



Helen Florence Wickman

June 1, 1924 - October 7, 2023

Helen Florence Wickman, 99, of Kingsford went to be with the Lord on Saturday, October 7, 2023.

Helen was born June 1, 1924, in Nashwauk, Minn., daughter of the late Toivo and Hilda (Rytioja) Hamari. A lifelong resident of Kingsford, she attended Kingsford High School, on October 16, 1944, she married Rueben W. Wickman in Iron Mountain. He preceded her in death on March 26, 1978. Helen attended Maranatha Assembly of God Church in Kingsford. She was a born again Christian from an early age and had a tremendous faith in Jesus Christ as Savior.

Immediately after high school Helen began full time employment to help support her ailing father, her mother, and younger siblings. In 1941 she temporarily moved to Detroit, MI, for employment at several workplaces, including Briggs Manufacturing Company as a riveter, assembling military aircraft for the United States WWII war effort. Later, she moved back to Kingsford and married Rueben. While raising a family she became employed at several different local manufacturers, including General Controls, the Sewing Factory in Iron Mountain, and in 1984 she retired from full time employment at Hancock Wood Products to begin various baby-sitting jobs. She enjoyed traveling with her dear sister-in-law, Myrtle Branstrom, and she loved everyone, especially children and family members.

Helen is survived by her 3 sons, Rodney (Joan) Wickman of Felch, John (Jodi) Wickman of Breitung Township, and Darryl (Molly) Wickman of Kingsford; a daughter, Corrine (Jim) Thomson of Lena, WI; 9 grandchildren, Jennifer Cescolini, Mary (Rob) Skog, Justin (Kyllie) Wickman, Josh (Courtnee) Wickman, Lindsey Wickman, Jenna (Mfo) Langeni; Teri Jo (Jeff) Talaska, Beau (Lesley) Thomson, and Tara (Eric) Sellen; many great-grandchildren; 1 brother Donald Hamari of Kingsford; sister-in-law Garon Hamari of Iron Mountain and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her 2 sisters, Hilka Bartolameolli and Lila Makela; 4 brothers, Reuben Hamari, Allen Hamari, Roy Hamari, and Duane Hamari; 2 grandsons, Keith Wickman and William (Billy) Smith; a daughter-in-law, Margaret Wickman; and a granddaughter, Kelley Thomson.

A graveside service for family members will be held at 1:00 pm on Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023, at the Quinnesec Cemetery with Pastor Dave Wilton officiating.

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

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

Cemetery Details

Quinnesec Cemetery

Menominee Street
Quinnesec, MI 49876

Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Helen was such a sweet lady. Rest in Peace. Sympathies to all that loved her. 🙏🙏

Debbie Davis - October 12, 2023 at 11:07 AM

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“ Gloria Burlo lit a candle in memory of Helen Florence Wickman



Gloria Burlo - October 09, 2023 at 08:02 PM