



Lillian Witter

March 4, 1922 - March 4, 2011

Lillian M. Witter, 89, a lifelong resident of Iron Mountain, died Friday, March 4, 2011, at Seasons Hospice in Rochester, Minn.

She was born Nov. 24, 1921, in Iron Mountain, the daughter of the late Isadoro and Assunta (Colosaca) Fontecchio. Lillian graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1940.

She married Gerald Witter on Oct. 18, 1941, in Iron Mountain. They celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1991 and enjoyed 62 years of marriage, until Gerald's death on June 24, 2004.

She worked as a waitress for many years and then as a bookkeeper for various local businesses.

Lillian was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and headed up the kitchen crew for the annual church bazaar for many years. She also was a member of the Daughters of Isabella.

She was an excellent cook, who enjoyed knitting, crocheting, ceramics, basket weaving, quilting, painting wooden crafts, and gardening.

Lillian was an avid card player and belonged to many area card clubs. Lillian

also enjoyed visiting, calling, and getting together with her friends and classmates. She was very proud of grandchildren and cherished the time she spent with them.

Lillian is survived by two sons, Gerald (Madonna) Witter of Waukegan, Ill., and Robert (Mary) Witter of Iron Mountain; five grandchildren Lee (Amy) Witter, Francis (Amy) Witter, Sarah (Tony) Ten Eyck, Matthew Witter, and Elizabeth Witter; five great-grandchildren, Bailey, Blake, Mairabella, Ryann, and Erin Witter; a step great-granddaughter, Allison Ten Eyck; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, James, John, August, Isodoro Jr., and Anthony Fontecchio, and three sisters, Marion Bottger, Viola Tierney, and Elaine Osieczonek.

Visitation will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Tondin-Ross & Freeman Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 12:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Msgr. James Kaczmarek will celebrate the Mass of Christian Burial.

Condolences to the family of Lillian Witter can be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Tondin-Ross & Freeman Funeral Home with arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Tondin-Ross and Freeman Funeral Home
1117 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Funeral Mass

MAR 12. 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JN

“ Dear Witter's,

We would like to pass on our sympathy in that passing of your mom. She was a great Aunt and you could always count on her to raise your spirits with her wonderful sense of humor and cute little smile.

Aunt Lil was also one of the best cooks and in fact we have a large number of her recipes in our recipe box and I think of her every time we use them.

She will be missed by all and we will keep her in our thoughts and prayers.

With Sympathy and Love - John Fontecchio

John Fontecchio - Plymouth, MN - Nephew - March 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SI

“ *Grandma Witter was an amazing person who raised a beautiful family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all!*

Stoll Family - Wheaton, IL - Fran's In-Laws - March 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *We have many fond memories of our visits to Iron Mountain to see Grandma/Great-grandma. She'd fix such delicious food and desserts. We were fortunate enough to spend her last days with her and share stories here in Rochester. We will miss you so much but we will all now have an angel watching over us from heaven. We love you!*

Lee, Amy, Ryann and Erin Witter - Rochester, MN - Grand and great-grandchildren - March 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ *To the Witter Family,
We are so sorry for you loss. She was a very lovely women and we
will miss her very much. We are so happy that we had a chance to
talk with her at the hospital in Rochester.*

*Love,
Bill and Pat Bottger*

Bill Bottger Family - Onalaska, WI - nephew - March 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *My deepest sympathy to all of you. My brother, Jim Corsi, and Jerry
were good friends in high school. Jim always fondly remembered
Mrs. Witter. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Cynthia Corsi-Gordon - Iron Mountain , MI - Friend - March 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *We played cards together in years gone past. Sorry to her of her
passing.*

JoAnn Poiirier - Broken Arrow, Ok, OK - friend - March 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM