



Mary "Noonie" Fitzgibbon

November 7, 1922 - January 28, 2011

Mary "Noonie" Fitzgibbon, 88, of Iron Mountain, died Friday, Jan. 28, 2011, at the Hyland Nursing Home, where she was a resident for the last eight years.

She was born on Nov. 7, 1922, in Bay St. Louis, Miss., daughter of the late John and Olga (Armstrong) Ryan. Mary graduated from St. Joseph's Academy in Bay St. Louis in 1940.

On Oct. 4, 1942, she married Robert J. Fitzgibbon in Bay St. Louis. Upon completion of his military service after World War II, they moved to Iron Mountain where they raised their two children. Robert preceded her in death on Sept. 11, 1979.

Mary was an active member of St. Mary and St. Joseph Church, and for many years volunteered at the hot lunch program. She loved the children and enjoyed watching them grow up. For more than 20 years, Mary was in charge of calling parishioners to bring up the Eucharistic gifts on Sunday. She loved to sing, dance and always had music playing in the home. Mary always had a full candy dish on the kitchen table for school children that frequently visited her. She had a contagious smile and never met a stranger. Having been born in the south, she was proud of her southern roots and Irish heritage. She was a loving mom and looked at that as her career. Mary will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Two children survive her, Bob (Penny) Fitzgibbon of Spread Eagle, Wis. and Patti (Bob) Belongie of Iron Mountain; six step-grandchildren, Shannon Whaley, Dane (Patricia) Whaley, Mark (Kathy) Belongie, Cynthia (Charlie) Kelley, Diane (Joe) Frustaglio and Cami (C.J.) Back; one brother, John Ryan of Ft Oglethorpe, Ga., one sister-in-law, Verna Plante of Wichita Falls, Texas; and special nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one brother, James Ryan.

Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesday at St. Mary and St. Joseph Church. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the church. Fr. Daniel Zaloga and Fr. Joseph Gouin will concelebrate the Mass of Christian Burial.

Pall bearers will be Tom Plante, John Dulan, Dane Whaley, Mike Belongie, and Duane Ryan.

Burial will be in the Channing Cemetery.

Condolences to the family of Mary "Noonie" Fitzgibbon can be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church
414 Prospect Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Funeral Mass

FEB 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

PF

“ Dear Family, I would like to express my sincere condolences at the loss of your dear loved one. Please be assured that your tears are not unnoticed by the Creator of Life. Although your deep pain will not easily disappear, praying to God will bring comfort to you as you grieve. The Bible tells us that God is "healing the broken-hearted ones and is binding up their painful spot (Psalm 147:3). May the "Father of tender mercies" and the "God of all comfort" strengthen your faith and give you courage to face the days ahead (2 Corinthians 1:3). My sincere condolences to the family.

Pat Freeman - February 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Bob,

So sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers.

Ray King

Ray King - Friend - February 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ To Robert and Penny Fitzgibbon. I want to extend my condolences to you as well as your family on Mary's passing. She was real friendly and always had a kind word about anyone and anything. She will be missed greatly. With love, Roberta

Roberta Goettler - MI - friend - February 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ Patti:

We are so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. I personally did not know her, but Wayne says he remembers her. All of your fond memories of her will be with you throughout your lifetime and during this time of sorrow. You have our sympathies.

Wayne and Gail Lindholm

Wayne and Gail Lindholm - Friends - February 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *To the family of Mary, My name is Lynn Johnson, and Mary was a wonderful lady. When I was a little girl in elementary, I had to pass Mary's house everyday on my way home. She would always greet me with a smile, and often times she would have some kind of treat in hand for me after a long day. => I often spent some time talking with her. She touched me even as a child. I am 32 now, and I still remember her smile. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Lynn Johnson and Family*

Lynn Johnson - Friend - February 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Dear Bob and Patti,
My deepest sympathy goes out to you in the loss of your very Sweet, Dear MOM and friend. I've known Mary for many years and She always has a smile on her face that was very contagious and friendly with everyone. I will miss seeing her at Hyland as Im sure many will. She was an Angel on earth and is now an even more Beautiful Angel in heaven.. I'm in Arkansas so wont be able to be at Her funeral, but will be thinking of you all. May God bless Mary and her family. Love, Marilyn*

Marilyn Bergagnini - iron mtn, MI - friend - February 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *Patti, I 'm sorry for the loss of your Mother. Please accept my deepest sympathy, to you and your family.*
Love you, Neenie

Kathleen "Nenie" Pezullo - lifelong friend of Patti - February 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM