



## Kate Kaye Chiesa

September 19, 1912 - December 19, 2017

Kate Kaye Chiesa, 105, passed away on December 19, 2017 at Manor Care in Kingsford, Michigan.

She was born on September 19, 1912 in Cusick, Washington to the late Chester Edwin Rice and Kate Howe. Kate's family moved to Oconto, Wisconsin immediately after her birth. She married Tulio Joseph Chiesa on March 16, 1935. Tulio preceded her in death on January 1, 1985. Kate lived a very exciting life, experiencing more change than the average individual. She traveled across the plains of the US via covered wagon to Wisconsin, endured the Great Depression, experienced the inventions of trains (steam engine), electricity in homes, television, automobiles, appliances, computers, mobile phones and the list goes on.

Residents of Dickinson County would frequently visit her to listen as she told them story after story after story about the logging industry or the "Great Depression". Her descriptive details of the stories were fascinating and when you left, you felt you just experienced the event.

She learned to drive at the age of 77. Her kindness was unmatched, as she always helped a family or friend. She played a huge role in the Kingsford Genealogy club and has passed the family history onto her grandchildren.

Survivors include her grandsons, Tige and Jayne who reside in NC, Todd and Lisa who reside in GA, and TJ and Joann who reside in TX. She also has 7 great grandchildren, Taylor, Tanner, Janae, Jaclyn, Jillian, William, and Nicolas.

She was preceded in death by a son and daughter-in-law, , Patrick (Bonnie “Becky”) Chiesa.

In honoring her wishes, Kate’s ashes will be spread in the woods as she loved the outdoors.

Memorials may be made to the Almost Home Animal Shelter in Kate’s memory.

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

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

# Tribute Wall

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“*Kate was an amazing lady who had a sparkling personality, quick wit and an amazing memory. I was pleased to get to know her as we both were involved with the Dickinson County Genealogical Society. Kate was a charter member of the group and served Kate served as vice-president from 1980-1982 and again from 1992-2000; as president in 1989-1990 and as secretary in 1991. She was a diligent worker on many Society projects and was involved in the cemetery tombstone readings throughout the county which were transcribed. It was a pleasure and a privilege to know her on many levels.*

*Tige, Todd and TJ, please accept my sincere condolences at her passing, and also at the recent passing of your mother, another exceptional person.*

*Bill Cummings*

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**Bill Cummings** - December 24, 2017 at 12:41 AM