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NORWAY - Elizabeth "Betty" Ida Ripke, 89, of 414 Chestnut Ave., Norway, went to be with the Lord, Monday, Feb. 9, 2004, at the Hyland Nursing Home. She was born on Oct. 24, 1914, in Norway, daughter of the late Axel and Ida (Gronmark) Erickson.

She graduated from Norway High School in 1932. Betty moved to Chicago where she met her husband Charlie. She worked for the LaSalle Bank for 10 years and then moved to New Jersey where she worked for Westinghouse. Charlie preceded her in death in 1966 and then she moved back to Norway to care for her mother. Betty worked for Wittock Supply until the age of retirement.

She was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Norway, where she loved to be a devout member. She also enjoyed golfing, gardening, and traveling. She is survived by a stepdaughter, Carol Childress of Gerney, Ill.; two brothers, George Erickson of Kingsford and Robert Erickson of Orlando, Fla.; and many nieces and nephews.

Elizabeth was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Ripke; three sisters, Elsie Erickson, Esther Erickson, and Edith Jensen; and three brothers, Everett Erickson, Erling Erickson, and Eugene Erickson.

Visitation will be Thursday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church in Norway.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 3 p.m. at the church. Rev. John Voelker

will officiate.

Burial will be in the Norway Township Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Bethany Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Elizabeth I. Ripke online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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