



## Lyda "Deeny" Leonard

November 29, 1924 - November 29, 2012

Lyda V. "Deeny" Leonard, 88, of Felch, died Thurs. Nov. 29, 2012 at ManorCare Health Services. She was born on Feb. 20, 1924 in Metropolitan, the daughter of the late William and Marie (Anderson) Nelson.

Deeny graduated from Felch High School in 1942. She was a lifelong resident of the Felch area and a member of Zion Lutheran Church and its Ladies Aid.

She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, embroidering, sewing, gardening, and her flowers.

She married Sigfred Sundholm in 1943 in Iron Mountain and he preceded her in death in 1961.

In 1963, she married Roy Leonard in Norway. He preceded her in death in 2009.

Lyda is survived by sons Sigfred (Sharon) Sundholm of Elgin, Ill. and David (Susan) Sundholm of Mineola, TX; daughters Rita (Greg) Johnson of Vulcan, Hope (Wayne) Whitaker of San Antonio, Virginia (Bill) Carney of Aldie, Va; Nelda (Al) Iacono of Punta Gorda, Fla.; and Rebecca (Gary) Leonard-Tardiff of Peshtigo, Wis.; twenty grandchildren Jill, Lisa, Kristine, Paul, Matthew, Andrew, Steven, Sara, Melinda, Forrest, Margaret, Kevin, Michael, Jennifer,

Jason, Carrie, Mark, Robert, David, and Patrick, and twenty-six great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter Jennifer.

She also had several brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews.

Visitation will be Monday, from 4-7pm at at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home and Tues. from 10-11am at Zion Lutheran Church in Metropolitan.

Funeral services will be

at 11am Tues. at the church. Rev. Joel Smeby will officiate. Burial will be in the Felch Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Zion Lutheran Church.

Condolences to the family of Lyda "Deeny" Leonard may be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

DEC 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church  
W4703 Metropolitan Rd.  
Felch, MI 49831

## Funeral Service

DEC 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church  
W4703 Metropolitan Rd.  
Felch, MI 49831

# Tribute Wall

MF

“ Dear Hopie and family,

*Just wanted to extend my sympaties. I have so many, many fond memories of playing at your house and your mom having lunch ready for us. She was a fun lady to be around. I remember your house had the really, really "colorful" bathroom and your mom had it and the whole house always decorated so nice. She took pride in her home and her family and always took good care of me when I was there too.*

*I will treasure the memories of her. Gods blessings to you all at this difficult time. May your memories keep you in her warm embrace until you join her again.*

*Love you all!*

*Mary*

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**Mary Oman - Iron Mountain, MI - Family Friend - December 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

AN

“ *To my cousins Sig, Dave, Rita, Hope. And all of there spouses, Grandchildren and stepchildren. No matter how much we know that a loved one is in a better place along with all of her loved ones who previously went to Heaven before her. It's so hard to lose a Mother/Grandmother. I pray for all of you that you have peace with her passing. Aunty Deeny was a beautiful person and a wonderful Aunty. I will treasure all of the memories that I have growing up of her and her family. I loved her very much and I will miss her. I also love you all very much. Anita/Peta.*

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**Anita Johnson - Felch, MI - Niece - December 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

MF

“ *Deeny will be missed.  
I have many fond memories of visiting Deeny and the family with  
Sig, Sharon, and the girls.  
I will always think of Deeny and Roy Leonard whenever I hear any  
mention of Groveland Mine Road.*

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**Mike Erickson - Warren, MI - Friend** - December 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ *Dear Cousins,  
So sorry to hear about Aunt Deeny's passing. You all will be in my  
prayers during this time of mourning. I'm am presently at my winter  
residence in Florida, so will be unable to attend services for your  
Mom, but I know there will be plenty of family and friends attending.  
Again, my prayers are with you.  
God Bless,  
Cousin Paul*

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**paul moroni - zephyhills, FL - nephew** - December 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ *I know how very difficult this time (and the weeks ahead) are for all  
of you. Please be assured that I will be saying prayers for all of your  
family. I am quite sure that Aunt Deeny is now very happy to be  
seeing all those who have gone to live with Jesus before her. She is  
a sweetheart. The last time I saw her was at Colleen's wedding and  
she recognized me and reached her arms out to hug me. I am so  
very glad I saw her at that time. My very deepest sympathies to  
everyone. Love, Cheryl*

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**Cheryl Bammer - Oswego, IL - Niece** - December 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM