



Melvina B. LaLonde

October 21, 1914 - June 28, 2014

Melvina B. LaLonde,

99, of Norway Lake, went to be with her Lord on Saturday, June 28, 2014 at ManorCare Health Services in Kingsford with her family by her side. Melvina was born on October 21, 1914 in Escanaba, daughter of the late Charles and Hilda (Carlson) Johnson. She graduated from Felch High School in 1932 and worked in Chicago as a nanny for two years. She moved to Tacoma Washington in 1941 and worked at Boeing Air Craft for five years, repairing aircraft wings. She returned home after the war and on March 1, 1947 married Woodrow LaLonde. Together, they made a home and raised their family in Felch. Melvina was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Metropolitan. She was active in the church women's group, Sunday School, Bible studies, church quilters and the church choir. She loved music and especially enjoyed singing for her Lord. Her church and church family were very important in her life. Melvina loved high school sports and enjoyed attending all of the sporting events her grandsons participated in. She was their biggest fan. Above all, Melvina was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. They always brought a twinkle to her eye and a smile on her face.

Melvina is survived by her son, Randall (Patricia) LaLonde of Glenfield, New York; her daughter Kathleen (Leon) Grunlund of Norway Lake; brother, Harold

(Nina) Johnson of Escanaba; sister, Edith Cryderman of Marquette; five grandchildren, Evan LaLonde, Alec (Katherine) LaLonde, Timothy (Abby) Grunlund, Steven (Melisa) Grunlund and David (Amanda) Grunlund; seven great grandchildren, Mya, Adalyn, Hayden, Corrin, Luke, Rylan and Caleb. Also by many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Melvina was preceded in death by her husband Woodrow in 2003; an infant daughter, Judy Kay LaLonde; brothers, John, Bernard, Gilbert and Arvid "Pomp" Johnson; sisters, Evangeline Cambensy and Verna Peterson.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 2nd from 10:00-11:30am at Zion Lutheran Church in Metropolitan.

Funeral Services will follow at 11:30am Wednesday at the church. Rev. Lee Liverance will officiate. Burial will be in the Felch Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Owen Peterson, Robert Cambensy, Jay Johnson, Brian Johnson, Dave Cryderman, Mike Cowley, Richard Lindholm and Allen Dixon.

Memorials may be made in Melvina's memory to Zion Lutheran Church in Metropolitan, Michigan.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Melvina LaLonde online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron

Mountain with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Felch Cemetery

Felch, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church
W4703 Metropolitan Rd.
Felch, MI 49831

Funeral Service

JUL 2. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SA

“ Dear Randy, Pat, Kathy, Leon and families,
You have my sincere sympathy on the passing of your mom. But what an amazing and long life she led - from her birth in the UP, to putting together Boeing bombers while Uncle Woody and her brothers fought overseas during WW II, to actually winning a dance contest and dancing with Aurthur Murray and then returning to Michigan and raising and supporting 3 generations of her own family - she truly lived long and prospered. I raise a glass to you Aunt V - til we meet again! (I also want to thank you for not making me drink those breakfast glasses of prune juice with Randy on the many occasions I spent nights at your place --- yuck). :-)

Steve Anderson - July 02, 2014 at 01:01 PM

ME

“ Kathy, Leon and family: You have my deepest sympathy on the loss of your mom. She was a wonderful woman. I'm sorry I couldn't attend her services, but I have another funeral I'm attending today. God Bless you, in your time of need. -Meridy

Meridy - July 02, 2014 at 11:05 AM

CG

“ Dear Kathy, Leon, and Family,

I was so sorry to hear about your mother, Kathy. I know how devoted you were to her...my sincere sympathy to you all. May she rest in peace. I am sorry I cannot be there but we are out of town.

Cynthia Gordon - July 01, 2014 at 02:06 PM