



Merle Nelson

September 21, 1908 - September 21, 2007

Kingsford - Merle Carlson Nelson, 99, formerly of 905 Withworth Ave. Kingsford, MI died Friday, Sept. 21, 2007 at the Hyland Nursing Home. She was born April 20, 1908 in Michigamme, MI, daughter of the late Albert and Ada (Kingstrand) Olson. Merle graduated from Michigamme High School and attended 2 years at Marquette Normal College (NMU), receiving a degree in teaching. She married Frank Carlson on Sept. 20, 1928 in Iron Mountain . He preceded her in death in 1959. In 1962, Merle married Don Nelson and he preceded her in death in 1986. She was a resident of the Iron Mountain-Kingsford area for nearly 80 years. Merle taught for many years at the Amidon School and Garden Village School, retiring in 1967. She took great pride in her teaching career and enjoyed when former students remembered her. She was a member of American Martyr's Church, and a former member of the Retired Teachers Association and the Iron Mtn.-Kingsford Women's Club. Merle enjoyed reading, watching birds, and quilting. She made quilts for nearly all her grandchildren throughout the years.

Survived by 3 children; Frank (Montine) Carlson of Warner Robbins, GA
William "Red" Carlson of Kingsford, and Lee (Barbara) Carlson of Breitung
Twsp., MI

10 Grandchildren: Allen, Lisa, Tom, Joy, Gail, Mark, Micheal, Cynthia, Diana,
and Eric.

9 step children; Alice Brown, Merlin Nelson, Donald Nelson, Irving Nelson,
Carol Fautner, Mavis Powell, Norma Scolatti, Allen Nelson, and Patricia Nolf.

Many great grandchildren, numerous step grandchildren, step great grandchildren, and step great-great grandchildren.

Predeceased in death by 1 daughter, Josephine Kanik, 1 step daughter, Catherine Gulash, 4 brothers, Albert, Clyde, John, and Earl Olson, and a daughter-in-law Ernestine Carlson.

Private family services will be held Tuesday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home. Father Joseph Gouin will officiate.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park. Family members will serve as pallbearers

Memorials can be made to the Dickinson County Library in her memory.

Condolenses may be expressed on line to the family of Merle Carlson Nelson at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Tribute Wall

PN

“ I am the youngest daughter of Don Nelson and Margaret. When Merle married my Dad I thought it was a good idea. I had spent a few summers in Iron Mountain while attending Michigan State. I believe Merle was a great companion for my Dad. He enjoyed her cooking and she 'watched' over him.

When Dein, my husband, and I visited her in the nursing home, we would ask how she felt: "Not bad for an old lady." Many 'residents' would have complained about one thing or another, but we never heard her complain.

Blessing on her and her extended family.

Patricia Nolf - October 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ To the family of Merle Nelson,
My deepest sympathies to all of you. I didn't know Merle, but grew up with her granddaughter, Deedee,(as I always knew her). Mr. & Mrs. Lee Carlson, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know I will keep you all in my prayers. Kris Czerwan

Kris (Gussert) Czerwan - September 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Mrs Carlson I do not believe I really knew her first name, Merle. I always called her Mrs. Carlson even when she firmly told me she was now Mrs. Nelson

I received TV dinners, Grandmas saffron buns and Aunts smiles even tho she was blind

I received encouragement when I didn't do as well as Lee in school. You will excel when your time is right, You can do it she said.

I received a warm heart. She knew my troubles of youth.

Thanks Mrs. Carlson for being a Mentor

Bobby

Bob Fayas - September 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Merle was married to my Grandfather Nelson. Merle made quilts and cuddling dolls for my two daughters, Simone and Amanda, her step great grandchildren. Both girls have those quilts today and Merle's step great, great grandson, Emmet Johnson, is using one of them.

Condolences to Merle's family from Alice Brown and her children Tom, Patricia and Peggy as well as the grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Patricia Richards - September 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ One of my best memories is visiting both Grandpa and Grandma Merle after I had moved to Minneapolis. My first visit to them as an adult--or at least I thought I was. Good kitchen smells and of course, the walk with Grandpa and his cigar.
I am the daughter of Katherine (Nelson) and George Gulash.

Mary Gulash - September 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ *Our deepest sympathy and prayers to all the family.*

Love,

Chum and Janice

Clyde A. Olson - September 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Mrs. Nelson was one of my favorite teachers in grade school at Garden Village. I had Mrs. Nelson from 1964-65 in third grade. She invited me to her home on several occasions for lunch and gave me pictures and scrapbooks to complete and keep (which I still have). Mrs. Nelson was instrumental in my decision to become a teacher myself, which I have been in Hancock for the past 27 years. I hope I have made her proud. Mrs. Nelson will always have a special place in my heart and my memory.*

Deb (Shewmaker) Barna - September 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM