



Leila W. McIntyre

September 14, 1931 - September 19, 2023

Leila W. McIntyre, 92, of Iron Mountain and Kingsford, MI, died on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at Freeman Nursing and Rehabilitation Community.

Leila was born on September 14, 1931, daughter of the late Bertha (Ward) Birch in Alpena, MI. Bertha and Ed Birch raised Leila in Rock, MI, where she graduated from high school in 1950. After graduation, Leila married Charles McIntyre. He preceded her in death in 1988. In addition to her parents and husband, Leila was preceded in death by a son, Scott McIntyre in 2015.

Leila and Charles strived to provide opportunities for themselves and their sons, Dale and Scott. They understood the impact a sound education would have on their children's future well-being. Leila constantly reinforced the importance of education through her actions. Mom frequently volunteered as room-mother, school librarian aid and Cub Scout Den Mother to make sure her sons saw she was committed to supporting them. She sent countless dozens of cookies and cupcakes to school for her sons' classmates to celebrate birthdays, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and of course, St. Patrick's Day. Leila and Charles always made sure that their sons knew they were supported, appreciated, and loved. Leila naturally extended her love to her grandchildren.

Leila also deeply appreciated things that some take for granted like getting

phone calls from loved ones and fresh produce from the garden, especially cherry tomatoes with just a little bit of salt. People that knew Leila well recognized that she had a quirky humorous side, sometimes catching others off guard with a funny old saying or by launching into a rendition of songs like “The Old Gray Mare” which caused some to try to figure out what a whippetree is.

She is lovingly survived by her son, Dale (Michelle) McIntyre of Irvine, CA, and grandchildren, Eric (Catherine) McIntyre of Chelan, WA, Megan (Kyle) Demmink of Columbus, OH, and Erin McIntyre of Irvine, CA; her daughter-in-law, Carmen (Scott dec.) McIntyre and grandchildren, Collin (Kayla) McIntyre and Casey McIntyre, all of Cedar Falls, IA; and Leila’s beloved sister, Evelyn Clouse of Rapid River, MI.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2023, from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain followed by a service at 11:00 AM at the funeral home. Burial will be at Rock Cemetery.

Memorial donations in honor of Leila can be made to MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas.

https://gifts.mdanderson.org/Default.aspx?tsid=26369&intcmpid=mdaccorg_donate.

Condolences to the family of Leila W. McIntyre may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com [ernashfuneralhomes.com]

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

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

NOV 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BB

“ I didn't know Leila but after reading her obituary, it made me feel like I did. It was a beautiful, loving tribute to your mom. I grew up in Rock and I always remember what a great place it was to grow up in! My sympathy to your whole family.

Bonnie Bertocci - September 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



Thank you. She spoke to us often of Rock and the class reunion including all the years that attended school there.

Michelle McIntyre - September 30, 2023 at 11:30 AM

DM

Thank you for the note. Mom lived at the Birch place just north of the cementary when she graduated from high school. Dad lived off the Osier road at the McIntyre homestead, next to the Escanaba river. They lived in Rock for a few years before moving to Marquette where they had and raised their family. I remember many Sunday trips to visit Grandmas and Grandpas in Rock. As a kid in the late 60s and early 70s, I always looked forward to going to Rock for the Labor Day festivities. Thank you for your kind comment Bonnie.
Dale

Dale McIntyre - September 30, 2023 at 10:24 PM

LI

Thank you so much for letting me meet your mom. I am so lucky to have gotten to know and love your mom. She always knew who I was coming down the hall. Sharing all her laughs and smiles. I will miss her deeply. So sorry Dale for your loss

Lisa - October 02, 2023 at 07:58 AM

DM

Thank you for your kind comment Lisa

Dale McIntyre - October 05, 2023 at 02:26 PM

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Dale and family, so sorry for your loss. Mom and I are sending our love. I remember picking vegetables from her garden, going moral mushroom hunting with our dads and then our mothers frying them up in my moms kitchen and us kids eating them as fast as they could get them on the plate. Good times. Memories we hold dear. Oh, and that "narrow passage Mountain" of a driveway you guys had. Many years and many memories. Mom got to talk with Your aunt and mom sometime in August -I am glad they had that chance to visit. Prayers and hugs.

Rosa M Hoy (Rosemary) - October 10, 2023 at 06:09 AM

DM

It's very nice to hear from you Rosemary. Thank you for the kind note.

Dale C McIntyre - November 02, 2023 at 11:22 PM

LK

Have wonderful memories of your mom, cousin Leila, Cousin Evie and Uncle Ed and Aunt Birdie. Your mom had a great memory and we talked on the phone where she shared stories of the Birch family. I gained valuable genealogy information from her. Sorry I did not see her in person over the years. Our deepest sympathy. Your mom was a sweet person and her obituary perfectly describes her. Much love, Lynn (LaBumbard) Kelly.

Lynn Kelly - November 07, 2023 at 12:46 AM