



Erlaine Johnston

October 21, 1926 - October 21, 2005

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KINGSFORD - Erlaine D. Johnston, 79, entered into eternal rest on Friday, Oct. 21, 2005, at ManorCare Health Services in Kingsford.

Erlaine was born on Aug. 10, 1926, in Hyde, the daughter of the late Bertha and Myron Legg Sr. She lived in the Upper Peninsula most of her life. Erlaine was a 1944 graduate of Escanaba High School.

She married Craig A. Johnston. He preceded her in death in April of 1985.

They were living in Grand Island, Neb. at the time, where Craig was the district sales manager for DeVere Chemical Co.

Erlaine attended Quinnesec United Methodist Church and volunteered for its bible school. She worked many years at the M&J Restaurant and worked in food service until her retirement. She and her husband enjoyed many long road trips to visit their grandchildren. Her most memorable times were summer holidays at the Charles Johnston Lodge and sharing Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays at her mother's home with many relatives and friends. Erlaine was an avid reader and was up-to-date on national and political news. She enjoyed the many family pets she had over the years. Erlaine had a true appreciation of nature and enjoyed flower gardening. In her latter years, she enjoyed spending winters at her daughter's, Sharon (Jim) Pearson, home in Arizona.

Erlaine is survived by her four children, Sharon (Jim) Pearson of Glendale, Ariz., Sheri Meinolf of Kingsford, Mark (Joan) Johnston of Omaha, Neb., and

Kurt (Susan) Johnston of Kingsford; her one special sister, Joan Strom of Escanaba; seven grandchildren, Shawn (Laura) Johnston of Alaska, Cordi Juhler of Omaha, Kristopher (Debi) Johnston of Iron Mountain, Troy Meinolf of Kingsford, Tara (Brian) LaVigne of Kingsford, and Sasha and Sarah Fowler of Omaha; six great grandchildren, Faith and Christian LaVigne of Kingsford, Gavin and Aden Johnston of Kingsford, and Ian and Luke Johnston of Alaska; along with several other beloved relatives.

Erlaine was also preceded in death by her two brothers, Myron Legg Jr. and Gene Legg; a son-in-law, Steven Meinolf and a special sister-in-law, Sally Johnston-Hoell.

Erlaine's request of cremation will be honored.

Contributions in Erlaine Johnston's memory may be made to the Springlake Humane Society or the Quinnesec United Methodist Church.

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