



Mary Khoury

March 4, 1918 - April 11, 2016

Mary Khoury, 98, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Monday, April 11, 2016, surrounded by her loving family.

Mary was born on March 4, 1918 in Kearney, Nebraska, the second of ten children. Her parents were the late John and Helena (Shada) Nimie. Mary graduated from Lexington High School in Nebraska in 1936. Following an introduction to William Khoury by his sisters, Sophia and Estelle, Mary traveled by train to Iron Mountain to meet the Khoury family 77 years ago. Mary and William were married at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on November 20, 1939 and celebrated 45 wonderful years together. Mary and William owned and operated the City Fruit Market on the corner of Stephenson and B Street in downtown Iron Mountain. In the early 1960's they added a full line of toys becoming the U.P.'s first year-round toy store. They retired in 1981 after being in business for 35 years. Mary was a life member of the Order of the Eastern Star (OES # 44), Masonic affiliated organization. She held the office of Worthy Matron among other offices. She volunteered with the Masonic Temple pasty crew for many years. Mary was also a member of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, St. Elizabeth Guild, Women's Club, the Business and Professional Women and the Red Hat Society. She had many interests that included making beautiful stained glass and ceramic gifts for her family. She enjoyed water aerobics at the Community Center pool for more than 25 years. Mary loved cooking for her family and friends. She shared

recipes and methods handed down from her Lebanese grandmother and mother. She was a role model to her family and taught them how to plan, organize and manage for success. Mary and William encouraged their four children and eight grandchildren to get a college education and to see the world. Mary was an adventurer in her own right. Retirement gave her the time to travel. She visited Los Angeles, New York City, Chicago and the Twin Cities. She loved spending time with family in London and Paris. Mary visited Lima and Iquitos, Peru where she toured the Amazon River in a dugout canoe. She also visited Sfax, Tunisia; Great Yarmouth, England; Stavenger, Norway; Aberdeen, Scotland; Jakarta and Bali, Indonesia where she hiked down into an inactive volcano. Mary was always interested in knowing what was up ahead. Her family wishes her Godspeed on her journey.

Mary Khoury is survived by daughters Priscilla, Danielle (Kevin Romitti) and Sherry Khoury-Mykkanen; eight grandchildren, Alan Khoury (Elena), Angela (Kasey) Stephens, Layla Khoury-Hanold (Matt Bevan), Kristin Mykkanen (Arne Jakob Hidle), Will Khoury-Hanold (Xiao), Anthony Khoury-Hanold, Noura Khoury and Katie Mykkanen (Matthew Mason); a daughter-in-law, Doris Khoury; her great grandsons, Alexander Khoury and Riley Stephens; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband William (1984); a son, Roger (1981); a son-in-law, Ben L. Mykkanen (2012); and her nine siblings, Charlie, Sadie, Paul, Pauline, Ted, Calvin, Loretta, Sarah and Tommy.

Visitation will be from 11:30 am to 12:45 pm on Friday, April 22 at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. The Order of the Eastern Star will conduct a memorial service at 12:45 pm and a Celebration of Life will follow at 1:00 pm at the funeral home. Rev David Johnson, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, the family will donate memorial gifts to the Dickinson County Library to purchase new books.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Mary Khoury online at www.erickson-rochon-nash.com.

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

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 22. 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life

APR 22. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Sherry

I'm sorry I will not be in town to offer my condolences personally. I have fond memories of times spent at your home and of the summer I worked for your mom and dad. Know that I am thinking of all of you as you grieve the loss of your dear mother. She has left quite a legacy. You are blessed.

Vicki Larson Faust

vicki faust - April 19, 2016 at 07:51 AM



“ *My sincere condolences. Since I couldn't say it better than Mike Nokes, I concur with Mike.*

Jason Julian - April 15, 2016 at 06:39 PM

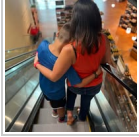
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“ *To this day I still talk about her cooking: things with names I had trouble pronouncing but no trouble at all enjoying! She was not shy about 'calling a spade a spade', and like it or not she was usually right. Incredible person, incredible family: my life is richer for having known them all.*

My sincere condolences.

Michael Nokes

Michael Nokes - April 15, 2016 at 10:48 AM



“ *Mary was the perfect mother-in-law, so perfect I never thought of her as the kind that has been the subject of all the jokes, but as my very good friend. She was also a wonderful grandmother to my children, Alan and Angela. She nurtured them, cooked for them, went to their sporting and school events and anything that was important to them, and showed her love in so many other ways. We will always cherish our memories and miss her everyday.*
Love, Doris

Angela Stephens - April 15, 2016 at 10:36 AM



“ *I have too many great memories of my grandma to possibly list them all. Growing up, she attended all my sporting events, we celebrated every holiday together, she taught me how to cook but mostly I remember her being there for me whenever I needed her. My grandma has influenced every aspect of my life and she is a large part of who I am today and I am going to miss her dearly. She lived a long healthy life, I just wish she could have spent the last few years in her house like she had always wanted. Grandma- you are always in my thoughts! I love you! Angela*

Angela Stephens - April 15, 2016 at 10:25 AM

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“ *To the Khoury family- Your Mom and grandma, was absolutely first class, and always kind and caring. I loved her from the days we were new neighbors. Our heartfelt condolences to all of you from Pete and Stella*

Stella Hansen - April 15, 2016 at 09:50 AM

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“ *Cindy Neubett lit a candle in memory of Mary Khoury*



Cindy Neubett - April 14, 2016 at 09:54 AM

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“ *We visited Iron Mountain many years ago to meet Angela's Grandma Mary!! We enjoyed meeting Mary in her home and seeing the traditions Angela was brought up with .Grandma Mary traveled to Ludington for Angela and Kasey's wedding and we always have felt blest to have met and been able to spend time with this special lady! Mary was special! We send our condolences to the Khoury family! Tim and Deb Stephens*

deborah stephens - April 13, 2016 at 07:06 PM