current Carmelite Monastery. In 1987, the community honored Eleanor as First Lady of Dickinson County, recognizing her contributions to the area. She also volunteered and supported Trico Opportunities. Eleanor was a faithful member of Immaculate Conception Church and for many years brought Holy Communion to the residents of Freeman Nursing Home. Eleanor enjoyed nothing more than bringing joy to others. She is survived by her children, Judy (Don) Angera of Iron Mountain,

Ted J. (Mary) Fornetti of Iron Mountain, Tony (Darlene) Fornetti of Iron Mountain, Tish (Don) Ginter of Lake Zurich, IL and John (Terese) Fornetti of Iron Mountain; thirteen grandchildren, Jeff (Laura) Angera of Mt. Pleasant, MI, Carissa (Don) Mahoney of Knoxville, TN, Ted A. (Kristy) Fornetti of Iron Mountain, Paul (Angela) Fornetti of Breitung Twp., Kathryn (Adam) Husing of Iron Mountain, Nick (Kortnee) Fornetti of Kingsford, Andrea (Benjamin) Fornetti-Wilson of Paris, IL, Greg Ginter of Chicago, IL, Mark Ginter of Lake Zurich, IL, Daniel (Mary) Fornetti of Kingsford, David Fornetti of Milwaukee, WI, Julia Fornetti of Milwaukee, WI and Peter Fornetti of Iron Mountain; twenty one great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, Eleanor was preceded in death by two sisters, Doris Froze and Ann O'Gara.

Funeral Mass will be at 12:15 pm Friday, November 27th at Immaculate Conception Church in Iron Mountain. Msgr. James Kaczmarek will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Immediately following the funeral Mass, a celebration of Eleanor's life will be held at the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall. Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park. Eleanor's grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her memory to Bay West College, The Carmelite Monastery or Immaculate Conception Church. Condolences to the family of Eleanor Fornetti may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 27. 12:15 PM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
500 Blaine St.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Tribute Wall

SC

“ I'm very sorry to hear about the passing of Eleanor, she was such a sweet loving lady with a smile that brightened anyone's day. Thankful I was able to chat with her at her home before the last family party. She will be deeply missed by the Cory family and all El Capitan staff.

Steve Cory - December 14, 2015 at 10:38 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Eleanor M. Fornetti.



November 27, 2015 at 01:55 PM

RP

“ Russell, Shaun and the Staff of Periocare purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Eleanor M. Fornetti.



Russell, Shaun and the Staff of Periocare - November 25, 2015 at 03:48 PM

PL

“ Patrick and Sharon Hann, Linda, Jill, Carla and Lisa purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Eleanor M. Fornetti.



Patrick and Sharon Hann, Linda, Jill, Carla and Lisa -
November 25, 2015 at 11:19 AM

DS

“ To the Family of Eleanor (and "Doc") Fornetti: Know that Eleanor and "Doc" live on in the ways they have influenced the lives of so very many people. I am one of those people, and I believe I am a better person today because of my relationship with them, for which I am grateful. Without pretense, they have demonstrated hospitality and generosity, and their lives, so integrated by their faith, were an expression of dedication and commitment to family and community. Be at peace!
Dan Sparapani

Dan Sparapani - November 24, 2015 at 09:34 PM

BM

“ Eleanor, Mrs. Fornetti out of respect, was that special person who lived a life that was an example for all. It was a privilege to call her and Ted friends. Her spiritual life and her love of God was unmatched. I consider her a Saint. It is a blessing that her family have these same qualities. Bob Matchett

Bob Matchett - November 24, 2015 at 07:51 PM

MG

“ Our deepest sympathy to you Ted, Tony, Ted A and Paul in the loss of your dear mother and grandmother. May you find comfort in the memories and love that she leaves behind. God bless you all.
Mary & Larry Gasperich

Mary GAsperich - November 24, 2015 at 06:48 PM

PM

“ So many wonderful memories of Eleanor and Ted. They were blessed with the gift of hospitality and always made us feel like we were the only people around. They shared their faith freely and were such an example to all they touched. The world is a much better place for having them in it. What an example of just pure love. We will and do miss them terribly already.

Paula Matchett - November 24, 2015 at 03:04 PM