



Estelle M. Halborg

September 18, 1939 - January 11, 2020

Estelle M. Halborg, 80, of Iron Mountain, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at her home.

She was born September 18, 1939 in Chassell, MI, daughter of the late Eino and Esther (Maki) Kemppainen. Estelle graduated from Hancock High School in 1957. She attended Suomi College and obtained her Bachelor Degree in Education from Northern Michigan University in 1961. Estelle married Thomas C. Halborg on August 25, 1962 at St. Matthew's Church in Hancock and the couple shared 57 wonderful years together. She was employed with the Hancock Public School System as an educator for 25 years, retiring in 1996. Estelle was a member of Our Saviours Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain. She had a knack for interior design and always kept her home beautifully decorated and organized. Estelle enjoyed traveling, reading and crossword puzzles. For many years, Estelle and Tom enjoyed spending winters in Gulf Shores, AL. Estelle had high standards for herself and her family, and was a very kind-hearted person. She had a deep love for her family, absolutely adored her grandchildren, and was deeply devoted to her husband and their marriage.

She is survived by her husband, Tom; two daughters, Carrie (Mike) Schaller of Midland and Julie (Andrew) Watkins of Iron Mountain; five grandchildren, Kate, Jack & Maggie Schaller and Colin & Mya Watkins; a brother, Robert

(Barb) Kemppainen of Auburn, AL; two sisters, Gloria (Ron) Case of Ponte Vedra, FL and Carol (Don) Carli of Hancock; a sister-in-law, Ann Kemppainen; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Estelle was preceded in death by a brother, Paul Kemppainen.

Private family services will be held, with interment planned at White Chapel Memorial Park Cemetery in Troy.

It was evident in many ways that Estelle had a true love for babies, and with that in mind, the family would like to request that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital in her memory. <https://tinyurl.com/estellehalborgmemorial>

Condolences to the family of Estelle Halborg may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Tribute Wall



“ Tom, Carrie and Julie...I just found that Estelle had passed. I'm so sorry for your loss of mother and wife..Every life she touched was made better for it.

Jon Chynoweth - February 19, 2020 at 07:43 PM

JD

“ Tom, Julie, Carrie and the rest of the family. My sincere condolences to hear of Estelles passing. Although I have not seen you all in awhile, your family was a huge part of my upbringing. I have so many fond memories of all of you. May you find comfort in the memories that you hold in your heart. Much peace and love to all of you.

Jenny DePuydt

Jennifer DePuydt - January 19, 2020 at 12:00 PM

TR

“ The Saunders (Paul, Tami, Maddy, Kirk, Ryan) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Estelle M. Halborg.



The Saunders (Paul, Tami, Maddy, Kirk, Ryan) - January 17, 2020 at 11:58 AM

CW

“ Our sincere sympathy to you all. Your wife, mother and grandmother was indeed a lovely and loving lady. May you be surrounded by God's peace in these days and the days to come.
David and Carol Waisanen

Carol Waisanen - January 17, 2020 at 10:28 AM

PK

“ To the Family of Estelle,
So sorry to hear of the passing of Estelle. She was one of our early babysitters and was always a good friend of the family. My deepest prayers and condolences.
Phil Kukkonen

Phil Kukkonen - January 16, 2020 at 08:17 PM

LC

“ Estelle was our neighbor for the last 18 years since we moved back to Iron Mountain. She was always so sweet to talk to about teaching, and her stories showed how much she loved her family. My daughters were only 4 when we moved into our house and always ran both Estelle and Tom's names together and called them "Tom-n-Stell"
She will be missed greatly by our family. Our prayers and thoughts go out to Tom, Julie and Carrie, and their families during this difficult time.

Lori Ann Cevigney - January 16, 2020 at 04:15 PM

EL

“ *Estelle was a great teacher and friend. There were many opportunities to see how she loved working with the children and staff at Ryan School and at Hancock Elementary/Barkell Elementary. She will most certainly be missed by everyone. Blessings and prayers for the family, Ed Longenecker.*

Edward Longenecker - January 16, 2020 at 03:10 PM

DB

“ *Estelle was teaching 4th grade when I moved to a 4th grade opening from special education back in 1990 at Hancock Elementary. She was so patient with the 100's of questions I had. She was a wonderful mentor and, eventually, a good friend. Barb Brookhouse, Estelle, and I became quite close and shared dinners at each others' homes. I remember one year Estelle chose to take her calcium vitamin at lunch so one of her students would not feel 'alone' when they had to take their medication. That was just a small example of the many thoughtful ways Estelle demonstrated. My thoughts and prayers go out to Tom and their family. God Bless you all...*

Debra Barna - January 16, 2020 at 02:06 PM

MN

“ *Estelle was always a well-dressed "lady" with a warm personality and great sense of humor. I remember her fondly, and send you my sincere sympathy on her passing. Peace and Love, Mary Nominelli*

Mary Nominelli - January 16, 2020 at 11:57 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Estelle M. Halborg.*



January 16, 2020 at 10:27 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family of Estelle Halborg. May past memories help you during this difficult time. Clarence and Yvonne Fisher*

Clarence and Yvonne Fisher - January 15, 2020 at 03:10 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Estelle M. Halborg.*



January 15, 2020 at 01:42 PM