



Lorraine Fontecchio

December 3, 1918 - December 3, 2012

Lorraine L. Fontecchio, 94, of Iron Mountain passed away on Monday, December 3, 2012 at Freeman's Nursing and Rehabilitation Community in Kingsford.

She was born on March 8, 1918, in Iron Mountain, daughter of the late Edward and Lillian (Lanning) Best. She attended the Iron Mountain Schools and was a lifelong resident of the area. Lorraine married James "Jimmy" Fontecchio on November 17, 1936 in Iron Mountain and he preceded her in death in 1996. She was a member of the DAV Auxillary. Lorraine enjoyed cooking and spending time with her family.

She is survived by two daughters, Betty (David) Smart of Kingsford and Sally (John) Griffith of Kewaunee, WI; grandchildren, Lori (Tim) Bennett, Lenette (Mike) Johnson, Cliff (Alice) Schaut, Joella (Dan) Lindlbauer, Renee (Dan) Weber, Sharon (Dave) Antonissen, Dennis (Pam) Smart, Corrina Lukesh, Jim Griffith & Renee, John (Jennifer) Griffith, Pat Griffith & Brook; many great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; sisters-in-law; Joyce Best, Louise (Vis) Fontecchio & Louise (Tony) Fontecchio; and several nieces and nephews..

In addition to her parents and husband, Lorraine was preceded in death by a son, Terry; five brothers, Harold, Edwin, Archie, George and Orville Best; and

a great grandson, Cody DePas.

Visitation will be held on Saturday from 10:00 to 11:00am at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Funeral services will follow at 11:00am at the funeral home. Rev. Thomas Mackey will officiate. Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in her memory.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Freemans for the excellent care given to Lorraine over the past seven years.

Condolences to the family of Lorraine L. Fontecchio may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

DEC 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JG

“ Thank You Grandma for all the wonderful memories, hugs and kisses you shared with all of us throughout the years. I would love to watch you laugh at the silly things that would happen. I remember the love you had for your little dog, zippy. He sure lived up to his name!! You have taught me so much and always made the Holidays complete because you were always there with us.
This Christmas, you will not be here with us physically, but now you will be here with us in spirit. I admire you grandma, I looked up to you but most importantly, I love you.
Give Grandpa a kiss for me.
Love you forever
Joella

Joella Lindlbauer - L'anse, MI - grandmother - December 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Dear Betty and Sally,

I am sorry to hear about the loss of you dear mother. She was one of the sweetest most gentle woman I have ever known. My hope is that she now rests in peace with Uncle Jimmy and Terry!

We will keep her and all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

With Sympathy,

John Fontecchio

John Fontecchio - Minneapolis, MN - Nephew - December 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ From the moment I met her, I just fell in love with her. What a lovely, elegant, respectable woman she was! Every time we had a chance to go to Iron Mountain, I couldn't wait to go visit her. I am very humbled that I actually have had an opportunity to be part of her family! Rest in Peace dear Grandma.

Also I have learned a lot just from seeing the bond she had with her family! Her daughter Betty Smart is a remarkable woman!! She was always there by her side.. I think every mother would be very proud to have a daughter like her!

The mother-daughter bond they had is incredible! I am very proud of you Betty! My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Love always- Alice.

Alice S. - Boston, MA - My husband's beloved GrandMA. - December 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ My most sincere condolences Betty, Sally and the family of Lorraine. I know that she is with Jimmy and Terry and is happy. I will never forget Lorraine. She was great! I remember when our band practiced in the basement of her house, she yelled at us for cracking the plaster on the walls in the house because we played too loud. Or when Terry invited me over for lunch and Lorraine was serving spaghetti. She gave me a huge plate and I did all that I could to finish it. I no sooner than put down my fork and Lorraine piled on a second helping and was telling me that I was a growing boy and needed to eat more! By the time I finished the second helping, my eyes were ready to pop out of my head. My daughter and I visited Lorraine and Jimmy in 1994 We had a great visit. It brought back some really great memories and we shared some old stories and a few laughs. It is sad to see someone go who was a part of your life in some way good. So I guess that all that I can say good by and thank you for many great memories.

Gregg Ball - Mesa, AZ - friend - December 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ DEAR SALLY AND BETTY, SORRY FOR THE LOSE OF YOUR MOTHER.I REMEMBER ALL THE GOOD TIMES AT YOU HOUSE AND EITH YOUR MOM. SEE YOU ON SATERDAY. MARYANN

MARYANN(MICHAUD) MILBRATH - NORWAY, MI - FRIEND - December 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM