



Joyce Manko

September 17, 1923 - May 5, 2011

Joyce Manko, 87, of Iron Mountain, died Thurs. May 5, 2011 at Portage Point Nursing Home in Houghton. She was born on Sept. 17, 1923 in Iron Mountain, the daughter of the late Edward and Valera (Weiser) Tousignant.

She graduated from Kingsford High School in 1941 and Dundon Business School. After graduation, she worked as a secretary for Lakeshore Inc. On Oct. 15, 1943, she married Blaise Manko in Madison, WI. The couple lived in Las Vegas while Blaise was stationed there with the U.S. Army Air Corps. In 1945 they moved back to Iron Mountain to start their family. Later she worked at Hosking Oil, where she worked for 35 years.

Joyce enjoyed painting, reading, crocheting, and jigsaw puzzles.

She is survived by one daughter Kathy (Irving) Tronti of Atlantic Mine, four grandchildren Brian (Sherry) Lusardi and their children Morgan, Shelby, Luke and Braylen of Bellbrook Ohio, Michelle (Jim) Kralovec and their children Scott, Tony and Beau of Iron Mountain, Wendy Lusardi and her son Nick of Green Bay and Jeff Manko of West Palm Beach. A son-in-law Leroy Lusardi of Iron Mountain, Numerous Nieces and Nephews and the many special friends that she has made while staying at Arbor Green in Houghton.

Joyce was preceded in death by her husband, Blaise on July 9, 1975, an

infant son Edward James on Dec. 18, 1944, a daughter Donna Lusardi on Sept. 20, 1995, four brothers Edward, Donald, Lawrence, and Bernard Tousignant, and two sisters Kathleen Magray and Donna Badini.

Visitation will be Tues. from 11am to 12 noon at Tondin-Ross & Freeman Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 12 noon on Tues. at the funeral home. Father Joseph Gouin will officiate. Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Joyce Manko online at www.e-rnashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Tondin-Ross & Freeman Funeral Homes of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Tondin-Ross and Freeman Funeral Home
1117 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Funeral Service

MAY 10. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

WG

“ Grandma, I remember the first dance you shared, *The Hot Cholocate.....you taught me how to dance, now you will forever dance in the Lord's Kingdom!*

Wendy Jo Lusardi - Green Bay, WI - granddaughter - May 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Peanut, I am so sorry to hear about your mother's passing. I have such wonderful memories of mom and I coming to your place for coffee and spending time with you and your mom. We were quite the foursome! My thoughts and prayers are with you, Irv, and the entire family. Love you Peanut!

Lisa Lauridsen - Menomonee Falls, WI - Friend - May 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ She will be sorely missed by so many of us. Her generous behavior and optimistic spirit made everyone around her feel so much better for knowing her.

She sacrificed a good deal of her time by caring for her aged Mother during the many remaining months of Valera's 99 years, giving much of herself in the tender and compassionate way she treated every interpersonal event.

She will long be remembered as a true friend, a loving Aunt, and a strong positive role model for all of us that knew her.

Larry A. Tousignant - Bardstown, KY - Nephew - May 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ I really enjoyed the times with her while working for her . I wanted so much to have her see the baby , She was always a great talker that's why i enjoyed going there .she was a very caring lady a real nice to everyone , I will be missing her and am glad she doesn't have to go threw the pain anymore, Brenda Harju

Brenda Harju - Laurium, MI - worked for her for a while - May 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy during this time. I am sorry for your loss. I apologize that I cannot make it to the services. I will keep Joyce and family in my thoughts and prayers. Once again my deepest sympathy.

Jim Fornetti

Jim Fornetti - Iron Mountain, MI - relative - May 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ I went on line today and couldn't believe that Joyce had passed away. How sad I am that I didn't take more time to visit her when I was in the U.P. She will be greatly missed because of her smile and her laugh. I could always go to her house for a cup of coffee, find out what new puzzle she was putting together, and what picture she had painted. She was an awesome lady and I only wish I could have told her more often.

My condolences to Peanut and the family. I wish I would have found out earlier so that I could have attended the services. God be with all of you.

Romaine, Lisa, Donald, Shawn, and John Lauridsen

Romaine Lauridsen - friend - May 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM