



## Mary Verrette

September 7, 1921 - September 7, 2007

IRON MOUNTAIN - Mary Eileen Verrette, 86, of Iron Mountain, died unexpectedly on Friday, Sept. 7, 2007, at Freeman's Nursing and Rehabilitation Community.

She was born on May 25, 1921, in Soperton, Wis., the daughter of the late Wilbur and Eleanor (Fontaine) Kennedy.

Mary graduated from Kingsford High School in 1939. She worked in the catalog department at J.C. Penney for 30 years until her retirement.

Mary enjoyed being with all of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Mary loved crocheting blankets for her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was an avid Packer and Nascar fan and she thoroughly enjoyed her bridge club.

Mary was a member of St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church, the Elks Club, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Daughters of Isabella, the Iron Mountain-Kingsford GFWC and the Dickinson County Pilots Association.

She married Edward A. Verrette on May 14, 1945, in Iron Mountain. He preceded her in death on March 10, 1975.

Mary was a very loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She will be sadly missed by all who loved her and her smile. Her laughter that would light up a room will also be missed.

Mary is survived by her children, Joanne (Bill) Backhaus of Genesee Depot, Wis., Patrick (Deena) Verrette of Iron Mountain, Don Verrette of Palatine, Ill., Mary (Doug Jr.) Sleik of Wallace, and Terese (Tom) Jahnke of Johnsburg, Ill.; 18 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren with two more expected this year; a daughter-in-law, Trudy Verrette of Kingsford; her loving sister, Eleanor Weitkunat of Greendale, Wis.; her brother-in-law, James (Barb) Verrette of Iron Mountain; her sister-in-law, Delores Cowell of Kingsford; and many nieces, nephews, and caring friends.

She was preceded in death by her son, Michael E. Verrette; her daughter-in-law, Paula I. Verrette; her twin sister, Eleanor, who died at birth; and her brother, Robert J. Kennedy.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home. Parish prayers will be held on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Visitation will also be held on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the church. Fr. Paul Nomellini will celebrate the Mass.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons Brian Verrette, Michael Backhaus, Doug Sleik III, James Backhaus, Kevin Brown, and Jason Holman.

The family would like to thank the staff at Freeman's Nursing and Rehabilitation Community, Loving Caring Hands, Dickinson County Memorial Hospital, Dickinson County Home Health and Dr. Funtanilla, Dr. Haastrup, Dr. Baker, and Dr. Fornetti. They would also like to thank the rehabilitation staff and the aides at ManorCare Health Services.

Condolences to the family of Mary Eileen Verrette can be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

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

# Tribute Wall

SR

“ Terese,

*Your mom is one of those few kind souls who, as the strong loving matron of a big beautiful family, we want to live forever. She leaves a void, but the void isn't nearly as big as her love for her family and her positive influence on the next three generations of Verrettes. I will always remember her laugh and twinkling eyes, and how welcome I felt in her home. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Sheri Rhoads** - October 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Dear Mary, I AM SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR WONDERFUL MOM...AS WE WERE GROWING UP TOGETHER SHE GOT USED TO HAVING US AROUND, YOUR ICE RINK BEHIND YOU, AND THEM TO YOU HOUSE FOR SNACKS AND TO WARM UP, AND ALL YOUR MOM HAD TO DO WAS LOOK OUT HER WINDOW AND SHE COULD SEE ALL..I SURE MISS NOT HAVING MY MOM WITH ME , ITS BEEN 14 YEARS AND IT SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY, I DONT WANT TO FORGET , ALL THE MEMORIES I HAVE OF MY MOM, I CHERISH IT ALL, AND WILL NEVER FORGET WHAT A LUCKY GIRL I WAS TO HAVE SUCH A SPECIAL MOM.THINK OF ALL THE FUN, AND YOUR MOMS LAUGH WHEN WE WERE YOUNGER!she was always so happy.MARY , I MISS YOU ALOT, HAVENT SEEN YOU FOR AGES, YOU HAVE MY EMAIL IF NEEDED, WE GO WAY BACK, MAY GOD HELP YOU THRU THIS HARD TIME, JUST KNOW THAT SHE IS IN A BETTER PLACE , WHERE THERE IS NO PAIN OR SUFFERING, LOVE YOU MARY AND FAMILY, YOU TAKE CARE..MAUREEN JULIAN PASTEN AND CRYSTAL (MY DAUGHTER AND KEKE GRANDAUGHTER,I NOW HAVE 9 GRANDCHILDREN.I AM SO BLESSED WITH MY FAMILY.EVER NEED TO TALK,WRITE ME AND I WILL WRITE YOU ASAP!!!TAKE IT ONE DAY AT A TIME

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maureen pasten - September 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ Dear Don and Verette family,  
  
My deepest sympathies on your loss.  
  
Peter

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Peter Trembath - September 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Dear Deena and family...It is with sadness we learn of Mary's passing....I wish I could be here to express out sympathies in person but that is impossible at this time..Had known Mary for a few years and know she will be missed by many..so please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Sincerely..Lois and Bruce

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**Lois and Bruce Ring** - September 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I'm very sorry to hear about your mother. I only came by a few times to see Mary when I delivered her meals on wheels. She was a pleasure to talk to. We both share our love of crocheting so during one of my visits she gave me her pattern for the afghan called "Lemonade". Unfortunately I lost the patern before finishing it for my granddaughter whose do any time now. Please call me if you can help me so that I may finish it and also make many more since I love the pattern. My # is 774-1747. My deepest sympathy.

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**Caren Burke** - September 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Mary,

*I am sorry to hear of the passing of your mother.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Sharon Strom** - September 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *Deena, Pat and Girls:*

*You have our deepest sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Jon & Kathy Thekan and Bridgette Inglese*

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**Jon & Kathy Thekan** - September 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Teri, Pat, Don, Joanne, Mary, and all your families, were so sorry for the loss of your mom. We will always remember her smile and all the laughter she brought to all those who new her. Just remember that death is not the end but a doorway to a everlasting life. Our prayers are with you all. Mike and Joanne Silva*

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**joanne silva** - September 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM