



Gertrude Stefanick

January 4, 1920 - January 4, 2013

Gertrude L. Stefanick, 93, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Friday, January 4, 2013 at the Heartland Health Care Center in Whitehall, MI.

She was born February 3, 1919 in Baraga, MI, daughter of the late Fredrick and Mary Ann (Shanahan) Hild. Gertrude graduated from Baraga High School in 1936. She married Nicholas Stefanick on October 14, 1942 at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Baraga. He preceded her in death on April 9, 1956. She worked as the Baraga Township Treasurer for 28 years until her retirement. In 1999, Gertrude moved to the Iron Mountain area to live with her daughter, Helen. She was a longtime member of St. Anne's Catholic Church in Baraga and American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford since 1999. Gertrude was also a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters and the Extension Club. She was a devout catholic and frequently spent time in prayer at the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. Her positive outlook on life and keen Irish wit were two qualities which made her the wonderful person she was. She enjoyed dancing, working on puzzles and playing cards, especially cribbage. Gertrude loved the time she was able to spend with her family and especially cherished her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Gertrude is survived by a son, Joseph of Kingsford; daughters, Mary Ann (Gary) Mackela of Ft. Wayne, IN, Kathleen (Arthur) Ladzik of Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, and Helen (Larry) Raiche of Iron Mountain; grandchildren,

Stefanie Brickey, Joe Mackela, Kimberley Ladzik and Lindsay (Ian) Sprague, David (Melissa) Raiche, Steven (Nicole) Raiche, Nathan (Jennifer) Raiche, Theresa Raiche and Mary (Jacob) Blanchard; 15 great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews including her Godchild, Mary Jane Flannery.

She was preceded in death by two infant daughters, three sisters and two brothers.

Visitation will be on Friday from 4 to 7 pm at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Funeral services will be on Saturday at 11:00am at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. Fr. Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will be in the Baraga Cemetery in the spring.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Gertrude Stefanick online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Martyrs Catholic Church
908 W. Sagola Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall

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“ Grandma, I know you are with the lord now in a better place. We had great memories together. I will see you again someday. Say hi to everyone for me!!! I know you are having fun up there!!!

Joe Mackela - Fort Wayne, IN - Grandson - January 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mom, I know the Lord has his arms wrapped around you tight. I know your pain is gone and you are happiest you have been ever. Say hi to daddy for me. I am missing you and know that I will get to see you again someday. Say hello to all my aunts and uncles and baby sisters I never got to meet. I bet you have seen Marcia and Judy my two friends that left this planet less than a year ago. I know you are with me. I can feel you my angel on my right shoulder. You will be my guiding light until we meet again. I LOVE you Mom. Mary Ann

Mary Ann Mackela - Fort Wayne, IN - January 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM