



Marie Bluem

December 28, 1899 - December 28, 2003

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IRON MOUNTAIN - Marie White Bluem, 104, of Iron Mountain died Monday, Dec. 23, 2002, at the Freeman Convalescent Home in Kingsford.

She was born Nov. 28, 1898, in the village of Iron Mountain, the third daughter of William and Josephine (Therien) White. During her childhood years the family lived on West Ludington. As a child, Marie always wanted to teach. After graduation from Iron Mountain High School in 1917, she worked at the Carnegie Public Library to earn money for college and found a job teaching 20 students in a one-room country school located between Norway and Niagara. She then taught in Sagola, Ironwood and Iron Mountain. In 1928, she married Thomas Bluem in the Cathedral in St. Paul, Minn. Tom Bluem did landscaping for many places in Iron Mountain, including the Veterans Administration Hospital and other public buildings.

Marie devoted herself to homemaking and keeping the books for the expanding landscaping business. She was active in the community. She returned to teaching in 1942 and went back to school herself, receiving her bachelor's degree in 1953 from Northern Michigan College. Marie loved teaching, and after retiring in 1964, she tutored and substituted in the schools for several years. She was also active in St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Iron Mountain, Daughter of Isabella, AAUW, Women's Club and the Duplicate Bridge Club. Marie lived on Crystal Lake from 1928 to 1996.

In her later years she spent her time with her grandchildren and friends,

playing cards, cooking lovely meals and warming the lives of those around her. She will be deeply missed.

Marie is survived by a daughter, Mary Kay (Eugene) DeGayner of West Bend, Wis.; her four grandchildren, Eugene III (Bethanie) of Petersburg, Alaska, Thomas (Vicki) of Vadnais Heights, Minn., Marie Kuker (Steven) of Mahtomedi, Minn., and Anne Cadham (Mark) of Brooklyn Park, Minn., and 10 great-grandchildren. Marie was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph White, and two sisters, Pearl and Irene White.

Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Monday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Iron Mountain. Fr. Daniel Zaloga will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

Tribute Wall

MH

“ I was very proud to take care of Marie at Freeman's. Just her smile could light up the room. There was always a twinkle in her eye when I would show her pictures of her and her family and read letters to her from them. She really enjoyed that, although no words were spoken, it showed on her face. She will be missed from all of us at Freeman's.

Marthann Hicks - April 25, 2003 at 12:00 AM

IS

“ I am sorry about Marie , i liked taking care of her at Maryhill and then freemans.She did not have to say anything just her smile. Bless you all

IDA SCOTT - March 17, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ My deepest condolences on the loss of your dear sweet loved one known to me as Great Aunt Marie. I have such fond memories of visiting her and Great Uncle Tom. Memories of meeting my second and third cousins. Memories of making pasties and home made ravioli. Memories of an old grandfather clock. Memories of a very old book she gave me. Memories of the Carmelite Nuns and a visit to them. But the most dear memories are of a warm, wonderful, loving aunt (and uncle) who warmed my heart and still light my memory with the love that touched me.

With love she will live on in my heart.

Bless you all. I shall pray for her and you as well.

Colleen

Colleen Bluem Sarkauskas - March 17, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ My deepest sympathy is extended in the loss of my loving second grade teacher at Lincoln School. I am 61 years old but can still see her in her navy blue dress with white flowers and her shiny grey hair. I was the witch in the Snow White and 7 Dwarfs drama we enacted in her room. I wore a shiny green pointed hat that she made for me. I am sorry that I didn't know she was still living in the IM area or I would have visited her when we visit relatives in IM. She was a positive influence in my growing years and education. It is amazing that I can remember so much about that particular grade and I am sure it was a result of her positive demeanor in the classroom.

Martha Nicholls Schinderle - March 17, 2003 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ My sympathy to Marie's family and to the community she so much graced. Had so many fond memories of our conversations at the Amudon school and still have a large print of children of the late 1800's playing with a bird that she gave to my wife and me. It has the cornerstone position on an art wall in our dining room. We think of her almost daily.

Andrew J. Knopps - March 17, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ I am sorry to hear about aunt Marie, she did have a wonderful life and did many things that she wanted to do, had children and grandchildren and lived to see her great grandchildren. We spent many times with her and she was a most enjoyable host. Always bringing something into someone else's life that they may enjoy. I remember the time she brought in a gal to teach me how to make pasties. She loved to play cards and we also remember playing cards on the dining room table for many hours. She was a people person, and was liked by everyone. 104 is a fantastic age to live to, not many people make it, but she did. I know that you will miss her, but now she is with Uncle Tom again and he's probably fishing and she playing cards with her friends. Our prayers are with the family at this time . We are really sorry that we will not be able to make the funeral, we are in Allentown Pa. visiting with Collen and family. We fly out on Monday morning but will be thinking of everyone at that time. God Bless all. Our sympathy to all.
Love to all Clem and Ginger

Clem and Ginger - March 17, 2003 at 12:00 AM