



Louise K. Plante

March 8, 1926 - August 31, 2019

Louise K. Plante, 93, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Saturday, August 31, 2019 at Freeman Nursing and Rehabilitation Community in Kingsford.

Louise was born on March 8, 1926 in Bessemer, MI, the third child of Domenic and Maria (Galotto) Massa. She attended St. Sebastian's Parochial School through the 8th grade and went on to graduate from A.D. Johnston High School in 1943 in the top 10% of her class (number 5 in a class of 115). In October of 1943, she was accepted into the nursing program at St. Mary of Nazareth / De Paul University in Chicago, IL. She completed the degree in 1946-1947. She enjoyed nursing and had a varied career, beginning at the University of Illinois Research Hospital for several years and then at the Hines VA Hospital in Des Plaines, IL. She returned to Bessemer in 1951-1952 when her father became ill where she remained until his death. In 1956, she resumed her nursing career at the VA Hospital in Iron Mountain. She was an operating room nurse, a ward nurse, and nursing supervisor. It was here she met her future husband, Leo Plante. They were married on August 30, 1958 at St. Sebastian's Church in Bessemer. Together, they owned and operated the Gem Bar in Kingsford from 1970 to 1995. They enjoyed 37 years of married life until Leo died in 1995.

Louise loved life, music, dancing, and all the arts. She was an accomplished soprano and sang in the senior choir of St. Mary & St. Joseph's church for 46

years. She had a unique personal style, owned a collection of hats for all seasons and she wore them with a distinctive flair. She was an excellent cook, gardener, and loved to entertain family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Leo, a brother John Massa in 1975, and a sister Evelyn (Nicholas) Ruffatto on July 27, 2009. She is survived by her son, Dr. John (Maureen) Plante of St. Charles, IL, daughter Maria (Joseph) VanRemortel of Janesville, WI, and beloved grandchildren Matthew and Lauren VanRemortel. She is also survived by her brother Gerald Massa of Bessemer, MI, many nieces and nephews, and her dear friends and neighbors, Ross and Holly Dixon and their extended family.

Visitation will be held on Friday, September 6 from 9:00 to 10:30 am at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. The funeral Mass will be at 11:00 am at St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church in Iron Mountain. Fr. Janusz Romanek will officiate. Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Louise's name to St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Condolences to the family of Louise K. Plante may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

SEP 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church
414 Prospect Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Tribute Wall

KA

“ Hi Maria (Porsche) Sorry to hear about your Mom's passing. She always looked so nice. We would always talk when I saw her. She was so very proud of you and your family.
Kathy Carlson aka Ray

Kathy - September 12, 2019 at 04:51 PM

HP

“ Louise was our neighbor across the street when we lived on the corner of Cook Street. Such a truly lovely lady and she made cookies for our little family all the time. She would always chat with me when I ran into her at any store once we moved away. We truly enjoyed having her as our neighbor.. Our sympathy to the family and all friends of this lovely lady. The Paquettes

Helen Paquette - September 06, 2019 at 06:00 PM

PW

“ John and Maureen please accept our sincere sympathy... we have you in our thoughts and prayers... Pete and Foxy

Pete and Foxy Weron - September 05, 2019 at 08:06 PM

JG

“ Jeff and Beth Grosskopf purchased the Pretty Ple
ase for the family of Louise K. Plante.



Jeff and Beth Grosskopf - September 05, 2019 at 11:28 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Louise K. Plante.*



September 05, 2019 at 10:42 AM



“ *We are so very sorry to hear of the passing of your Mom, she was a very dear friend , and a beautiful lady. Our sincere sympathy to you and your families.*
Much love, Ed and Ann Wilson

ann wilson - September 04, 2019 at 02:35 PM



“ *My mom June Izzo and Louise were good friends and we always said hello to her at mass on Sunday! Such a sweet lady and always smiling! God Bless!*

kathy izzo maynard - September 04, 2019 at 12:41 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Louise K. Plante.*



September 04, 2019 at 12:09 PM

JE

“ *What a wonderful lady! She and I were in Lady Elks together for many years. I first met her my one and only time at the Gem. When she found out John was an Elk, she encouraged me to join Lady Elks. She was always so kind to John and I. We will miss her.*

Joyce Erickson - September 03, 2019 at 10:14 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Louise K. Plante.*



September 03, 2019 at 03:34 PM