



## Gloria B. Boyce

December 22, 1922 - October 26, 2019

Gloria B. Boyce, 96, went home to be with her Lord on Saturday, October 26, 2019. She had been living at Victorian Pines, Iron Mountain, MI.

Gloria was born on December 22, 1922 in Iron Mountain, daughter of Natale and Emma (Contarini) Bolognesi. She attended public schools in Iron Mountain, and graduated as salutatorian of her class in 1940.

After attending Gregg's Business College in Chicago, she returned home to work at Lake Shore Engineering Co. In 1943, she joined the WAVES - the Women's Navy of WWII and trained at Hunter's College in NYC, in Cedar Falls, IA, and in Clearwater, Utah. She served for two years in Utah and San Francisco.

When she returned to civilian life, she was again employed by Lake Shore, then by the First National Bank, next as secretary for a Michigan senator in Lansing, and eventually for a U.S. senator in Washington D.C.

On May 1, 1954, she married Dr. George H. Boyce Jr. in Iron Mountain, and together they raised four children. Her husband preceded her in death on December 6, 2015. Gloria started the Kingsford Ford Addition children's 4th of July parade with a small group of neighborhood children to celebrate their son's half-birthday. She organized the parade for many years and other moms

have kept it going for 60 years.

Gloria was active in the Iron Mountain/Kingsford Women's Club, Breitung Township School Board, Menominee Range Historical Society, the Garden Club, and was a member of the Drawing Room Club for over 60 years, and Woman of the Year in 1984. She wrote and gave historical talks to various organizations over the years, including one to the veterans at the VA hospital when she was in her 90's. In May 2016, she and her daughter took the renowned Veterans Honor Flight to Washington D.C., and in April 2019, she was interviewed for the WWII museum in New Orleans.

Gloria was a faithful member of American Martyrs Church of Kingsford, studied God's Word, and was devoted to her Lord in worship and prayer.

In addition to her husband and parents, Gloria was preceded in death by her sister, Betty, sisters-in-law, Peggy and Mary, brothers-in-law, Fred, Bruce, and Richard, and three infant sons.

Her legacy lives on in her children, John (Michelle) Boyce of Sunland, CA, Tina (Bob) Dillman of Lake Geneva, WI, Jim Boyce of Everette, WA and Tom (Kathi) Boyce of Charlotte, NC; 12 grandchildren, Ryan Hang, Tom Dillman, Sam (Kathleen) Dillman, Mark (Corinne) Dillman, Maria (Clayton) Morris, Geena Boyce, Christina Boyce, Natalie Boyce, Tim Boyce, Margaret Boyce, George Boyce, Scott Gray; and one great-grandchild, Sophie Dillman. She loved them all dearly, and they loved her.

She also leaves behind her dear sister, Gerri (Everett) Doehr of San Diego, CA; her doting brother, Patric (Lorin) of Huntington Beach, CA; and loving nieces and nephews, Lisa (Alan) Walts, Sandy (Steve) Waters, Bill (Michelle) Doehr, Dave (Rochelle) Doehr, Nancy McCarthy, Mary (Jesse) Lumsden, Wendy Fulton, Don (Erica) Johnston, Linda Johnston, and many faithful

friends.

Gloria was blessed by the caring staff at Victorian Pines, for whom she was very grateful.

Visitation will be Monday, November 4, 2019 from 9:00 a.m - 10:30 a.m. at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Mass of Christian burial will be at 11:00 a.m. at American Martyrs Church in Kingsford with Fr. Joe Gouin officiating. Burial will be at Cemetery Park with full military honors.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to American Martyrs Catholic Church or P.I.M.E. Missionaries.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Gloria Boyce online at [www.e rnashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.e rnashfuneralhomes.com).

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

# Cemetery Details

## Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 4. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Martyrs Church  
908 W Sagola Ave  
Kingsford, MI 49802-5336  
(906) 774-0630

# Tribute Wall

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“ *A well respected giving woman of our community who lived life as a shining example of enriching others lives. My deepest sympathy to her family. Martha Nicholls Schinderle*

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**Martha Schinderle** - October 31, 2019 at 02:29 PM

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“ *Tina and Family,  
It is so difficult to lose a beloved parent. So much of who we are is a result of the love and memories we shared with them. I remember your mom and her welcoming ways and full presence when she talked to you. So lovely! Regretfully, I cannot attend the services as I will be out of town. Blessings to you all as you honor her life. Sally Heidtke*

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**Sally Heidtke** - October 30, 2019 at 10:34 PM

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“ *Tina and family,  
Please know we are thinking of you and praying for comfort and peace during this sad time. It sounds like your mom lived an amazing life, full of learning, work, love and devotion to the Lord. A life well-lived!*

*With love,  
Lisa and John Bakken and family*

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**Lisa Bakken** - October 29, 2019 at 11:23 PM

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“ *My deepest sympathies to your entire family. What a remarkable and wonderful lady Gloria always was. I cherish all the times Tina, that your family included me in so many adventures growing up. God Bless all of you, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Wendy Welch*

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**Wendy Welch** - October 28, 2019 at 03:48 PM