



## Gladys Partanen

March 30, 2008

KINGSFORD - Gladys Marie Partanen, 84, of 301 Wilson Ave. in Kingsford, died Sunday, March 30, 2008, at ManorCare Health Services in Kingsford.

Gladys was born on March 29, 1924, in Gladstone, daughter of the late Alvin and Ingrid (Kallman) Olson. She graduated from Kingsford High School in 1942 and was a lifelong resident of the area.

Gladys married George Partanen on July 6, 1945. He preceded her in death in 1989.

Gladys worked at Dickinson County Hospital in dietary services for many years, retiring in 1976. She was a member of the Red Hat Society. For the past 4 1/2 years, Gladys has resided at ManorCare Health Services where she served as the resident council president. She was an avid Green Bay Packer and Kingsford Flivver fan. Gladys enjoyed cooking, baking, crocheting and reading.

She is survived by three children, Robert Partanen, Faye (Joe) Podgornik and Larry (Barbara) Partanen, all of Kingsford; a brother, Robert "Sonny" (Debbie) Olson of Kingsford; two sisters, Elayne (Leonard) White of Holt, Mich. and Helen Bennett of Kingsford; one brother-in-law, Lauri Partanen of Beverly Hills, Fla.; five grandchildren, Betsy (Charlie) Garbrecht, Eric LeQuia, Scott

Podgornik, Vicky Farrell and Alison Partanen; five great-grandchildren; one great-great grandson; numerous nieces and nephews; and a special friend, Helen Wickman.

Gladys was preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy Kulman; a brother, Ray Olson; and a grandson, Eric Podgornik.

Visitation will be Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain.

Funeral services will follow Thursday at 12 noon at the church. Pastor Lee Liverance will officiate.

Burial will be in Quinnesec Cemetery.

Condolences to the family of Gladys M. Partanen can be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ TO THE PARTANEN FAMILY;We want to tell you how sorry we are about dear Gladys.She was always the best. She was the best cook ever, at the cottage, we had so much food., all day,all night.When Chuck was growing up with Larry, Gladys always had the best cookies and snacks for them.She was so good to everyone.then the horse shoe guys, she thought of them as all family.She always had snacks in the garage for all.It is so hard to loose a parent.You will never forget her smile and laughter, and all the holidays and birthdays.I have a picture of my mom (Mae Julian) and Gladys at Faye and Joes house at Christmas time.I am sure Gladys is smiling at you all right now with her beautiful wings holding Eric and George . Be not afraid for the Lord thy God are with you..Now they can all be together and praise God that they can all watch over you all. We are truley so sorry , may GOD BLESS YOU ALL. LOVE TO ALL YOUR FAMILY. Chuck and Maureen Pasten

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**Chuck and Maureen Pasten** - April 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM