



Mary Daniels

December 8, 1922 - September 27, 2012

Mary C. Daniels, 89, of Channing, passed away peacefully after a brief illness on Thursday, September 27, 2012.

Mary was born December 8, 1922 in Nashville, Georgia, daughter of Isham and Mary (Starling) Clyatt. She was raised in Pompano Beach, Florida by her sister and brother-in-law Carolyn and Jesse Ogden after the death of both of her parents while she was still quite young.

Mary met Bob Daniels while on a trip to the U.P. to visit her sister Barbara, and they were married on October 20, 1956. Their life journey together spanned 56 years, and was an inspiration to all who knew them. Bob passed away in May, and she follows just a short four months later.

After receiving her registered nurses training at Riverside Hospital in Jacksonville Florida during WW2, she worked at several doctor's offices, hospitals and the health department. She served for several years as night supervisor of the Emergency Department at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital until her retirement in 1978. Before there was a "STAR Ambulance" in Channing, there was Mary Daniels. She made herself available to a grateful townspeople for everything from minor cuts to heart attacks. She kept a stretcher handy at the house to transport patients in the family station wagon. Mary brought refinement and elegance to her surroundings. Never a hair out of place, and always dressed fashionably (complete with the proper jewelry) she is remembered as a "classy" lady by many. She showed Yoopers a bit of Southern charm, and her fried chicken will especially be missed.

Her deep and abiding faith made her an excellent prayer warrior, and once asked to pray for someone, she kept them on her list until she saw results. Mary is survived by daughters Diane (Vincent) Roell, Mary Lu Daniels, and Carolyn (Bob) Kennard, all of Channing; "adopted" son Mychael Stafford of Green Bay, Wisconsin; 10 grandchildren, Brian (Kendra) Roell, Joseph (Bronwyn) Roell, Jamie (Julie) Roell, Karisa Falls, Wade (Daphne) Kennard, Blake Kennard, Abigail (Benjamin) Garcia, Katelyn (Kyle) Kubacki, Bailey Stafford, and Jacob Stafford; 8 great-grandchildren, and a ninth great-grandchild she would have been happy to welcome in April.

In addition to her husband, Bob, and her parents, Mary was preceded in death by three sisters; Ernestine, Carolyn and Barbara, and five brothers; Robert, Farrie, Russell, Sam and Johnny.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 4pm to 7pm at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain and from 10:30am to 11am on Thursday at Grace Presbyterian Church in Sagola. The funeral service will follow Thursday at 11am at the church. Rev. David Anderson will officiate. Burial will be at the Channing Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Nursing Scholarship program at Dickinson County Healthcare Systems.

Condolences to the family of Mary Daniels may be expressed online at ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

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

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

Funeral Service

OCT 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Presbyterian Church
309 First St.
Sagola, MI 49815

Tribute Wall

MD

“ Love you Mommy. Miss you, miss my asters. Blessings always my best friend.

Mary Lu Daniels - September 04, 2018 at 01:45 PM

MD

“ Hi Mom. Just wanted to say hi and let you know - I will never forget you....ml

mary lu daniels - June 04, 2014 at 03:40 PM

MD

“ I love you Mommy.

ml

mary daniels - May 22, 2014 at 02:28 PM

MD

“ Love you my Mommy. Coffee doesn't taste the same without you, do they serve coffee in heaven???? Anyway, just an XO. By the way, Paca sent me an autographed CD personalized to me by Bernie Taupin!!! What do you think about that??? Good friend hey?

ml

mary lu daniels - February 12, 2014 at 11:46 AM

MD

“ Hi Mommy,

I'm still here, you still there? Miss you so much and still think of you everyday - several times a day! Love you always. Miss you so but glad you are where you are. Cold here, you enjoy the warmth of heaven. XO, ml

Mary Lu Daniels - January 07, 2014 at 04:24 PM

MD

“ Mommy,

A year without you. But, a year for you reunited with Dad in heaven. I miss you so much but am so happy you are with our Lord. I wouldn't bring you back, even if I could because that would be the most selfish act on my part. But, in my heart, I long for both you and Dad. I love you forever and will see you soon. ml

mary daniels - channing, MI - daughter - September 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Hi Mommy,

Just wanted to tell you I love you and that today it's been 19 months (you know what I mean). Tell Dad for me OK? Love you sooooo much.

ml

Mary Lu Daniels - daughter - July 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ I guess that I am the only one who ever looks at this and writes anymore. I guess that is what our life is - here and gone.....I know that you are in heaven - but this is just so empty and sad.

mary lu - channing, MI - daughter - May 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Dearest Mommy,
Now I know what you meant about Aunt Barbara. My missing you never stops. The only thing that helps is that you and Dad are together. I'm glad for you both for that. Love you always...ml

mary lu daniels - MI - daughter - March 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Happy Birthday Mommy, I hope you are having a wonderful new "birthday" in heaven. I miss you everyday but am so glad that you are in the presence of our Dear Lord. Give Daddy a hug and know that you are in my heart always.

xo

ml

MARY LU DANIELS - DAUGHTER - December 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Oh my Dearest Mommy,

It's been a month without you and it seems like a lifetime already. I truly don't know how you managed all the years without Aunt Barbara, knowing how you missed her. I was listening to the story of Abraham and Issac this morning and the lesson is that true faith in God is thru giving up that which is the most precious to us - if this is what God directs. I hope that I am able to come to that place of peace and acceptance with as much grace as you displayed in your losses and enduring faith. Have a wonderful day in heaven Mom.....ml

MARY LU DANIELS - daughter - October 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ So sorry for Mary's death, especially so close to your Dad. It must be a big empty spot for you all. I will remember your parents fondly! Mary was a nursing inspiration to me.

Kathy bloom Luzmoor - Friend - October 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dearest Mommy,

Well, I guess you just had no choice. Thanks for holding off as long as you did and gracing us all with your lovely and elegant companionship. Our morning coffees and visits will remain beautiful memories for the rest of my years until we are all together again. You have taught me well and I will not disappoint you (any more than I already have).....Now I will wash my face with a cool cloth and put on some lipstick. I learned how to be a lady from the best and I learned how to straighen up and get on with it. You are my dearest and I will love you forever. Give Dad a kiss and a hug and save one for yourself. I am waving to you both and blowing kisses as I drive away.

Missing you but loving the memories,

Mary Lu

Mary Lu Daniels - Channing , MI - loving daughter and friend - October 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dear Mary, Caroline, Diane and Mike,

Your mother is one of the special people that I have met in my life's journey that will always remain with me. Her sparkling smile, twinkling eyes and generous nature welcomed us into her home many years ago. I am sure that she leaves you with many memories - as well as you are never dressed until you have your jewelry on! God's peace.

Martee Mendini Trepanier - IRON MOUNTAIN, MI - Friend - October 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I met Bob & Mary Daniels aboard "The Norway," at the time the top of the line Norwegian Cruise Line ship. They were sitting at my dining room table along with many other strangers. Every evening Bob, using what struck me as a 'farmer Bob' droll, would ask, "Well did you have a nice day, Don?" Bob wore a coat & tie, Mary dressing in blouses buttoned to her chin and a nice string of pearls. They were the daily poster parents for old fashioned Victorian propriety. Thursday night rolled around and Bob asked if I was entering the ship's Talent Show. When I confirmed that I was, Bob suggested that I join them in their cabin for a pre-show toddy. A couple of hours before the show, I arrived and Bob quickly consumed a couple of whiskey/7-up cocktails as I sipped my Scotch. I attributed this to potential nerves before a performance. At the show, Bob continued enjoying what seemed a bit more than his fair share of whiskeys, and Mary, while not as robust, was by no means shying away from the regular refill. As the show dragged on through many passenger talent performances, including my own, I began to wonder whether they'd forgotten about Bob. (I was hoping they'd call his name soon so that he could still stand to perform.) Well, it turned out that they hadn't called Bob because they were saving him for the finale. Around midnight they finally ask Bob Daniels to come up and perform. Bob sat (carefully) at the grand piano and immediately began banging out his strong ragtime repertoire to everyone's amazement and pleasure. I leaned over to 'prim and still relatively proper' Mary and said, "How wonderful. Bob really plays well." Without skipping a beat Mary replied, "Yes he plays very well, and he plays a mean piano, also." Ever since, I referred to them as the "Sandbaggers." They were wonderful folks who led a terrific, long, and properous life. Heaven is now enjoying some great ragtime and a classly line of white pearls.

Don Dubia - Cocoa Beach, FL - Friend - October 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ TO Mary, Diane and family,
My sincere condolences to you and your family in the recent passing of your mother. I was honored to have known her when she frequented the Emergency Department with your Dad in past years. She was a very "classy" lady as her obituary so eloquently describes. May she rest in peace with your Dad. May her legacy live on in her family.

Peace & blessings,

Karen Steber

Florence, WI

DCHS ED

Karen Steber - Florence, WI - October 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ Dear Diane, Mary Lu, and Carolyn We are so sorry to hear of your moms passing. We (the Olson boys) will always remember her as the classiest lady we had ever met. She and your Dad were a couple all could admire. Channing has lost two of its finest ambassadors. All our love, Tim and Barbara Olson

Tim Olson - menasha, WI - Friend and neighbor - October 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Thinking of you as I fondly remember the years of working with and knowing Mary . Recall the move to Michigan, attending the wedding and brief meetings over many decades--and how much she loved her family... You have been blessed! Luella .

Luella Williams - Iron River, MI - former co-worker - October 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM