



## Geraldine Collette

January 26, 1927 - November 12, 2011

Geraldine "Geri" Collette, 84, of Niagara, passed away on Saturday, November 12, 2011 at Maryhill Manor Nursing Home.

Geri was born January 26, 1927 in Iron Mountain, daughter of the late Clarence A. and Jeanette (Western) Ryan. She attended the Kingsford School System, graduating in 1943. In 1944 she attended the Chicago Lab of Technology for training as a Medical Lab Technician. On August 30, 1947, Geraldine married Charles Edward "Ed" Collette of Niagara, WI. Geri was a lifetime member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Niagara, serving in a number of lay positions. She was past president of the Roger DuBord Post 7931 Auxiliary as well as a volunteer at the V.A. Hospital in Iron Mountain for 26 years. She worked at the First National of Niagara, starting as a file clerk in 1983 and retiring as Vice President and Head Cashier in 1985. She was instrumental in introducing computers at the bank in the early 80's. Geri enjoyed music, dancing, bowling, and spending time at Kelly Lake with her family. She and her husband traveled extensively throughout the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Ireland, Norway, Sweden and Finland. Ed and Geri spent 12 winters in McAllen, TX. Geri lived her entire married life in the Niagara area where she and her husband were one of the first people to build a home in Niagara Heights. Geri was an outstanding wife and mother and will be dearly missed by family and friends.

Geri is survived by her husband, Edward; one son, Michael (JoAnna); a brother, Dennis Ryan (Mary Margaret); granddaughter, Kirsten; step-granddaughters, Betsy, JoEllen and Jill; a sister-in-law, Carol Ryan; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Katie; a sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and Charles Nelson; and brothers, Michael and Terry Ryan.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 9:00 to 11:00 am at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Niagara. Funeral services will follow at 11:00 am at the church. Father Matthew Settle will celebrate the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will be in the Niagara Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences to the family of Geraldine "Geri" Collette may be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **16**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Anthony Catholic Church  
1432 River St.  
Niagara, WI 54151

## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Mike, to you and your family i would like to express my sincere condolences in the passing of your mother.

Will Erickson - Iron Mountain, MI - friend - November 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ My heart is very heavy with the loss of such a wonderful aunt. My prayers go out to Mike and his family. Kelly mentioned it in her message; however, it is definitely worth mentioning again how memorable and meaningful those Christmas Eves were that we spent together as family. I think of those so often. Aunt Geri was always so kind and always took an interest in everyone. I know she is at peace, and I pray Uncle Eddie will find comfort in knowing this. God Bless!

Beth Snyder - Grand Rapids, MI - niece - November 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ My Aunt Geri was the kindest woman. I will miss her and I know she is at peace with the Lord. I will never forget Christmas eve at her and Uncle Eddie's house when we were young. Potato cake and all the delicious food. The laughter and and warmth you felt when in her presence was tremendous. I loved you dearly Aunt Geri! May you rest in peace. My sincerest sympathies to Mike and his family and to Uncle Eddie. Love Kelly

Kelly Ryan - Kingsford, MI - niece - November 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM