



Mildred Sparpana

December 6, 1921 - September 7, 2005

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IRON MOUNTAIN -Mildred J. (Ellingson) Sparpana, 83, of 317 E. Hughitt St., Iron Mountain, died Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2005, at her present home, Freeman Nursing and Rehabilitation Community in Kingsford.

She was born Dec. 6, 1921, in Escanaba, daughter of the late Hans and Abbie (Follo) Ellingson. Mildred was a 1940 graduate of Iron Mountain High School and lived in the area for most of her life.

She married Vance T. Sparpana on Feb. 22, 1947, in Iron Mountain. He preceded her in death on July 21, 2002. Mildred served in the U.S. Army, and was a veteran of World War II.

She was a volunteer at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital for 19 years.

Mildred was a member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church where she was a member of the ladies guild, taught Sunday school and was elected to vestry of the church. She enjoyed camping, babysitting her grandchildren and spending time with family.

Mildred is survived by a son, Gary (Suzanne Fleury) Sparpana of Iron Mountain; two daughters, Marian (Butch) Hiatt of Kingsford and Susan (Chris) Scheibel of Grafton, Wis.; eight grandchildren, Tony Sparpana, Beth (Matt) Tappy, Melissa Hallada, Eric (Heather) Hiatt, Brent (Jamie) Hiatt, and Sarah, Staci and Nicole Scheibel; one great-grandson, Lucas Tappy; and several nieces, nephews, and her extended family at Freeman's.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Gail Smits; three sisters, Margaret

Croci, Virginia Craden, and Marian Hughes; and three brothers, Jack, Jim, and Pat Ellingson.

Visitation will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Fr. Charles Piper will officiate.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

Pallbearers will be Butch Hiatt, Eric Hiatt, Brent Hiatt, Chris Scheibel, Gary Sparpana, and Mark Ellingson.

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

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

Tribute Wall

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“ My dad sent me the news of your Mom passing. I wanted to let you all know how sorry I am to hear it. I have nothing but fond memories of "Mid", my favorite neighborhood mom. I'll always remember her as a feisty, funny lady who laughed alot. Take care and know I share in your loss. God Bless. Linda

Linda (Klenc) Oliver - September 16, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your Mom.. both of your parents were wonderful people, and a big part of my childhood memories. I wish the very best to all of you (Norm Mainville's daughter).

Lois (mainville) Hughes - September 13, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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“ Always check the local paper for news from home and saw where your Mom had passed. She was such a great lady. I always appreciated the kindness she showed me as a kid growing up. What a personality. My heart is with you during your time of loss. Take care and God Bless. Lar

Larry R.Gardepy - September 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM