



Florence Bietila

March 13, 1929 - March 13, 2005

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KINGSFORD - Florence E. Bietila, 76, of Evergreen Apartments in Kingsford, died Sunday, March 13, 2005, at Freeman Nursing and Rehabilitation Community in Kingsford.

Florence was born April 10, 1928, in Ishpeming, the daughter of the late Carl and Florence (Hallgren) Swanson. She graduated from Ishpeming High School in 1946.

Florence married Walter Bietila on Nov. 20, 1946, in Ishpeming and they have lived in the Iron Mountain area since that time. Walter preceded Florence in death on March 21, 1996.

She was a member of First Covenant Church and the Covenant Women.

Florence enjoyed studying the Bible, watching golf and baseball, cooking and traveling to Texas with Walter.

She is survived by a son, Walter (April) Bietila of Gainesville, Fla.; two daughters, Joanne (John) Taylor of Iron Mountain and Gretchen Williams of Alachua, Fla.; two brothers, Hartley (Joyce) Swanson of Kentwood, lower Michigan and Edwall (Judy) Swanson of Ishpeming; two sisters, Harriet (Robert) Maki of Ishpeming and Anita Henrickson of Minnesota; two sisters-in-law, Nancy Tuomela-Swanson of Ishpeming and Dolores Swanson of National Mine; two brothers-in-law, Ralph (Pat) Bietila of Ishpeming and Arnold Hoiem of Negaunee; five grandchildren, Andrew (Jessica) Taylor, Jordan Taylor (fiance Jamaica Steele), Leah Taylor, Zachary Bietila and Luke Bietila; a

great-granddaughter, Adrienne Grace Taylor; special friend, Elaine Cheney and numerous nieces and nephews.

Florence was preceded in death by three brothers, Jack, Bob and Warren Swanson and a son-in-law, Art Williams.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Rev. Peter Erickson and Pastor John Taylor will co-officiate.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park in Ishpeming.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in her memory.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Florence Bietila online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Tribute Wall

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“ I just found out about your Mom. I will always remember her as a very dear dear woman. Several years ago, my Mom and I went up to Iron Mountain to visit relatives and we stopped in to see your Mom. She didn't know us, but I was glad to see her. I'm sure that her illness has been really hard on all of you, but she is now at peace with her Lord. I will let my Mom know, too. God Bless you all and you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Sally Jo (Wheeler) Bailey and Clara Mae Wheeler

Sally Jo (Wheeler) Bailey - March 30, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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“ Walter, Joanne, and Gretchen,

You have my deepest sympathy in the recent loss of your mother. She was a very fine person, as was your father.

Regards,

Jim Franson

Jim Franson - March 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM