



## Ellen M. Fagan

August 2, 1930 - November 8, 2013

Ellen Marsha Fagan, 83, of Iron Mountain passed away Friday, November 8, 2013 at Cedar Village Retirement Community in Cincinnati, Ohio. She was with her daughter and granddaughters at the time of her passing.

Ellen was born August 2, 1930 in Iron Mountain to Esau and Ethel (Joffe) Cohodes. She graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1948 and from Northern Michigan University with a degree in English in 1952. Ellen taught junior high English in Pontiac.

Ellen married Allen Fagan of Bay City in 1954. They were married in Iron Mountain and then lived together in Bay City before they moved back to Iron Mountain in 1963 when Allen began working for Ellen's father Esau at Cohodes Oil Co. Ellen worked as a librarian at the Dickinson County Library from 1975 until 2005. She was active in the Iron Mountain Hadassah chapter. Ellen moved to Cincinnati to be closer to her daughter after the death of Allen in 2005.

She is survived by her daughter, Julie (Steve) Whayne of West Chester, Ohio; her sister, Helen Lee Wilens of Chicago, Illinois; daughter-in-law Lori Fagan of Denver, Colorado; and her five granddaughters Chelsea, Elise and Talia Fagan and Jessica and Abby Whayne.

Ellen was preceded in death by her husband Allen and her son Mark.

Visitation will be held from 9 am until 10 am Tuesday, November 12th, at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home. Graveside services will follow in the Jewish section of Cemetery Park, Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2013.

Rabbi Sidney Vineberg will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association 1701 North Beauregard Street Alexandria, VA 22311; 1-800-DIABETES (800-342-2383).

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Ellen Fagan online at [www.erickson-rochon-nash.com](http://www.erickson-rochon-nash.com).

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

# Cemetery Details

## Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 12. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

WR

“ Dear Julie and Family,  
I am so sorry to hear about your loss. My thoughts and prayer go out to you and your family. I have many wonderful memories of your whole family and especially your mother, who I would visit at the new library every time I returned to Iron Mountain for a high school reunion. I remember the first time I babysat for you and decided to make a good impression by washing up all the dirty dishes. I noticed that there were two different patterns of dishes, neatly separated on different sides of the sink, but put them in one bin and washed them all together. Thank goodness your mother not only forgave me but continued having me back to babysit for many more years. May you find comfort in your memories and may her memory be a blessing.  
Wendy Russman-Halperin  
Lexington, MA

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Wendy Russman-Halperin - November 21, 2013 at 10:58 PM

KA

“ I am so sorry to hear of Ellen's passing. I worked with your mom at the library. I remember how nervous I was and how she encouraged me. It was because of her that I stayed with the job and continued to work at the library for 16 years. I also worked as her partner on the afternoon shift for a few years. She loved to go to Wend's after work for a baked potato. We did this quite often. I will always remember Ellen with much love in my heart.



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Kay - November 21, 2013 at 04:14 PM

CM

“ I am sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family. I worked with Ellen at the library and learned a lot from her. Cheryl McConnell

Cheryl McConnell - November 12, 2013 at 12:16 PM

MT

“ So sorry to hearing about your mother's passing. I have so many fond childhood memories of growing up with your family in Kingsford Heights. I also enjoyed visiting with your mom on my trips to the bookmobile and the library. Such a delightful lady. My deepest sympathy.

Mary Kadletz Tuomela - November 12, 2013 at 10:49 AM



“ My thoughts are with you and your family at this time. I worked with Ellen at the Dickinson County Library. V.Underhill

Vicki Perkins Underhill - November 12, 2013 at 10:17 AM

JZ

“ To our dear cousins, we send our condolences and love. Yelena and Jerry Zacks and family

Jerry Zacks - November 11, 2013 at 11:28 PM

SP

“ Sorry to hear about the loss of your mother Julie. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers.

Steve Pozza

Steve Pozza - November 11, 2013 at 03:14 PM