



## Geraldine Lori

January 22, 1927 - September 24, 2007

NORWAY - Geraldine "Gerry" Lori, 80, of 415 Elm St., Norway, died Monday, Sept. 24, 2007, at Pinecrest Medical Facility in Powers, where she has resided for the past two years.

She was born on Jan. 22, 1927, in Quinnesec, daughter of the late Roland and Victoria (Vondale) LaHaie. Geraldine was the 12th of 13 children and attended school in Quinnesec. During World War II, she worked in a sewing factory in Iron Mountain, making military coats for servicemen. She later moved to Chicago, where she lived with her sister and excelled at piecework in the garment industry. She also worked on radios for a military contractor in Chicago.

Geraldine married Joseph Lori on Oct. 13, 1951. She became an accomplished homemaker, known for her sewing, tremendous Italian meals and wide array of holiday cookies. She also enjoyed flower gardening, and belonged to various bowling leagues and card clubs while raising her three children. As her children left home and moved away, Geraldine enjoyed traveling to visit them in Negaunee, Ann Arbor, Germany and Florida.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph; three children, Jody (Todd Ray) Lori of Ann Arbor, Mich., Julie (Bruce Vielmetti) Lori of Mequon, Wis. and Jim (Connie) Lori of Negaunee; four sisters, Lorraine Thomas of Milwaukee, Wis.,

Genevieve Oliver of Kingsford, Louise (Wallace) Lindquist of Kingsford and Alice Antonori of Wyoming, Mich.; seven grandchildren, Christopher Recla, Ryan (Elizabeth) Recla, Dana, Max and Alex Vielmetti, and Eric and Jay Lori; and two great-grandsons, Riley and Rider.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Oliver, Raymond, Clifford and Robert LaHaie and four sisters, Dorothy Savoie, Irene Forstrom, Marie Cleary and Luella Henry.

Visitation will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church in Norway.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the church. Fr. James Roetzer will offer the Mass of the Christian Burial.

Burial will be in the Norway Township Cemetery.

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

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ Joe, Jody, Julie, Jim,  
May you find comfort in knowing that friends from the past keep you  
in their thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

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**Chuck Melchiori** - October 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Dear Lori Family, I was saddened to hear of your loss. Jim, I know  
how special your mother was to you and I was fortunate to get to  
meet her a few times while she was visiting you. I will keep her and  
all of you in my prayers. Sincerely, Allen Maki

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**Allen Maki** - September 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear family of Gerry....Was sorry to hear of Gerry's death...would  
love to be with you at this time to express my sympathies but will be  
out of town....Wanted to also see her sister's...As Alice was close to  
my age and I see where she lives in Wyoming.Mi..and Bruce and I  
have a son who lives there also...would have been fun to talk to her.  
I do get to see some of the other sister's now and then while  
shopping...My thought and prayers will be with during this time.  
Sincerely Lois

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**Lois Verey Ring** - September 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Joe and Family,

*We were sad to hear of Gerry's death, yet we know she is in a better place now. We only want to remember her as the wonderful person she was...good cook, homemaker, hostess, and she had so many other fine qualities....It will always be a joy to think of her in those terms. We do send our sympathy and thoughts to all of you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jo and Gene Melchiori*

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**Joe Lori & Family** - September 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Dear Joe and family,

*I (Duane) appreciated Gerry's wonderful hospitality, especially when Jim and I came for turkey hunting season. Gerry always welcomed me with a warm bed and delicious meals. She made me feel like a part of the family.*

*I (Judy) enjoyed visiting with Gerry when she came to visit Jim and his family next door.*

*She was a sweet gal to both of us.*

*With deepest sympathy and love to all,  
Duane and Judy Soine, Negaunee*

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**Duane and Judy Soine** - September 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ My memories of Geri are from her single days, when she worked at the sewing factory, in Iron Mountain.  
She was the most beautiful young lady and so much fun to be with.  
She spent many week-ends, at our home, and having good times ,always with a bunch of fun people involved.  
She was always special in my heart, and the last time I seen her, she did not know me--and that made my heart ache, but I understood why.

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**Darlene Nantelle** - September 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ I'm so sorry about everything that has happened to you mama. I love you.

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**Krystal Brailsford - Payson** - May 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM