



Hazel May Dault

July 28, 1934 - June 26, 2023

Hazel May (DeGayner) Dault, 88, of Iron Mountain, died Monday, June 26 in the comfort of her home, surrounded by the love of her family.

Hazel was the only daughter of Ralph & Marie (Seeger) DeGayner, born on July 28, 1934 in Iron Mountain. She was raised at Silver Lake, north of Channing. She attended Channing High School, graduating as valedictorian of her class in 1952. She attended Northern Michigan University for a short time until her marriage to James J. Dault, Sr. on December 27, 1952. They spent the last year of his Air Force duty at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico. They then returned to Iron Mountain to live and raised their eight children.

In addition to both parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Jim and brothers, Eugene, Ralph and Felton.

Left to cherish her memory are Hazel's eight children, Celeste Dault, Janelle (Tim) Moraska, James (Marie) Dault, Jr., Marianne (Albert) Vega, Nanette (Jim) Paquette, Maria (Mark) Diekema, Jeffrey Dault, and David (Linda) Dault. She also leaves 21 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren; soon to be 32, and two brothers, Clayton and Alden DeGayner.

Genealogy was one of her many passions and helped others trace their family

trees for over thirty-five years. When she retired and moved into a smaller home she donated all her materials and information about the people of Dickinson County to the Menominee Range historical Museum. She was also a member and past president of the Dickinson County Genealogical Society.

Wood carving was a hobby which she shared with her husband Jim. They belonged to the Wood Bee Carving Club until his death in 2003. Hazel loved her flower gardens and enjoyed sharing them with family friends and the public; having tours each summer for many years while living on the Bass Lake Road. She was a member of the Gardening Angels for years.

Quilting was another passion, making at least 45 quilts for her children and grandchildren. She joined the Spinning Spools Quilting Guild at age 80 and made many new friends.

Basket making was also dear to her, making baskets for the family. Her favorites were useful for baskets such as fishing creels, backpacks, and apple pickers. Many are on display at her daughter Nanette's shop in Wakefield.

Bay Life, which she joined as a senior citizen, interested her and challenged her to keep learning. She met new people and made new friends in her last years.

Hazel was a member of St. Mary Queen of Peace church where she enjoyed working on funeral luncheons and the decorating committee for many years.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 6 at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain from 9:00 am -10:30. Fr. Mike Woempner will offer the Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary Queen of Peace church in Kingsford at 11:00 am.

Burial will take place in Fort Custer National Cemetery in Battle Creek alongside her dear Jim, according to his wishes.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers for the church service.

Condolences to the family of Hazel M. Dault may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 6. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Avenue
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
(906) 774-7676
nashfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Mass

JUL 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church
600 Marquette Blvd.
Kingsford, MI

Tribute Wall

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“ Hazel was like an Auntie to us, the John and Joyce Gagnon family’s children...Dad always loved his cousins, Jim and Jack. They shared many together times with Grandpa Poly and Aunt Vina... Lots of great memories at our camp near Silver Lake in the old days. Hazel remained occasionally in touch with us, even after Jim’s passing. She was always happy to strike up a conversation and sharing, even in the grocery store when I would see her...She was an amazingly talented, intuitive, focused and intelligent lady that made life better for so many... I will never forget the huge groups of cousins and second cousins of my youth at gatherings. She left this world a better place, with a legacy of so many wonderful people and family so touched by her example, contributions. My condolences to you all...

Sincerely,

Your “cousin” Wendy

Wendy Gagnon Zambon - July 05, 2023 at 05:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Hazel May Dault.



July 05, 2023 at 11:58 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hazel May Dault.*



July 05, 2023 at 09:49 AM



“ *To our dear cousins, so sorry to hear about Aunt Hazel...she was always so nice to us kids. Even tho we didn't get to see her much, our memories of your family will always be remembered...Renee Obie Dault, Rick Dault and Rita (Dault) Storkamp.*

Renee Obie Dault - July 03, 2023 at 09:35 AM



Dear Renee...I definitely share your sentiments. Shared memories of our grandparent, parents and all of us...

Wendy Gagnon Zambon - July 05, 2023 at 05:45 PM



Wendy, I defintely remember all our gagnon cousins. Some great memories

Renee Obie Dault - July 06, 2023 at 10:21 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Hazel May Dault.*



July 02, 2023 at 07:12 PM

WC

“ My sincere condolences to all of Hazel's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as her surviving brothers. As evidenced in her obituary, she was a woman of many talents which she willingly shared. And most of all, she was a caring, kind person of deep faith. Hers was indeed a life well-lived.

Hazel was a dear friend for over 40 years during which time we shared our love for genealogy and local history. Together we made many trips to Menominee County to copy marriage and death records for areas now a part of Dickinson County. Her work and dedication in extracting genealogical information from early newspapers, cemeteries and courthouse records, typing them on index cards, cross-referencing them and organizing them in the library's old card catalog represent a feat equaled in few if any other counties and provide a legacy which will live forever. She also used her genealogical skills to compile the family genealogies recorded in Dickinson County's centennial book in 1991.

Hazel will be missed by all who knew and loved her. She was and is a treasure in so many unforgettable ways to so many. Now she is at peace with her dear husband Jim in the Lord's loving arms.

Bill Cummings

William J. Cummings - July 01, 2023 at 12:49 PM

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Bill, I thought of your dedicated work with Hazel in history, genealogy. I for one, and my family, are so thankful for your contributions to the sense of "us" in our community. Thanks so much.

Wendy Gagnon Zambon - July 05, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Hazel May Dault.*



June 30, 2023 at 11:44 PM



“ *Celeste and families, how fortunate you are to have such a large family. I'm so sorry to hear about your mom now she's with your dad. What an interesting and fulfilling life she led. May she rest in peace you are in my thoughts and prayers.*



Mary Jo Trepanier - June 30, 2023 at 11:24 AM