



Lucille Doney

July 27, 1922 - December 23, 2020

PEORIA, Ariz. — Lucille Doney, 98, of Peoria, Ariz. and former resident of Iron Mountain, was called home to our Lord as she passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2020.

She was born Lucille Mae Wonders on July 27, 1922, in Quinnesec. She was the sixth of eight children born to Harry and Clara Wonders both of whom preceded her in death many years ago. She graduated in 1941 from Quinnesec High School and went on to seek employment in Milwaukee.

It was in Milwaukee where she met the love of her life, Robert Doney, and they were married on June 30, 1951. In 1959, they moved to Iron Mountain where she would live for almost 60 years.

Lucy worked as a waitress for many years in the Iron Mountain area; primarily at the Dickinson Inn and later at Pine Grove Country Club where she finished her career of serving others. She considered the staff and club members of Pine Grove her extended family and she enjoyed going to work every day. She reluctantly retired at the age of 81.

For the past several years she left the Michigan winters to spend time in Arizona, where she made many new friends and even found a place to play bingo. She eventually sold her house on the westside of Iron Mountain and

moved in with her daughter and son-in-law in Peoria, in 2017.

Lucy was a former member of American Martyrs Catholic Church. She loved playing cribbage and other card games and was an avid bingo player. She enjoyed watching Jeopardy, MLB, the Green Bay Packers and always followed Tom Izzo's Michigan State Spartans. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family.

Lucille is survived by her daughter, Debra (Denny) Chartier of Peoria; two sons, Michael (Judy Wicklund) Doney of Iron Mountain and Robert (Lorrie) Doney of Green Bay, Wis.

In addition, she leaves five grandsons, Matthew (Laura) Doney, Mark Doney, Michael Doney Jr., Andrew (Kelley) Doney, and Kyle (Haley) Doney; one step-grandson, Tyler (Sadie) Chartier; nine great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind two sisters, Virginia Raho of Iron Mountain and Marion Wollum of Pompano Beach, Fla.; and brother and sister-in-law, Don and Pat Doney of Green Bay.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Robert (Bob) Doney in 1981; her brothers, Joseph, Robert and Harry Wonders Jr.; sisters, Helen Chandler and Louise McKinnon.

Lucy's family and friends will miss her kindness and cheerful nature. Her longevity can be attributed to her strong Catholic faith, sharp sense of humor and quick wit, hard work ethic, and an acceptance of others which she exuded. No matter what the occasion, she will also be remembered for always bringing her famous lemon bars!

She shared many stories of her days growing up in a small house with a large family near the river in Quinnesec with her siblings and neighboring cousins.

She often recalled the simple pleasures of berry-picking, milking cows, and baking bread in spite of having very few extras — especially living through the years of the Depression. Those things molded her into a very kind, generous, and caring woman who was loved by all who knew her.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday, August 17 at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. Fr. Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

Condolences to the family of Lucille Doney 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

Memorial Mass

AUG 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Martyrs Catholic Church
908 W. Sagola Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall

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“ *Deepest condolences to the Doney family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Sure your mom is playing cards, and bingo with our mom.*
Earl Vondale

earl vondale - August 18, 2021 at 11:49 AM

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“ *Your family has our sincere condolences. We will keep your Mom and entire family in our prayers, John and Cheryl (Voelker) Fuse*

John Fuse - August 14, 2021 at 07:20 PM

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“ *Lucy was one of the West Side moms growing up...lots of memories. I worked with her a while at the Dickinson Hotel...incredibly hard worker! My condolences to the Doney family for losing your mother.*
Tim LaCourt

Tim LaCourt - August 13, 2021 at 06:15 PM