



Mildred Phelps

January 22, 1926 - January 22, 2012

Mildred T. Phelps, 86, of Pellston, died Sunday, Jan. 22, 2012, in Iron Mountain.

She was born June 8, 1925, in Pellston, daughter of the late Martin and Anna Durkalic. Mildred was a lifelong resident of Pellston. She left school at an early age to take care of her family and the family farm.

On Oct. 8, 1948, she married Benjamin V. Phelps in Pellston. They took over the family farm and operated it their entire lives. Benjamin preceded her in death in 2008.

Mildred loved animals and all wildlife. She was an avid gardener and an excellent cook with many secret recipes. She was a hard worker and her family was at the center of her life. When you visited her, you never got away without a cup of coffee and some goodies. Mildred was a longtime member of St. Clement Catholic Church in Pellston.

She is survived by one son, Thomas Phelps of Iron Mountain; one sister, Stella (Joseph) Partyka of Pellston; three grandchildren, Thomas (Michelle) Phelps Jr., Michael (Megan) Phelps, and Sarah (Timothy) Touchett; three great-grandchildren, Tyler Phelps and Evelyn and Sophia Touchett.

She was preceded in death by three sisters and two brothers, Mary Massaway, Catherine Conrad, Frank Durkalec, Nellie Miller and Lewis Durkalic.

Friends may call from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on today at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. Fr. Paul Nomellini will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will take place in the St. Clement's Cemetery in Pellston.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Mildred Phelps online at ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **24**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

JAN **25**. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Martyrs Catholic Church
908 W. Sagola Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall

DN

“ Tom & family,

We were saddened to hear of Aunt Millies passing. Darcy has told me many stories of being at the farm, enjoying her baked goods, helping do chores & just having fun!

•May you know the peace of God that passes all understanding.

*Thoughts & Prayers,
Darcy & Catherine Phelps*

Darcy & Catherine Phelps - Charlevoix, MI - nephew - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ *Thinking of the entire family and the sad loss. Aunt Mille was a pleasure to know, I will always remember the peahens and other assorted animals on the farm. Sorry the distance does not allow for me to be there ,but be assured that I am thinking of you all and can't wait to see you again. Dennis*

Dennis Phelps - Landstuhl, Germany - Nephew - January 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Tom we know you will miss Mildred. We enjoyed knowing her. She was delightful to visit with and always had a great smile to share. What a charm!!
Take care and Be at Peace.*

Larry and Rebecca - MI - friends - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ As a child growing up our family would go on Sunday rides in the car. When asked where we wanted to go, my brother and I would always ask to go to see Aunt Millie and Uncle Ben. I'll always remember the wood stove in the kitchen where she baked all these things. How could she do that? As a child I was amazed, and certainly had to sample everything. As a young adult my Dad and I would drop by after hunting, and still here were all these baked goods and there were only two of them! I loved going to visit. Some of my best childhood memories are of the farm, and of aunt Millie. I will never forget her smile or her laugh. She will be missed, but never forgotten.

Darrell

Darrell Phelps - Harbor Springs, MI - nephew - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ My dear Aunt Mildred was a true gem. I loved to visit her on the farm. She had such a bubbly personality, and we shared many many laughs. Oh yes you could not walk away without having a piece of pie, cake, cookies, something sweet. She would not take NO for an answer either. She loved her animals thats for sure. I will miss her dearly. Driving by the old homestead in Pellston will not be the same anymore. RIP Auntie. You are now with all the loved ones you missed so much.

Joann Kozlowski - Westland, MI - Neice..she was my godmother - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM