



Ethel Thornberry

December 24, 1925 - December 24, 2012

Ethel May Thornberry, 87 of Kingsford, passed away on Monday, December 24, 2012 at Maryhill Manor in Niagara, surrounded by family. She was born on October 2, 1925 in Clifton, Idaho, daughter of the late Gustave and Clessa (Rasmussen) Simon. On March 8, 1946 she married LeRoy Vergne Thornberry in Brigham City, Utah. He preceded her in death on October 4, 1997. She was preceded in death by a brother, Carl Simon and survived by a sister, Olive (Nathan) Karen of Caldwell, Idaho. Ethel moved to Kingsford in 1946, and has been a resident ever since. She was a member of Redemption Hill Church, where she was very active teaching Sunday School for many years. She enjoyed to sew and made alterations for many years for many people in the community. Over the years, she loved golfing, water and snow skiing, camping and traveling.

Ethel is survived by a son Allyn (Doreen) Thornberry of Waucesha Township, WI; a daughter Cheryl Thornberry of Madison, WI; four grandchildren, Pam Ravenscroft, Kim (Dale Jr.) Vacha, Allison (William) Baciak, and Rachel Thornberry; three great grandchildren, William Baciak, Sophia Baciak and Camron Vacha; sisters in-law, June Schultz of Milwaukee, WI and Inez (Jim) Riverside of Kingsford; many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 27, 2012 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Kingsford Funeral Home and on Friday, December 28, 2012 from

10:00am to 11:00am at the Redemption Hill Church in Kingsford. The funeral service will follow at 11:00 am at the church. Rev. Ronald Wolfe will officiate. Burial will be in the Quinnesec Cemetery.

Ethel's children wish to thank the staff at Maryhill Manor for their compassionate care, concern, and support of Mom over the past 5 years.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in her memory. Condolences may also be expressed to the family of Ethel May Thornberry online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kingsford Funeral Home
1000 S. Carpenter
Kingsford, MI 49802

Visitation

DEC 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Redemption Hill
332 S. Carpenter Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Funeral Service

DEC 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

Redemption Hill
332 S. Carpenter Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall

PW

“ I will always remember your parents, and their welcoming presence at Immanuel Baptist from the first day we arrived in the Upper Peninsula.

Pete Mueller - Winneconne, WI - December 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ I remember in 1965 going to Iron Mtn., Michigan and staying in Ethel's home with my mother, Irene Rasmussen, and my great aunt, Cless Simon. I have happy memories of meeting Ethel and her family. I love Olive Karren and her family. My thoughts and prayers are with their families during this time of loss and grief. May God comfort in ways that only He can bring peace.

Love and prayers from Leslie Rasmussen Peterson

Leslie Rasmussen Peterson - Tyler, TX - daughter of Jesse Rasmussen - December 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I offer my deepest sympathy.
Ethel and my mom were roommates at Maryhill for a few weeks last summer. I sure found her to be a very kind person.
Once again , my sympathy.
Sincerely,
Jim Fornetti

Jim Fornetti - Iron mountain, MI - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Allyn & Family, John and I are very sorry for your loss! You have our deepest sympathy, and you are in our prayers!

Darlene

John and Darlene Lovato - Iron Mountain, MI - friends - December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Allyn & Family, We are so very sorry for your loss! You have our deepest sympathy, and you are in our prayers!

Jon & Kathy Thekan - Homestead, WI - December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ I met Ethel while taking my Mom to crafts at Maryhill. She is such a sweet lady. My little dog Henry and I would go to see her, she liked when he visited. I knew she crocheted baby afghans, so I brought her some yarn from my Moms house that we found while cleaning it out. I didnt know Ethel real well but new she had a heart of gold. I will miss seeing her. She was a special friend.

Paula - December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM