



## Jo Simonsen

June 13, 1933 - June 13, 2009

SAGOLA - Jo Anne Simonsen, 76, of Sagola, passed away on Saturday, June 13, 2009, at the Iron County Medical Care Facility in Crystal Falls.

Jo Anne was born on June 7, 1933, in Minneapolis, and was the daughter of the late Wilfred B. and Lois L. (Peters) Gardepy. Jo Anne moved to Channing when she was five years-old and later to Iron Mountain where she graduated from high school in 1951.

She married Verner H. Simonsen on Oct. 13, 1951, at Trinity United Methodist Church. Jo Anne retired after 15 years with the state of Michigan as the food stamp coordinator for the local Department of Social Services.

She has been an active member of Grace Presbyterian Church. Over the years, her church has been a very important part of her life and her church activities included serving as a church elder, deacon, board member, organist, choir member and Sunday school teacher. Along with the church, her life revolved around taking care of her family.

Jo Anne is survived by her five children, Cindy (Bill) Magray of Green Bay, Wis., Lori (Jim) Miller of Sagola, Sally (Brad Mitchell) Burns of Gwinn, Retired MSgt. Bill (Lisa) Simonsen of New Baden, Ill. and Dan (Sally) Simonsen of Sagola; grandchildren, Tami (Craig) Balfanz of Green Bay, Teri (Jeff Haskins)

Magray of Oconto Falls, Wis., Beth (Jay) Richards of Green Bay, Betsy (Stephen) Simkovski of LaPorte, Ind., Christy (Andy) Church of Mantow, Mich., Jillian (Rusty) Steinbrecher of Felch, Elliott Burns of Sagola, Chad Simondsen of New Baden, Ill., Amy (Brock Chiamulera) Simondsen of Sagola and Adam Simondsen of Sagola; great-grandchildren, Sawyer and Dawson Balfanz and Matthew and Dalaney Steinbrecher.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Verner on Feb. 27, 2005; an infant son, David in 1960; and a brother, Richard and sister-in-law, Joyce Gardepy.

Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain and from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Thursday at Grace Presbyterian Church in Sagola.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the church. Rev. David Anderson will officiate.

Burial will be in Channing Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Jo Anne Simondsen 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

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“ *Cindy, Lori, Bill, Sally and Dan;*

*So sorry to hear about your mom.  
I bet all our oldies are gathered together, with your dad playing  
practical jokes on them.  
Take comfort in knowing she's at peace.*

*Love,  
Carol and Don Husslein*

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**Carol Husslein** - June 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *To the Simondsen Family: My thoughts & prayers go out to you for  
the loss of your mom. For about 18 years or so I have known your  
parents. They would call the office about their newspaper delivery  
and finally one day we asked if they knew of anyone who would be  
dependable to deliver, of course, your dad signed up him and your  
mom. So on and off thru out the years they were a daily routine with  
me. When health finally slowed them down, they still stopped at the  
office to see me, or even called just for old times sake. I don't  
believe I will find a better mix, heck how many times were one of  
you conned into driving! They truly were one of a kind. Now they are  
joined back together in heaven where they will have eternal life &  
love. Take care of each other and always think of your parents with  
love. They were truly a great pair!  
With my sympathies*

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**Jennifer Flynn** - June 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Dear Loving Simondsen family  
I am so very sorry for your loss. Your mother was a wonderful person and I will always be grateful to her and your family for the love and family home you offered MaryAnn after our Mom died. Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers and may your wonderful, loving memories soon replace the grief you feel.

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**Diane Evans** - June 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ Lori, Sally, Jillian,  
So sorry for your loss. I know how very much she'll be missed. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Please be at peace knowing she's gone home to God.  
Love and Prayers,  
Roxane

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**Roxane Johnston** - June 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Bill, Lisa, and Chad: my deepest condolences to you and your family. Know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Tracy & Dakota Grayling** - June 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Just to let each and everyone of you to know that I am thinking of you. I know this must be hard now that Mom and Dad are both gone. But they are together now. Hopefully Paul and Dad were there as she came home. I am sure they were. Take one day at a time and keep your chin up as we know that she would want it that way. Again I pray for each of you through this most difficult time. Know that I am here if you need me for something. Love you all  
Debbie

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**Debbie Spratlin** - June 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *What can I say? You know how much we loved her. She's in a better place and at peace with all our loved ones that have passed before. Wish we could be there with all of you. You're constantly in my thoughts and prayers. Keep us posted. Wonder if your Dad got Jim's message. Love you with all my heart and soul. Lar*

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**Larry Gardepy & Family** - June 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM