



## Gertrude J. Wren

March 17, 1931 - June 18, 2020

Gertrude J. (Helgren) Wren, 89, of Norway, passed away on Thursday, June 18, 2020, at St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay, WI.

Gertrude was born on March 17, 1931 in Negaunee, MI, daughter of the late Paul and Hilma (Siik) Helgren. She was raised in Negaunee and was a 1949 graduate of Negaunee High School.

Gertrude, who went by Gertie, lived a long and exciting life. During and after high school, Gertie was well known for her participation in the Negaunee skating club and was crowned the Negaunee skating club's winter queen in 1950. Gertie went on to work with several construction companies, providing clerical services.

She lived in several places during her life from Canada to California and back to Michigan. She loved to travel to Canada to see friends and go boating and fishing with her late husband, Ivan, on Lake Huron. While at home, Gertie loved to find new recipes to cook and enjoyed spending her time in the kitchen.

Gertie also loved knitting and crocheting, making things for herself, daughter, and granddaughter. She loved taking trips to the local casino for lunch and a few runs at the penny slots. Gertie was a social butterfly and loved getting

together with family and friends anytime possible. In her later years in life, Gertie enjoyed spending time with her special friend, Stub. She and Stub would take rides on his side by side and enjoyed the weather. Gertie also enjoyed driving her royal blue Cadillac around town.

Gertie was loved by so many and will be missed dearly.

In addition to her parents, Gertrude was preceded in death by her husband, Ivan in 2011 and brother, Francis Helgren.

She is survived by her children, Terry Haefs of Norway and Pam Stetson of Norway; four grandchildren, Dan Haefs of Chicago, John Haefs of Vulcan, Ashley Stetson of Fredericksburg, VA and Keri Jo Brown of Sun Prairie, WI; three great-grandchildren; and a special friend, Lawrence "Stub" Tatrow.

Private family services are being held. Rev. Paul Strom is officiating. Burial will be in the Negaunee Cemetery at a later date.

Condolences to the family of Gertrude Wren 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 arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## **Negaunee Cemetery**

Negaunee, MI

# Tribute Wall

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“ Nancy L Crase lit a candle in memory of Gertrude J. Wren



Nancy L Crase - June 27, 2020 at 07:34 AM

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“ Mary and I enjoyed our trips to Port Huron to visit with Gert & Ivan. Gert's great sense of humor via email brightened our days after her move to her new home in Northern Michigan. We will miss her. Clark & Mary Forrest, Hensall, Ontario, Canada

Clark Forrest - June 26, 2020 at 07:34 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gertrude J. Wren.



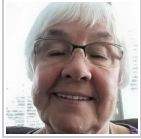
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“ Duaine, Mary and Ann purchased the Garden Accent - "My Mother kept a garden..." for the family of Gertrude J. Wren.



Duaine, Mary and Ann - June 23, 2020 at 10:25 AM



“ *My condolences to you Pam, your brother, and your daughter. Dave & I enjoyed the time we were so blessed to know Gert and Ivan. Maybe Gert and Dave will meet up there and talk about the Detroit Redwings. I am grateful to two friends who introduced us to Gert & Ivan and I am so glad to have those memories. Having moved away from Petrolia it has sadly been some time since last seeing Gert but my friends kept us and then me updated.*

*You all are in my thoughts Pam at this very sad time may Gert rest in peace, my dear friend. Myrtle*



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**Myrtle Thomas** - June 23, 2020 at 09:11 AM

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“ *Myrtle Thomas lit a candle in memory of Gertrude J. Wren*



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**Myrtle Thomas** - June 23, 2020 at 08:52 AM