



LaVerne Moddie

April 2, 1936 - April 2, 2009

KINGSFORD - LaVerne June Moddie, 73, of 1709 Woodward Ave. Kingsford, died on Thursday, April 2, 2009 at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital.

June was born July 3, 1935 at the Twin City Hospital in Negaunee, daughter of the late Joseph and Lulu (Augustson) Ericson. She graduated in 1953 from the Ishpeming High School as the Valedictorian of her class. She also graduated from the Badger Business College in Green Bay and then was employed as a secretary-bookkeeper for John E. Somerville, Architect of Green Bay. She married Anthony J. Moddie of Niagara on May 19, 1956 at which time they moved from Green Bay to Kingsford. In February 1958 she began her career as an employee at the Iron Mountain Veterans Hospital. First as a secretary on the psychiatric ward and later as a medical administrative assistant until her retirement in July 1990. Since her retirement from the Veterans Hospital she has worked part time as a medical transcriptionist for Dr. Daniel Mitchell from 1990 to present.

June was a member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain, Spring Lake Animal Shelter, Ishpeming High School Alumni Assn., National Honor Society and the National Assoc. of Retired Federal Employees. She enjoyed spending her leisure time traveling to Europe with her daughter Cheryl and they visited twenty countries. One of her most memorable trips was to the Chateau Frontenac in Quebec City, Canada. On a trip planned since April 2001, June and her daughter visited New York City with a tour group from Republic Bank a month after the September 11, 2001 World Trade

Center Attacks. In her later years she enjoyed spending time staying on Mackinac Island and the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge in Copper Harbor. June and her family loved to vacation at her Lake Emily property in Wisconsin and also at her mother's place on the Escanaba River in Richmond Twp. near Gwinn. She also enjoyed music of all kinds, playing the piano, collecting antiques and jewelry and spoiling her cats.

She leaves her daughter, Cheryl Johnson (Rodney Adams) of Kingsford. Grandchildren, Heather Schoen (Matt McKee) and James (Angela) Johnson. Great grandchildren, Lucus Schoen, Emily Anne, Olivia and Deven Johnson all of Kingsford. Cousins, nieces and nephews plus special friends, Marge Balmes, Rosemary and Hap Rondeau of Kingsford and life- long friends Faye Sangala of Ishpeming and June Sangala of Decatur, GA . Also, Phyllis Witcome, a special friend she met in North Somerset, England with whom she has corresponded since her 1981 tour. She also leaves her special cats, Daisy Mae and Ashley Roo (her adopted shelter cats).

In addition to her parents, June was preceded in death by her husband, Anthony Moddie in 1974, Stepfather, John Hegman, infant granddaughter, Jessica Hope Johnson and her grandson in law, Todd Schoen. Also by special friends, Alvin Peterson, Jim Balmes, Joan Schettler, Della Finnerty and her cats, the pud (Kim Sing) and Tigger.

Private family services will be held. Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

Memorials may be made in her memory to the Spring Lake Animal Shelter.

Condolences to the family of LaVerne June Moddie can be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Tribute Wall

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“ Cheryl

I am so sadden to hear of your mother's death. I am not sure if you remember me or not however I lived next door to your mom in Kingsford. My father was the chief of surgery at the VA in Iron Mountain from 1977-1980. We were originally from Montana and lived in Michigan for just a few years. Your mom was always a really good friend to me. I have very fond memories of her and used to mow her lawn. She used to bring me out a bottle of coke and we would sit on the back steps and chat. She was always so kind to me and always such a good friend. I loved driving around town doing errands with her in her big green Lincoln. She used to tell me it was almost as long as the presidents car! Even though we moved in 1980 I kept in touch with her over the years and always thought about her. The last time I talked to her was back in 2007 right after my father passed away. I actually just found out about her death today as I was going to call her and check in. Even though we did not talk all the time we kept in touch via letters, cards and an occasional call. My friendship spanned almost 30 years with her and I am deeply saddened to hear that she has passed. She was a phenomenal woman as you know and I will always remember her being there for me. My intention was always to get back to Kingsford to see her and I am so sorry I never made it. We both had a love of cats and I hope she is now with her beloved ones that have passed. Again, I am very sorry for your loss and your mother and family are in my prayers. Sincerely, Nancy Tripplehorn

Nancy Tripplehorn - Seattle, WA - Friend and Neighbor - September 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Cheryl,
I came across your mother's obituary while doing a little searching for Hegman genealogy. I'm sorry for your loss. I remember how much I liked playing with you in Ishpeming at my grandpa's (and Lulu's) house. I hope you are well. My dad passed away in 2006 and my mom in 2001. Janet

Janet Hegman Shier - September 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ LaVerne June Ericson as I remember at the West Ishpeming School She was June to me a very sweet, but a very determined young girl a grade behind me. I lived in a northern township and had to come by bus, so my day was long. Many time she invited me over to her home where I got to know her mother as well.
One of her school friends, Joan Aho were like two peas in a pod. Both very good students from grade school and High School. We lost touch, but at many of our Ishpeming High School reunion over the years we did meet, each for a very short time
Larry (classmate of June) and I send our condolences to all the family. God bless.

Barbara Hassenger Nault - April 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Cheryl, Heather, Jim & families-
We were sorry to hear about Grandma June, we will be thinking and praying for you over the coming weeks and months. If there is anything you need please let us know.

Tracy, Sara, Derrick & Bryce

The Horwitz's - April 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Cheryl and Family. You have our deepest sympathy in your loss. I had the great pleasure of working with your Mom, and she was a very wonderful and caring person. You are in our prayer's.

Dick Dabb - April 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM