



Hedwig Fornetti

October 14, 1919 - December 22, 2016

Hedwig "Heddy" Fornetti, 97, of Kingsford passed away on December 22, 2016 at the Dickinson County Healthcare System.

She was born October 14, 1919 in Iron Mountain, the daughter of the late Antone and Helen (Pipp) Kassin. She graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1937.

Heddy married Michael Fornetti, Sr. on October 30, 1945. He preceded her in death on June 19, 1983 at the age of 64.

Together Michael and Heddy owned and operated the Moon Lake Store and log cabins on North US2 and built the Iron Mountain Motel on Stephenson Avenue across from the Dickinson County Courthouse where she worked behind the scenes cleaning, making drapes, and decorating.

She was a caretaker for her father-in-law, Anton Fornetti, who lived with the family. She enjoyed cooking, baking, needle work, shopping, time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren and gatherings at the Fornetti family hunting camp in the Pine Creek area. She was an advocate for her son, Mark, who has a closed head injury from a car accident. She was a woman of deep faith attending mass daily and going to bed with a rosary in her hand. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church for years until she moved to

Kingsford and joined St Mary Queen of Peace.

She is survived by four children, Arlene (Reino) Lake of Iron Mountain, Michael (Sue) Fornetti, Jr. of Iron Mountain, Joe (Jean) Fornetti of Breitung Township, and Mark Fornetti of Ann Arbor, Michigan; seven grandchildren Michelle (Rick) Dieckhoff of Splendora, Texas, Amanda (Doug) Benjamin of Olympia, Washington, Katrina Lake of Portland, Oregon, Willa (husband Jeremy Bell) Fornetti of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Tony (Jackie) Fornetti of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Jaime (husband Matt Strutz) Fornetti of Heber City, Utah, and Laura (Mike) Leys of Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin.

Heddy's great grandchildren include: Carly and Bella Dieckhoff; Delaney and Logan Benjamin; Addison and Mason Schinderle; Marin and Amelia Bell; Chloe, Lucy, and Chase Fornetti and Blayke and Jordan Leys (two month old twins).

She also leaves her sister, Jeanette Goffett of Evergreen Assisted Living, a special godchild Heddy Pearson of Kingsford and many nieces and nephews.

Heddy was preceded in death by six sisters; Marie Watson, Alma Nault, Helen LeGault, Francis Jermac, Lucy McCole, and Gertrude Miller; two brothers Joseph Kassin and Antone Kassin and son-in-law Michigan State Trooper Carl Lindberg.

In celebration of her life, visitation will be held on Thursday, December 29, at the Erickson- Rochon & Nash funeral home in Iron Mountain from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Fr. Mike Woempner, Fr. Brad Sjoquist, and Fr. Paul Nomellini will offer the Mass of Christian Burial at St Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church at 12:00 noon.

Pallbearers will be her seven grandchildren Michelle, Amanda, Katrina, Willa, Tony, Jaime, and Laura.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Heddy's memory to St Mary Queen of Peace Church.

Condolences to the family of Hedwig may be expressed online at ernashfuneralhomes.com

We would like to thank Evergreen Assisted Living for the years of concern and care they provided our Mom. A thank you, also, to the nursing staff at the Dickinson County Healthcare System for the compassionate and loving care given our Mom during her final days.

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

DEC 29. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

DEC 29. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church
432 Edsel
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall

JF

“ Hi Mike & Sue.....We are sorry for the loss of your mother (& mother-in-law). Even though she lived a long life, it is never easy to say goodbye to 'mom'. We are holding her in our prayers.
God Bless,
Jo Ann & Joe (Frisque)

Jo Ann & Joe Frisque - December 29, 2016 at 08:47 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Hedwig Fornetti.



December 28, 2016 at 10:06 AM

SF

“ My condolences in your time of sorrow.
-Steve Fornetti

Steve Fornetti - December 27, 2016 at 07:07 PM

TF

“ Our deepest sympathies are with you during this time.

-Timm, Mary, and Brooke Fornetti

Timm Fornetti - December 27, 2016 at 07:02 PM

TM

“ To Aunt Hedy's family:

Tom and I send our condolences in the passing of Aunt Hedy. She was such a lovely lady. We are sorry to say we cannot attend the services as Kathi has some minor surgery that day and Tom will have to drive her there and back.

Bev (McCole) and Bob Sitka send their condolences as well.

*God Bless. RIP Aunt Hedy!
Tom and Kathi McCole*

Tom and Kathi McCole - December 24, 2016 at 02:49 PM

AL

Thank you! We will miss her!

Arlene Lake - December 25, 2016 at 10:57 AM

AM

“ To Joe and Arlene- Heddie will certainly be missed by me deeply but heaven has gained an angel. The Christmas cactus is full of blooms right now and is a living reminder daily of our times we laughed (and times I wanted to cry) caring for Heddie. She is one that will be forever in my heart. I'm so glad that I got the chance to be in her life and her in mine. You all are in my prayers.-Amy Merritt (former caregiver)

amy merritt - December 23, 2016 at 07:13 PM

AL

Thank you Amy! She is enjoying that Christmas cactus from above. Thanks for caring for her!

Arlene Lake - December 25, 2016 at 10:55 AM

DM

Mike and Sue I am so sorry for your loss, you are in my prayers

deb manderfield - December 31, 2016 at 11:56 AM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Hedwig Fornetti.*



December 23, 2016 at 04:27 PM