



Joyce E. Butsic

February 2, 1930 - July 14, 2019

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89, of Kingsford, passed away Sunday, July 14, 2019 at the home that she and her husband Andy built sixty seven years ago.

Joyce was born February 2, 1930 in Breitung Township, daughter of John and Letha (Guthrie) Kanska. She has been a lifelong resident of this area and was a 1948 graduate of Kingsford High School. Joyce married Andrew Butsic on Sept. 30, 1950, at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford.

Joyce was very active in her community. In 1956, she joined the Extension Homemakers/Michigan Association for Family and Community Education (FCA). For the next sixty years, she was an active member and leader in FCA. In 1989, she was the "Volunteer of the year" and in 2000, she was awarded the "Homemaker of the year". Being a part to the Dickinson County Fair Board was one of Joyce's favorite volunteer activities. She spent many Labor Day weekends working, listening to music and trying new foods at the fair. Joyce also worked at the voting polls in East Kingsford and volunteered at the VA hospital for many years.

Joyce loved quilting and crafting. She was a talented hand-quilter, who shared her skills at Camp Molinare craft weekends. She made many close quilting friends. Dancing was also a favorite activity and joy. She belonged to the Kickers Line Dancing group that often performed at nursing homes around the community and she especially loved to go to the senior dance events where she met many friends, including her special friend Stephen Major. Another

favorite activity of Joyce's was going out for ethnic foods, especially with her friend, Veronica Roberts. In her last few years, Joyce slowed down but she still enjoyed her quilting group and playing cards on Friday, especially when she beat the "Big Boys"!

Joyce is survived by her two sons, William "Bill" (Jane) Butsic of Menomonie, WI and David (Camille) Butsic of Iron Mountain; her daughter-in-law, Cindy Butsic of Greenville, MI; four grandchildren, Emily (Bryan) Mercer, Van (Lindsey Selden) Butsic, Eric Butsic and Celeste Butsic; two great-grandchildren, Will and Lucy.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew; her son, Lawrence; sisters, Edna Nash, Betty Hallman, Norma Price; and brother, Gerald Kanska.

Visitation will be 10:00 - 11:00 am on Monday, July 22 at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Funeral Services will follow at 11:00 am at the funeral home. Father Joseph Gouin will officiate. Burial will be in Norway Twp. Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Joyce E. Butsic online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Cemetery Details

Norway Twp. Cemetery

Norway, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Memorial Service

JUL 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“Joyce was always one of my favorite people. She taught me how to bake when I was a child. My mom and Joyce were best friends since high school and so she was a big part of my childhood. I stopped in to see her whenever I was in town. Fortunately I got to see her just a few weeks ago. I will miss her. I send my condolences to all our you. Although it is never easy to lose a family member, always remember she had a life well-lived!
Susan Raatz

Susan Raatz - July 22, 2019 at 12:30 PM



“Marcella Sanders Lucas sends her condolences and prayers. She was out of town and unable to attend the service today. She has many memories of her lifelong friend and neighbor.

Jeff Lyman - July 21, 2019 at 08:56 PM



“My memories of Joyce go back to the Home Extension and other great women like her, namely Willie Johnson and Irma Johnson. She shared her talents with others and smiled to help others . God's love comfort her family and all who remember this kind and giving lady.



Orice Walters - July 18, 2019 at 11:57 AM

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I worked with Joyce at NMB Kingsford in the late 70s-early 80s. We had fun times and she always had a smile! Years later, my mom would see her at the dances and you became acquainted! I saw her recently , and had some good laughs! A wonderful talented woman who shared her life with all.

Martee Trepanier - July 20, 2019 at 07:40 PM