



Luella R. Mendini

August 31, 1921 - October 3, 2021

Luella R. Mendini, 100, of Iron Mountain, MI, passed away on Sunday, October 3, 2021, at Evergreen Assisted Living in Kingsford.

Luella was born August 31, 1921, in Crystal Falls, daughter of the late Binger Gustaf and Anna (Zoll) Lindholm. She graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1939 and was a lifelong resident of the area. Luella married Camillo Mendini on November 30, 1939 at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain. He preceded her in death on January 26, 1992. Together they raised and nurtured a family of ten children. Church and her faith were an important part of her life. She was a life-long member of First Ev. Lutheran Church. As a member she participated in Bible Study, Women's Circle, the Prayer Chain and many potlucks.

Each year she spent weeks canning and freezing food for her family, even after her children were grown. Luella was also a well-known baker of homemade bread, rhubarb custard pie and other delicious baked goods. The annual ravioli making day at her home before Christmas each year was a day for family to learn the art of pasta making and when she handed down her pasta recipe. Luella was a hard worker and she enjoyed knitting, crocheting and making clothes for her children. Her competitive spirit made numerous card games with her children and their children full of laughter and teasing. She was active in the PTO/PTA when her children were in school. She

enjoyed playing Bocce with anyone and was active in the Dickinson Area Bocce Assoc. from its beginning, going to the Senior Citizen Center and C&R dances, and water aerobics at the YMCA for many years until well into her 90s. Her determination and commitment to stay healthy continued with her morning exercises, outdoor walks when the weather permitted and her indoor “circle walks” around the house when she was unable to go outside. Luella was known for her beautiful fragrant flower gardens of iris and peonies just to name a few. Anyone was always welcome to pull a weed or two at any time- you never had to wait for an invitation! She was passionate about the news and politics of the day, enjoyed traveling and reading. Luella was a Packer fan and was disappointed when they did not play well. Most afternoons and evenings in the spring, summer and fall you would find her in her gazebo enjoying a good book, a few marshmallows, an ice cream cone or a Manhattan.

Luella enjoyed going on adventures and was always on the search for the right pair of shoes and handbags. She found that the best way to travel was by plane and was still able to travel and enjoy her preferred method, to attend her daughter’s wedding in Washington in 2018. Luella had a wonderful sense of humor and kept us all in line with the “look” or a wag of her finger. She was a generous, kind woman who would do anything for her family and worried about each and every one of them – no matter how old we were.

Luella is survived by her children, Bruce (Jackie) Mendini of Albany, NY, Diane (Dave) Lindberg of Florence, Ted (Sandy) Mendini of Iron Mountain, Christine (Mike) Hamlin of Norway, Mark Mendini of Iron Mountain, Martha (Jerry) Trepanier of Iron Mountain, Kelly (Sandi) Mendini of Sheboygan, WI and Bernadine (Sam) Thacker of Kingston, WA; two daughters-in-law, Penny Mendini and Melanie Mendini; 23 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren and 11 great-great grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, Luella was preceded in death by two sons, Daniel and Allen; two daughters-in-law, Judy & Joyce Mendini; three brothers, Edwin, Bernard and Harold Lindholm; and three sisters, Beatrice Edwards, her twin Lucille Meinecke and Arline Rice.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the First Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain with a funeral service to follow at 1:00 pm. Pastor Bryan Laurila will officiate. Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Backpack Ministry at First Lutheran Church.

Luella's family would like to thank the staff at Evergreen Assisted Living who she considered her "Evergreen Family" as well as Dr. Beth Schroeder, Dr. Kristi Olson and Dr. Jeff Hutchinson for the excellent care given to mom over the years.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Luella Mendini online at <http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com>

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

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 9. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

First Lutheran Church
1210 S. Stephenson Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Funeral Service

OCT 9. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ So many good memories of this long time friend with her children and their families! She loved life and supported her children in Scouts, PTA and especially her Lutheran Church and faith. So many ways I too was a part of and knew her love of God and family. It was wonderful to be a part of her 100th Birthday Celebration at First Lutheran just a few days prior to the Lord taking her to her Heavenly Home. I so wanted to attend her Memorial Service on Saturday, but my car was being repaired.

My sympathy, love, and prayers for all of Luella's children. May the happy Memories you shared as a family and God's comforting arms up hold you in your grief. Mom is now at peace in her heavenly garden surrounded by flowers of beauty and fragrance we can only imagine..

Blessings and Love,
Orice (Theisen) Walters



Orice Walters - October 12, 2021 at 01:08 PM

CC

“ My husband Sid and I adored my Auntie Lu. Her love, care, gentle ribbing, and dry sense of humor made her a joy to be around. We know that she impacted so many with her grace and generosity, and we'll always picture her in her beloved gazebo. Our hearts are with my Mendini cousins.

Cynthia Lindholm Cavanaugh - October 08, 2021 at 04:26 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Luella R. Mendini.*



October 08, 2021 at 11:46 AM



“ *Diane and family, so sorry to hear about your Mom's passing. She had a long and memorable life. I remember delivering mail to her house, and I think I got that wag of her finger a time or two. My prayers are with you all . Paul*

paul moroni - October 07, 2021 at 11:39 AM



“ *Just wanted to let you know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I always enjoyed visiting with your Mom especially a trip around the flower garden and then a treat of coffee and french fries for her from A&W to enjoy in the gazebo. Remember always the good times and the special memories.
Vicki Underhill*

Vicki Underhill - October 06, 2021 at 05:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Luella R. Mendini.*



October 06, 2021 at 01:22 PM

JM

“ Sympathy to the family. Luella was a good friend to my mother, Emma Brosio. They had a great time dancing over the years!! She also was there for Mom when she was ill. I am sure she is in heaven . I think the whole gang will be dancing! She will be missed. God bless !

Julie Brosio Mente - October 06, 2021 at 10:52 AM

AR

“ Luella was always kind and welcoming , her flower garden was beautiful!! You are a model for great Health and Care..Ann Riske



Ann marie Riske - October 06, 2021 at 09:35 AM

DT

“ Sandy and Ted, my condolences to you and your fsmily for the loss of your mother. She was a hard working and wonderful woman per her obit. And she lived a long life but it is so hard to see her go. Many good memories I'm sure. Dianne Barker Thull

Dianne Thull - October 06, 2021 at 08:44 AM

BH

“ Sandi, you and your sweet family are in my thoughts and prayers. Bless you all.
Becky Herndon

Becky Herndon - October 05, 2021 at 05:10 PM