



## Mary Gendron

November 4, 1926 - November 4, 2007

Iron Mountain - Mary Jane Gendron, 81, of Iron Mountain, was promoted to glory on Sunday, Nov. 4, 2007 at Pinecrest Medical Care Facility in Powers. She was born on Sept. 13, 1926 in Negaunee, the daughter of the late William and Clara (Penhale) Smail.

Mary Jane graduated from Negaunee High School and worked for the government in Washington D.C. during World War II. She was a secretary at social services and Breitung Township Schools. Mary Jane had a strong faith. She was a member of Quinnesec United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Church Women, the Royal Neighbors of America, and the American Legion Auxiliary. Mary Jane was named the Dickinson County Volunteer of the Year.

In her later years, Mary Jane was an honor student at Bay de Noc Community College.

She married Arthur Gendron on March 19, 1949 in Negaunee. He preceded her in death in 2003.

She is survived by five daughters Linda (Bob) Peronto of High Point, NC, Paula (Dale) Corsi of Williamston, MI, Debra (Michael) Polzin of Pembine, Trina Gendron of Iron Mountain, and Pamla (Derrick) Tyner of Niagara, two

sisters Marjorie Hodgins of Kingsford and Carol Trudell of Negaunee, one brother Lowell Smail of Ishpeming, thirteen grandchildren Christopher (Patrice) Peronto, Aaron (Christy) Peronto, Jeremy (Brenda) Johnson, Jessica (Israel) Rivera, Stephanie (Matt Lucas) Corsi, Stephen Corsi, Dario Corsi, Diana Corsi, Shannon Tirschel, Arthur (Jessica) Doers, Nathan Harper, Natalie (Kenneth Kasten) Harper, and Jonathan Tyner and eight great grandchildren Madeline and Owen Peronto, Bayleigh Johnson, Austyn St. Vincent, Bryce Bortles, Alexandra Rivera, and Tyler Corsi-Lucas and Camryn Doers, and many nieces and nephews.

Mary Jane was preceded in death by four brothers and four sisters.

Visitation will be Fri. from 5-6pm at Quinnesec United Methodist Church. A memorial service will be at 6:00pm at the church. Rev. David Snyder will officiate. Burial will be in Quinnesec Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Mary Jane Gendron online at [www.tondinfuneralhome.com](http://www.tondinfuneralhome.com).

The Tondin-Ross & Freeman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

SG

“ It's been 5 years since you left us and I still (and always will) miss you so very much. I know that I'm fortunate to have had you in my life for as long as I did but it just wasn't long enough. I wish you could have met Jeff and been here for our wedding. I know you would have loved him just as much as I do.

*I have such great memories of our times together and for that I am grateful. You were always there for me and I couldn't have asked for a better Grandma.*

*I love and miss you....*

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**Shannon - Escanaba, MI - Granddaughter** - November 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ My deepest condolences to the family of Mary Jane especially to my dear friend Debbie and her family. I an so sorry for the loss of your Mother. My prayers are with you and may our Heavenly Father comfort you all and know in your hearts that your mother lives on in heaven for eternity. You will see her again and it will be a glorious reunion.

*God bless you all.*

*Sincerely,*

*Michael A Thompson,*

*4419 Foxfire Trail, Portage, MI 49024*

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**Michael A Thompson** - November 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Sharing in your loss. Thinking of you, my dear freind Trina, and your family. God grant you peace during this difficult time..

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**JUNE GARDINER** - November 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ To all the family, especially Deb and Pam,  
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. I never met your  
mom, but Deb and Pam, I know what special caring people you are.  
Please accept my most sincere sympathy at this time.

*Diane Pepler*

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**Diane Pepler** - November 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ My condolences to all of Mary's family. I remember her from Hulst  
Manor, where my father also resided. She was a wonderful lady and  
an inspiration to others because of her positive outlook on life.  
With Sympathy and Prayers,  
Jack Brosio's daughter

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**Alice Reed** - November 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ My prayers and thoughts are with Mary Jane's family. She was such  
a kind and thoughtful person. I loved going to her apartment at  
Hulce Manor, cleaning, visiting and playing Scrabble with her. She  
was the "QUEEN" of Scrabble. She was so proud of her daughters  
and all her grandkids. She was always happy to show me the  
newest pictures. What a wonderful lady!! She always told me  
"You're never to old to learn" What a great lady.

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**Marilou Cazzola** - November 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ My deepest sympathy to all of Mary Jane's family. She was a  
delightful, intelligent and spirited person.

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**Ruth Greer** - November 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM