



## Fern G. Tutas

September 15, 1931 - March 3, 2024

Fern G. Tutas of Kingsford, MI, passed away on March 3, 2024, at Marshfield Medical Center - Dickinson in Iron Mountain, MI, at the age of 93.

She was born on September 15, 1931, in Ishpeming, MI, to Leonard and Bonita O'Dette. Fern met the love of her life, George Tutas, and they spent 53 years of happiness together until his passing in 2010.

An avid sewer and quilter, Fern worked in the fabric department at Shopko in Kingsford for 20 years until her retirement. Fern and George were active members with the Superior Sam camping group, and they traveled every winter to Brownsville, TX, to escape the cold.

Fern is survived by her son, James Tutas of Iron Mountain, and 2 grandchildren, Nicholas Tutas of Cedar Key Florida, Kelly La Torre (Edoardo) of Meridian, Idaho; and 2 great-grandchildren, Penelope and Paloma La Torre.

Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, George; one daughter, Kathy Pauquette; and her brother, Gerald O'Dette, and his wife, Beverly.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 am - 10:45 am on Friday, March 22nd at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Fr. Janusz

Romanek will offer the Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 am at St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church. Burial will be at Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Fern G. Tutas 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

## Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 22. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church  
414 Prospect Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Tribute Wall

AG

“*Fern and my grandma were besties at Evergreen. She always love when I brought my baby Stanley! She was such a nice lady! Always smiling! She will be missed* ❤️



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**Adriana Gudwer** - March 08, 2024 at 05:11 PM

TS

“*Grandma Fern, you are finally at peace again with Papa George and Kathy! We will miss you!*  
*Steve, Lori and Ethan Servia*

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**The Servias** - March 08, 2024 at 07:27 AM

CH

“*My heart hurts for Fern's family... Fern was quite a lady! I worked with her at Shopko for many years and enjoyed seeing her from time to time after she left Shopko... Fern had a great sense of humor and was fun to be around. What I remember most is how much she loved George and the rest of her family... Rest in peace, my friend - You will be missed...*

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**Cheri Hamilton** - March 08, 2024 at 01:27 AM

RH

“ *Rosemary Haepers lit a candle in memory of Fern G. Tutas*



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**Rosemary Haepers** - March 07, 2024 at 07:44 PM

RH

*To the family of Fern, I had the pleasure of meeting Fern when she became a resident at Evergreen Meadows in Norway. I am the Eucharistic Minister for St. Mary's in Norway and spent time with Fern on Saturdays at our communion service that I did. She was such a joy to be with and always had a smile on her face. I am so glad that I got to spend one of her last days with her and she was also surrounded by her other Evergreen friends, especially Bernice Simonetti, who will miss her very much. I have a cute picture Fern colored for me on my frig and I will say a special prayer for her and remember her fondly as I look at it... God's Love and Prayers to her Friends and Family. Rosemary Haepers.*

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**Rosemary Haepers** - March 07, 2024 at 07:52 PM

LG

*Although many years have passed since I last saw Auntie Fern, I've thought of her and Uncle George often. Although not a blood relative, they were always a part of my family. She was one of my Mother's (Joyce Gardepy) best friends. She and Uncle George always called me Chuggie. I remember when both her children were brought home, and the elation they shared. I know she's so happy being with friends and family that have preceded her. Keep 'em laughing in heaven Auntie Fern. Love you, Larry*

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**Larry Gardepy** - March 21, 2024 at 08:25 PM