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IRON MOUNTAIN - Helen J. Johnson, 86, of 855 East G St., Iron Mountain, died Wednesday, April 28, 2004, at her home surrounded by her family. She was born on June 8, 1917, in Marquette, daughter of the late William and Esther (Carlson) Bystrom.

Helen graduated from Graveret High School in Marquette in 1934, and then she attended the Detroit Business University in Detroit. She came to Iron Mountain to work for Lake Shore, Inc., where she met her beloved husband, Emmett G. Johnson. They were married on Sept. 21, 1940, and enjoyed 64 years of marriage. She devoted most of her life to being a wonderful mother and grandmother.

Helen was a faithful member of First Lutheran Church. She was also a member of the Eastern Star and a former member of the Chippewa Club. Helen enjoyed going to her cottage at Sawyer Lake and going to the family camp. She loved art and music and handed down her talents to her children and grandchildren. Helen also enjoyed traveling with her husband, especially enjoying trips to the Bahamas, Acapulco, Mexico, and the Canadian Rockies. The highlight of her life was her grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She is survived by her husband, Emmett; four children, David (Mary) Johnson of Iron Mountain, Peter (Robin) Johnson of Iron Mountain, Jaye Louise (Rick) Conn of Green Bay, Wis. and Michael Johnson of Iron Mountain; four grandchildren, Christy Pendleton in Florence, Ky., Larry (Krista) Johnson of

Owosso, Mich., Michael (Annie) Conn of Muskegan, Mich. and Christopher Conn of Lansing. She leaves two great-grandchildren, Kelsey Pendleton and Isabelle Ann Conn and one godchild, Betsy Pape of Madison, Wis. She is also survived by several nephews and nieces, and her dear little dog, Ernie.

Friends may call from 10 a.m. until 12 noon on Friday at the First Lutheran Church. Funeral services will be held at 12 noon at the church. Rev. Peter Jonas will officiate. Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

Pallbearers will be Christine Pendleton, Larry Johnson, Michael Conn, Christopher Conn, William Verrette, Robert Sherman, Robert Reibolt, Blake Reibolt, Max Reibolt, Richard Bystrom, Thomas Harris, and Lou Adams

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Helen J. Johnson online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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