



Helen Tappy

February 18, 1920 - February 18, 2009

IRON MOUNTAIN - Helen R. Tappy, 89, of Iron Mountain, died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2009, at her son's home.

She was born on Dec. 9, 1919, the daughter of the late Lenis and Inez (Olson) Gustafson.

Helen was a cook at many area restaurants. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. She was a devoted mother and grandmother, who enjoyed cooking and sewing for her family. She made many formal gowns and dresses for her daughter and granddaughters. She also enjoyed making a wide variety of crafts and dancing.

Helen married Joseph Tappy and he preceded her in death in 1976.

Helen is survived by one son and daughter-in-law Larry and Harriet Goodchild of Iron Mountain; two daughters-in-law, Marrienne Goodchild of Iron Mountain and Norma Hoke of Iron Mountain; one brother, Allyne (Donna) Gustafson of Green Bay, Wis.; five sisters, Faye Tirschel of Iron Mountain, Bonnie (Francis) Poquette of Iron Mountain, Lovey Barnes of Iron Mountain, Lorraine (Leo) Klenc of Iron Mountain, and Gail Ferrara of Kentucky, 12 grandchildren, Tawn (Tom) Swanson, Kerri (Bruce) Hudson, Kim (John) Rudolph, Vickie (Bob) Berger, Melissa (Tim) VanPembrook, Tal (Sara) Goodchild, Wayne (Denise)

Formolo, Todd (Mary) Formolo, Jesse Formolo, Lee Formolo, Shelly (Tony) Nottoli, and RoxAnne (Randy) Deneau; 17 great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and beloved pet "Sassy."

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Sharon Kuester; two sons Gerald "Chum" Goodchild and Don Lee Goodchild; and two brothers, Neil Gustafson and Don "Tiny" Gustafson.

Visitation will be Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Rev. Debbie Thomas will officiate.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Helen's name at the Dickinson County Library.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Helen Tappy on line at www.e rnashfuneralhomes.com

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

Tribute Wall

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“ *United Methodist Women send condolences too the family.*

United Methodist Women Trinity United Methodist Church - February 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *So sorry to hear about Helen. My thoughts and prayers will be with you on Monday. Will see you when I get home..Take care. Love Judy*

Judy Fredrickson - February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dear Larry and family, Our deepest sympathy in the loss of your mother. I recall the fun we had when we were kids on 25 location with Joe and Helen including me in your family gatherings. Then there was the connection with Schinderle Bakery. It all seems so long ago and yet memories are precious. Hold onto the good ones. Take care. Martha and Bob*

Martha & Bob Schinderle - February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My entire family sends our love and prayers to our dear Shelly's family. We have heard so much about Grandma Tappy, we feel like we know her. Enjoy the celebration of her life and all of the family memories you have to share. With love, Debra, Jim, Eli, Simon, Donna and family, and Eileen*

Debra Johnson, Denver - February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I love you all, and I am sorry I couldn't make it home. Everyone will be in my heart and prayers.*

Love, Sandra

Sandra Hoke - February 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM