



## Jeanette Fortner

December 23, 1923 - June 15, 2006

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IRON MOUNTAIN - Jeanette Fortner, 82, of 301 Madison Ave., Iron Mountain, passed away on Thursday, June 15, 2006, at Freeman Nursing and Rehabilitation Community in Kingsford.

Jeanette was born Dec. 23, 1923, in Iron Mountain, daughter of the late John and Concetta (Rainaldi) Pietrantonio. She graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1942 and was a lifelong resident of the area. Following high school, Jeanette was a nanny for the Verette family in Virginia. For four years during World War II, she was a stenographer at the Pentagon Building.

Jeanette married Vincent "Jim" Pezzullo on May 12, 1946, in New York. He preceded her in death in 1962.

On July 23, 1963, Jeanette married John "Jock" Fortner and he preceded her in death in 1993. Jeanette was a member of St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church, the American Legion Auxiliary, and a former member of the Daughters of Isabella. She enjoyed cooking for her family, card club, playing bingo and bus trips to the casino.

Jeanette is survived by four children, James (Carol) Pezzullo of Kingsford, Kathleen Pezzullo of Kingsford, Gregory Pezzullo of Iron Mountain and Lisa

(Michael) Reibsome of Holt, lower Michigan; a sister, Nancy (Harry) Culver of Iron Mountain; 11 grandchildren, Missi, Carrie and Jimmy Pezzullo; Jim, Ryan (Amy) and Michael Hagerty; Angela and Amanda Pezzullo; Christine Rice; and Rebecca and Jonah Reibsome; eight great-grandchildren, Krysta, Kaitlyn and Keirra Igo and Olivia, Alex, Austin, Cailin, and Liam Hagerty, four sisters-in-law, Shirley Pietrantonio of Kingsford, Millie Pezzullo of Florida, Karen (Joe) Fortner of Iron Mountain and Joan Fortner of Illinois; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, Michael in 1968, an infant son, Jeffery, a sister, Lucille, a brother, John and a great-granddaughter, Karly Pezzullo-Igo.

Visitation will be held from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Monday at St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Iron Mountain.

A memorial mass will follow at 3:30 p.m. at the church. Fr. Daniel Zaloga will officiate.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

Jeanette's grandsons will serve as honorary pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Jeanette Fortner family c/o Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Jeanette Fortner online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

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



# Tribute Wall

KC

“ I just want to send my sincere condolences to all of Jeanett's family, and to say that you are all in my prayers. I just want to say I'm so sorry to my friend Greg, I know how much you loved your mom, and I know the holidays won't be the same without her, for you. Just know I'm thinking about you, and I know what it is like to lose someone you love. Sincerely, Kathie

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**Kathie Campos** - June 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ My sincerest sympathy to Jeanette's family...I have known her for a long time. Her and my Grandmother Eleanor Barkle were dear friends(which has a long and special meaning behind it), and I used to play bingo with Jeanette and my two grandmas every monday night at the Elk's for about a year or so through my grandfather's sickness. Also, when I got married I needed someone to take care of my then 8 month old little boy during the reception..someone I could trust. That was Jeanette, she left early and took Connor home and took care of him that night for me, meaning that she also tucked him into bed and probably gave him lots of hugs and kisses knowing her. I had a great time knowing that I didn't have to worry that night. My Grandma will miss her very much just like all of her friends on the Monday "Bus". Yes, she sure was special and I would like to express my deepest and most sincere condolences to the family. April Barkle-Savola

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**April Barkle-Savola** - June 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

“ Jeanette Fortner, that was her name to many who read this but to me she is Grandma Mamoo. To my family she was the glue that bound our family together. To me Grandma Mamoo meant every holiday that you see upon your calendar but so much more. If you have ever watched the Food Network and seen the famous cooks, well not one of them could hold a light in our family to Grandma Mamoo's cooking. From her homemade pasties to her day after Thanksgiving turkey soup (which if we were lucky our dad would leave us some) in our family there was no cooking like Mamoo's cooking. Grandma Mamoo loved each and everyone of us the best way she knew how, and did the best she knew how to do on a daily basis, after all don't we all.

I have tried to go back in my memory and think of a holiday that isn't soaked with memories of Mamoo, but I can't. From walking in her house on Christmas and being greeted with the largest Christmas tree I have seen to this day, covered with 100's of ornaments.

Smelling grandma's tuna fish and spaghetti and homemade garlic bread. To the preformances Carrie, Jimmy, Jim, Ryan, Micheal and myself were forced to give, late night games of push it or pokeno. And hearing Grandma Mamoo constantly saying noone had eaten and going through and asking all of us if we had enough. I could go on and on about the holidays, but does anyone remember the time Grandma Mamoo was making her salad out at lake Antoine and the salt shaker top came off....I think that was the first time I heard grandma curse. To this day everytime, for a recipe I had to pry out of grandma (because we all know she never measured anything) I think of her and all she brought to our family.

Her food was the best I ever tasted, but the blessing was not just her cooking, it was her family. Her oldest son my father, the greatest man I have ever been blessed to know. Her oldest daughter Kathy, wait I mean Neenie, who is not only an aunt but a friend, Uncle Greg her youngest son and one of the facets that bound our family together, and my Aunt Lisa, who is one of the smartes and kindest women.....her children, her pride and joy. Grandma Mamoo's family-my family and I know she will be forever missed by each and everyone of us. For she was our families blessing she was our

*mother, our grandmother and our friend. There are no words then can begin to express the true loss each one have experienced. Cause we don't get another Grandma Mamoo, we wouldn't want one. God has finally blessed you Grandma Mamoo the way you have blessed our lives for so many years by bringing you home. You will be missed, never forgotten but forver loved.*  
*Missi Pezzullo*

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**Melissa Pezzullo** - June 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *What a great woman! There are many wonderful memories of her since I was old enough to remember, and my gratitude in how she helped her sister Lucille (my mother) when she was ill will always be precious. Jim, Kathleen, Greg and Lisa.....my love to you. May her memory always bring a smile to your faces.*  
*Laurie*

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**Laurie Gasperi Kaudewitz** - June 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ *My sincere sympathy to all of Jeanette's family. Jeanette was a dear and wonderful person. She cared for me when I was a young child and we often had a chance to reminisce in the past few years. I will miss seeing her happy smile and being able to visit with her.*

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**Julie Verrette** - June 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM