



## Fanny Mattson

July 19, 1938 - February 9, 2019

Fanny Morris Mattson died February 9, 2019 in Kingsford, Mi. after a courageous battle with ALS, also called Lou Gehrig's Disease. She was 80 years old.

Fanny was born in Jackson, Mi. to Frank Rockwell Morris and Marian Russell Morris on July 19, 1938. She attended The Shipley School in Bryn Mawr, Pa. and Denison University in Granville, Oh. before returning to her hometown to work as a reporter for the Jackson Citizen Patriot. She married Theodore Dale "Ted" Mattson, of Felch, Mi. in April, 1968. After Ted's job at Phillips Petroleum Co. took them to Cadillac and Flint, they moved to Lansing in 1973. In 2002, they moved to Kingsford.

Fanny was ahead of her time. She considered teaching and attended secretarial school, but decided she wasn't interested in either. She found the job she loved as a reporter at the Citizen Patriot at a time there were very few women in journalism. In 1967 she wrote a story about the Jackson's first woman mayor and the challenges she faced because of her gender. That year the Michigan Women's Press Club recognized her for her reporting.

In Lansing, Fanny worked for many years in the advertising department for the Lansing State Journal. Then, ready for a change, she worked as an administrative assistant helping to coordinate an international horticultural

conference at Michigan State University

Fanny was also a generous volunteer. She was a driver for the American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery program in Lansing and at the Dickinson Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain. She was a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, (the Philanthropic Educational Organization), which provides scholarships, grants and loans for women to pursue higher education worldwide. She was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Iron Mountain.

She was great fun. She loved to play cards and entertain. She was a master at Gin Rummy.

She had a great sense of humor and made a mean lasagna that she claimed had helped her catch the man of her dreams - Teddy Mattson. For years she and Ted spent the better part of the winter in Islamorada, Fl. There they hosted friends and family, boating and teaching their grand nieces and nephews how to ocean fish and play cards.

Fanny loved animals, from her loyal Rottweilers, to the foxes that occasionally crossed her yard, to the thousands of birds and occasional squirrels she and Ted kept fed.

Most importantly she cared fiercely about family. While still single, she would host sleep-overs for nieces and nephews, cooking them dinner and letting them stay up late. She never had kids - but in fact she had many and they all loved her like a mom.

Fanny is survived by her husband of 50 years, Ted; a brother, Frank R. Morris of Columbus, Oh. and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Mary Ann Hitt.

Visitation will be from 10:00 to 11:00 am on Saturday, February 23 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Iron Mountain. Memorial services will follow at 11:00 am at the church. Rev. Geri Hamlen will officiate. Burial will be in the Felch Cemetery in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church or the AN Chapter of the P.E.O.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Fanny Mattson online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

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

# Cemetery Details

## Felch Cemetery

Felch, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church  
808 Carpenter Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

## Memorial Service

FEB **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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808 Carpenter Ave.  
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# Tribute Wall

AH

“ *All the Hunts purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Fanny Mattson.*



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**All the Hunts** - February 18, 2019 at 07:22 PM

RM

“ *Remembering all the good times and laughter we shared. We extend our deepest condolences to you, Teddy. Fanny was your best friend and companion, and she will be dearly missed. Love, Rich and Kathy Michels*

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**Rich and Kathy Michels** - February 16, 2019 at 02:22 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Fanny Mattson.*



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February 16, 2019 at 02:12 PM

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“ *Cousins Tim & Sue Pach purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Fanny Mattson.*



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**Cousins Tim & Sue Pach** - February 15, 2019 at 08:05 PM

RF

“ Ted, very sorry for your great loss. Fanny was a great lady. I loved it when she would stop and chat while I was walking Mali. She will be missed by the neighborhood.

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**Ray Famiani** - February 14, 2019 at 09:52 AM

TS

“ Missing her fun sense of humor, her kindly understanding and her sweet self... strong, smart lady she was. Bless her Teddy for attending and caring for her these last several months. He helped us all bear their challenge. With all fondest wishes for him and her family ... Ted and Shep

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**Ted & Shep** - February 13, 2019 at 09:28 PM

DB

“ I had the distinct pleasure of knowing Fanny for over 40 years. We met while working at The State Journal in Lansing back in the 70's and remained friends ever since. I will always remember fondly the visits with Ted and Fanny both in Lansing and in Las Vegas on their trips out west. RIP Fanny. Dan Boggs

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**Dan Boggs** - February 12, 2019 at 02:13 PM