



## Florence M.

May 16, 1921 - May 16, 2007

Kingsford - Florence M. Oja, 86, of 1820 Mary's Way, Kingsford, formerly of Ironwood, died Wednesday, May 16, 2007 at Hyland Nursing Home in Iron Mountain. She was born on October 31, 1920, daughter of the late Sigfred and Alice (Goodwin) Swanson. She attended the Ironwood Schools. She married Wilho "Bill" Oja on August 12, 1937 at Salem Lutheran Church, and he preceded her in death on July 5, 2006.

Florence was a delightful witty woman who loved life, her family, games, and reading. She was a talented seamstress, knitter, and crossword puzzle worker.

Florence owned and operated a dress shop in Ramsay, Michigan from 1953 to 1961. She was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church and the V.F.W Post #1823 Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by three brothers Walter, Charles, and Clarence.

Florence is survived by two daughters, Donna (Kenneth) VanHolla of Iron Mountain, and Sandra (Gerald) Felix of Williamsburg, VA  
Five grandchildren Kim Renee' (Greg) Serba, Amy (Kurt) Hayes, Dr. David (Julie) VanHolla, Melanie Felix and Allison Felix, Seven great grandchildren, a sister Ellen Czerneski of Ironwood, and a brother, Willis (Joyce) Swanson of

Dearborn, MI.

Florence was very dedicated to her family and will be greatly missed.

The funeral service will be held on Saturday, July 7, 2007 at 10:00am at the First Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain. Burial will follow at Dickinson Co. Memorial Gardens.

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

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ I have such wonderful memories of times your parents spent in our home. I can still see them both sitting at our kitchen table eating a meal. There was always laughter when they were around. They were caring and loving people. I even remember being in your mother's dress shop. You were blessed to have them as your parents and we were also blessed by their lives. I know there is sadness in their passing. Reflect and remember the life you were blessed to share. May God comfort you as you grieve.

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**Sandy Hirsbrunner** - May 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Sending my condolences to the family of Florence Oja. She was a good and close friend to our family - especially my parents, Marlys & Gunnard Coleman. I have many fond memories of Florence, as well as Bill. She had a great sense of humor and was quite the seamstress.

*May God bless her and those who mourn her passing.*

*Jill (Coleman) Konieczny*

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**Jill Konieczny** - May 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am sending my deepest condolences to Florence's family upon her passing. Florence and Bill were my God parents. Although I have not seen them in years, they were always in my thoughts. They were both wonderful people. I have many fond memories of the times myself and my family spent with them. I am glad that Florence and Bill are now together in heaven. I am sure they are playing cards right now with my parents Gunnard and Marlys.

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**Rob Coleman** - May 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ Hi

*wanted to sent my condolences. Used to have a good time with her and Lois. Have missed her since she moved away. Still work at Lahti's miss lois a lot too.*

*Darlene Pakonen*

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**darlene pakonen** - May 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM