



Joan "Jo" Walsh

September 22, 1933 - January 25, 2014

Joan R. Walsh

Joan "Jo" Walsh, 80, of Kingsford, MI. passed away on Saturday, January 25, 2014 at Dickinson County Hospital System in Iron Mountain, MI.

Jo was born September 22, 1933 in Depauw, Indiana, daughter of the late Henry and Margaret (Sharp) Simon. She graduated from Southeastern High School in Detroit in June of 1950. Shortly thereafter, she met Richard "Dick" Walsh and they were married on August 4, 1951. At that time, Dick was in the service and they lived in Fort Bragg, N.C. until his discharge, when they returned to Detroit. During their life together, she and Dick lived in many different areas including Detroit and Iron Mountain, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio and Minnesota. Upon their 1998 retirement, they returned to Iron Mountain where they have resided since that time.

Jo was at first a stay at home mom, but when she returned to the work force, she enjoyed a varied career. She worked for the American Red Cross, Michigan and Southwestern Bell Telephone Companies, Bob's Homes, Inc.,

Ted J. Fornetti, Jr.DDS, Richard Ceello, and finally, as a legal secretary for thirteen years at the law firm of Lommen, Nelson, Cole and Stageberg in Minneapolis, MN.

Jo was a member of P.E.O. Chapter AN, Friends of the Library, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and a volunteer at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital.

Jo is survived by her husband, Dick; daughters, Ann Walsh of Kingsford, Alison Walsh of Evanston, IL; son, Tom (Kathy) Walsh of Evanston, IL; son-in-law, Daniel Reale of Boston, MA; sister, Alice (Bill) MacArthur of Clare, MI and niece, Diane (David) Leggett of Clare, MI. She was also a loving grandmother to six grandchildren, Maxwell and Simon Reale; Mitchell and Katherine Weaver; and Madeline and Aidan Walsh.

In addition to her parents, Jo was preceded in death by her daughter, Kathryn Walsh (Reale).

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 from 10:00 to 11:00 am at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Memorial services will follow at 11:00 am at the church, officiated by Reverend Richard Riley.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations, in Joan's honor, made to the American Heart Association.

Condolences to the family of Joan "Jo" Walsh may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
1210 S. Kimberly Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Dick,
The love and devotion you and Joan shared was a marriage of beauty. Please accept our deepest sympathy for your having to say farewell to your cherished wife; the mother of your precious children; and your dearest friend. We also offer our condolences to the Walsh family and extended family. We are sorry for your loss.
+ May God bring you comfort in the moments of your deepest sorrow.



Jeff and Lana Smith - January 28, 2014 at 02:24 AM

JR

“ Joan truly lit up the room with her love for Christ! She was such a joy each Sunday and I was always happy to see her smiling face. We extend our love and prayers to the Walsh family. Please let us know if you need anything Dick! God Bless!

Jonathan Ringel - January 27, 2014 at 09:44 PM

MN

“ Dick & family....So saddened to hear of Jo's passing. I have fond memories of the good times we had with the Foolish Pretenders and her always upbeat attitude.
Mary Jane Nelson

Mary Jane Nelson - January 27, 2014 at 09:21 PM

CH

“ We have fond, fun, and happy memories of the adventures we shared with Jo. She was always so kind, caring and gentle. Our love, prayers, and sympathy are with you all. Marv and Carolyn Harry

carolyn harry - January 27, 2014 at 06:39 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joan "Jo" Walsh.



January 27, 2014 at 05:27 PM

BL

“ Our deepest sympathies to Dick and family. Jo was such a special lady and will be deeply missed by everyone who knew her. May the peace of Christ comfort you in this time of mourning. Jo is with Jesus now and looking down with Love.

*With God's Love,
Bryan & Melissa Laurila,
Erin, Audrey, Kari, Adrienne, & Lauren too.*

Bryan Laurila - January 27, 2014 at 01:32 PM

DM

“ So sorry to hear about Jo . So many fond memories of jo and her whole family. Take Care, Love Diane Scholke Magnuson

diane magnuson - January 27, 2014 at 11:53 AM