



Irene H. Dishnow

October 5, 1920 - September 2, 2019

On Monday, September 2, Irene Helen Dishnow (Nordstrom), age 98, peacefully drew her last breath to go and be with her Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

She was born on October 5, 1920 in the family home of Edward and Emma Nordstrom of Beechwood, MI. She was the youngest of their 11 children. Raised in Beechwood, she graduated from Iron River High School in 1938 and took post-graduate courses there as well. While working as a waitress at the Mather Inn in Ishpeming she met the chef, Paul Dishnow. Eventually a romance and marriage was 'cooked up' and they were married on April 3, 1944. After Paul completed his military service, they returned to Beechwood and built their first modest, one room home. In 1948 they moved to Iron Mountain where they raised their four children and she served as a waitress at the Dickinson Inn for 27 years with her husband, Chef Paul. In November of 1980, after 36 years of marriage, Paul went home to be with his Lord.

Mom would say that she was definitely lonely at times, but never felt alone because she knew Christ was with her. Thank you to the many family and extended family members and friends who helped our mom live on her own up until October 2018. We're also grateful for the competent and caring staff at Manor Care where she lived her final 11 months. Her hobbies were focused around learning as well as serving her family and church. As a member of

First Lutheran Church, she was a Sunday school teacher and participated in Rebecca Circle, Prayer Chain, and Quilters. She enjoyed Bible studies, reading devotionals and Christian books, babysitting grandchildren, and being a Hospice volunteer. Although more of a serious behind the scenes servant leadership style, her competitive side would surface in a game of Scrabble! She rarely lost! She loved watching her Packers and was disappointed when they didn't win, but when her own kids went out to compete, her last encouraging words would always be "just do your best". She had a peaceful smile, but when her funny bone was struck, she would laugh until she cried and her nose turned red. Her instructions for her funeral service are "don't say too much about me." So, that's enough for now, but we'll deeply miss her until we meet in heaven.

Irene is preceded in death by her parents, husband, Paul, six sisters, four brothers, son Dean, daughter, Gail, sons-in-law, Willie and Bob, and 3 great grandchildren.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Jay and Kathy Dishnow and Bruce and Diane Dishnow; 11 grandchildren: Jodi (Chris) Brueggeman, Traci Charette, Ryan (Emily) Dishnow, Frank (Lisa) Jerks, Paul (Jeanne) Jerks, Leslie (Santino) Laster, Bethany Jerks, Heather (Adam) Czap, Allison (Mark) Johnson, Mark (Holly) Dishnow, Luke (Nicole) Dishnow ; 24 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, September 7th, from 9:30-11:30 am at the First Lutheran Church, 1210 S Stephenson Avenue, Iron Mountain. The funeral service will follow at 11:30 am at the church. Pastor Ryan Flunker will officiate. Burial will be in Dickinson County Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers a memorial fund will be established in Irene's memory.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Irene Dishnow online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Cemetery Details

Dickinson County Memorial Gardens

Hwy U.S. 2
Iron Mountain, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 7. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church
1210 S. Stephenson Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Funeral Service

SEP 7. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ So sad to lose the last student from the Beechwood School. We were glad to know that she was able to see the School shortly before her passing. Warren Groth (husband of Lorraine Lindahl) shared with us how special Irene and Lorraine's early school days friendship was, Warren donated \$50 to the Beechwood Historical Society as a memorial. Pat Melstrom Turner

Pat Melstrom Turner - September 13, 2019 at 12:22 PM

AB

“ The world will be a bit darker without her smile. May you find comfort in treasured memories, family spiritual strength, and God's peace & faithfulness.

From Alene Blomquist

Alene Blomquist - September 07, 2019 at 08:16 PM

VB

“ Our deepest sympathy . Irene will be missed 🙏🌹 . Brian and violet bongi. Jennifer Cooper and family 🌹

violet bongi - September 06, 2019 at 10:07 PM

DD

“ Dear Ryan and family,

With Sympathy

May cherished memories bring your family moments of comfort during this difficult time.

With Love,

Conesco Storage Systems, Inc.

Denver, Colorado

Deanna Deese - September 06, 2019 at 07:27 PM

CI

“ Conesco Storage Systems, Inc. purchased the *Guiding Light Bouquet* for the family of Irene H. Dishnow.



Conesco Storage Systems, Inc. - September 06, 2019 at 07:21 PM

KC

“ Dear Bruce, Diane, Jay and Kathy and Family, We are sorry to read about your dear mother's death. We had just spoken to Bruce and Diane a few months ago about her. I will always have fond memories of your parents and the Dickinson Inn. Our thoughts are with you at this sad time. May you find comfort in your memories. Sincerely, Bob and Kitti Costa Colassacco

Kitti Colassacco - September 06, 2019 at 04:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Irene H. Dishnow.*



September 06, 2019 at 11:14 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Irene H. Dishnow.*



September 05, 2019 at 09:27 PM



“ *You have my sincere sympathy. I have many good memories of Irene, mostly her sense of humor. God be with all of you.*
Vicky Dishnow Lewis

Victoria Lewis - September 05, 2019 at 08:19 PM

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“ *My deep sympathy and love to all of the Dishnow family.*

Memories of Irene, all of them good, would be a book to read. I have many of her recipes and Pauls' that I've used through the years.

But her friendship and belief in the Lord, Lutheran Church Women, Fortune Lake Bible Camp, the couples group called Marri Mates with her and Paul, and her love of family are forever endearing. Her faith was her strength when times were tough. I can only imagine her Joy in seeing the Lord and her loved ones gone before ,as she entered her heavenly home. Jesus prepared it for her and Irene was ready to enter. God's love and comfort be with all Irene's loved ones.

Orice Walters



Orice Walters - September 05, 2019 at 11:39 AM