



## Lillian M. Swartout

June 30, 1924 - August 2, 2015

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Lillian Marcella Swartout

91, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Sunday, August 2, 2015 at Manor Care Health Services in Kingsford.

A long time resident of Iron Mountain, Lillian was born June 30, 1924 and raised on a farm East of Brainerd, Minnesota, the youngest of eleven children. In 1942 she married Ernest Swartout, a young man who lived on a neighboring farm. They were married for 60 years until Ernest passed away in 2002. When Ernest returned from Europe after serving in the Army for three and a half years during WWII, they moved to a small house in Riverton, Minnesota. They had five sons and lived in Riverton until 1963 when Ernest was transferred to the Groveland Mine near Iron Mountain.

Lillian loved to cook and bake. She regularly baked cakes, pies, rolls, a lot of bread and especially chocolate chip cookies which were much loved by her entire family. As her children grew she took a job at the Dickinson Hotel in Iron Mountain as a baker. She was well known for her pies and would often make thirty to forty pies for hotel events. She later took a job working in the kitchen at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital. In 1977, Ernest suffered a traumatic

brain injury and was not expected to live. Lillian quit her job and largely through her efforts he recovered. As part of his recovery Lillian took her husband walking every day and for the next twenty years, they walked from the North side of Iron Mountain to downtown twice daily. Many people still recall them from their daily journeys. She and Ernie also traveled to many part of the United States during those years.

Lillian was an active member of Our Saviours Lutheran Church since 1963. She was involved in many church activities including, Women's Circle, serving meals at funerals and the quilting program, which she attended for many years during which time she helped to create hundreds of quilts. Lillian maintained her own home until her most recent illness in May of this year. In the end, her legacy to all of us was a lesson in how to live well and how to die with grace and dignity. She did not fear or fight death but accepted it as the next step in her journey.

She is survived by her sons and their wives, Jerold (Connie) Swartout and Larry (Joan) Swartout both of Iron Mountain and Dr. Dennis (Samantha) Swartout of Westmoreland, NH; her grandchildren, Robert Swartout, Dan Swartout, Michelle Lantz, Bradley Swartout, Timothy Swartout, Jordan Swartout, Thomas Swartout, Andrew Swartout and Alex Swartout; fifteen great grandchildren including the most recent and her namesake Lillian Swartout whom she was able to meet for the first time in July.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sons, Ronald and Michael; a grandson, Trevor and all of her siblings.

Visitation will be from 11:00am-1:00pm Thursday, August 6, at Our Saviours Lutheran Church of Iron Mountain. Funeral services will follow at 1:00pm at the church. Rev. Robert Gordon will officiate.

Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park. Pallbearers will be her grandsons and great grandsons.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her memory to Our Saviours Lutheran Church.

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

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

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

AUG 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church  
1210 S. Kimberly Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

## Visitation

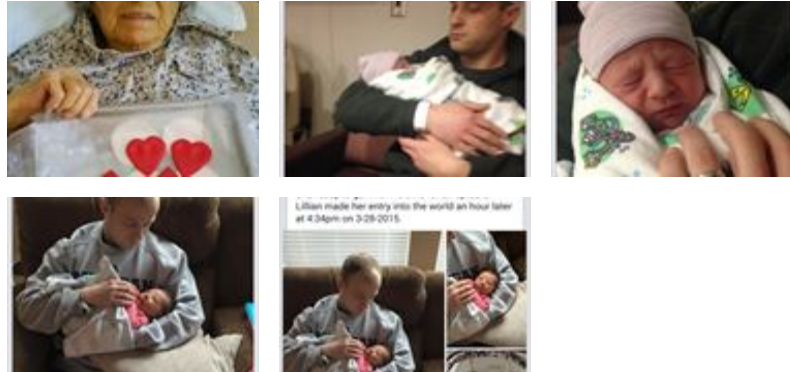
AUG 6. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ 103 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home** - August 05, 2015 at 09:10 PM

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*A true Christian lady who's face mirrored the love of her Lord and her life showed it. Sincere sympathy to all of her family and friends. Her presence will be missed among us but the memories of a strong but gentle woman will live on.  
Prayers and Blessings,  
Orice Walters*

**Orice Walters** - August 09, 2015 at 12:43 AM

JC

“ *Lillian was a true blessing. May her legacy live on in all of her family.*  
*Jill*

**Jill Cole** - August 05, 2015 at 07:54 PM

ML

“ *Michelle Lantz lit a candle in memory of Lillian M. Swartout*



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**Michelle Lantz** - August 04, 2015 at 10:06 AM

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*Purple is for Pancreatic cancer "No one fights Alone "*

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**Michelle Lantz** - August 04, 2015 at 10:08 AM

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“ *Grandma will surely be missed. I will miss her sense of humor. I always told her to stay out of trouble and her reply was always "I don't know, that's a hard thing for me to do. " KFC stock is surely going to decline as she won't be able to eat there every Sunday. She always had her rituals on certain days (church, shopping with auntie Vi, going to bible study with uncle Larry and Vi, sewing, and hair appts...) just to name a few. She was a very strong lady, devoted Christian and family meant everything to her. She is my role model and I have been very blessed to have her as my grandma. Something that would make me giggle is her lack of patience at times and she wasn't being very patient to get to Heaven while at the nursing home. She couldn't get there fast enough :) She is now in Heaven celebrating and continuing her dance with grandpa Ernie and having a glass of wine with grandma Alice and the rest of her family and friends. God is good all the time! We love you grandma. Love Always, your granddaughter Michelle, Chuck, great grandkids Megan & Mitchell Murray :)\* ??*

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**Michelle Lantz** - August 04, 2015 at 10:06 AM