



Laretta Peterson

December 15, 1915 - December 15, 2009

AURORA, Wis. - Laretta Peterson, 94, of Aurora, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2009, at the Golden Living Center in Florence, Wis.

She was born July 9, 1915, in Kalamazoo County, Mich., daughter of the late Forest and Nora May (Andersen) Bair.

Laretta married Enar Peterson on Aug. 28, 1948, in Iron Mountain, and he preceded her in death on July 5, 1995. She and her husband owned and operated the Homestead General Store for 15 years.

Laretta was a long-time member of Homestead Baptist Church and always enjoyed attending Sunday services. She enjoyed crocheting, watching baseball, traveling to Arizona with Enar and feeding and watching birds.

Laretta is survived by a brother, Auris Bair; two sisters, Ada May Bahr and Marion Grace Barhitte; step-brothers and step-sisters, and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Homestead Baptist Church. Funeral services will follow at 11 a.m. at the church. Pastor Rick Malone will officiate.

Burial will be in the Homestead-Aurora Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Laretta Peterson online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

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“ I was sorry to hear of Laretta's passing. My wife Nancy and I purchased the Homestead General Store from the Peterson's back in the 1970's, and operated it for a time. We moved away from Aurora in 1979 and I have lived in the Western U.S. for the past 30 years. Nancy passed away in 2001 and I have since remarried. Laretta obviously lived a long and full life and I'm sure her family is happy to have had her for all those years. I send my sincere condolences.

Art Swanson - December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM