



## Miriam B. LaLonde

October 25, 1922 - September 9, 2014

Miriam B. LaLonde, 91, of Iron Mountain, died Tues. Sept. 9, 2014 at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital. She was born on Oct. 25, 1922 in Bagley, MI, the daughter of the late Erick and Anna (Kumpula) Huotari.

Miriam was raised with a Christian family upbringing. She loved and committed her life to the Savior of mankind. Miriam's love and respect of her parents and her siblings was unparalleled. She delighted to regale an audience with tales of family lore.

Her teaching career, following training at Marinette County Normal and Northern Michigan University included one room schoolhouses in Fence and Coleman, fourth grade in Powers, first grade at Central School in Iron Mountain, special education K-12 in Pembine, fourth grade in Laveen, AZ, English as a second language for NWTC at the Goodman campus, and various substitute teaching assignments. Miriam was credentialed at Northern Michigan University with a Bachelor of Arts degree and a masters degree in Elementary Education with a special education endorsement for K-12. Her fascination with the mechanics of childhood development and education was contagious. She chaired and directed the very first Dickinson County Early Childhood Programs.

She married Don LaLonde on July 29, 1972 at the Union Protestant Church in

Goodman.

All who knew her loved and admired her. She will be profoundly missed by her spouse and all who knew her. Baking, Sewing, and quilting were her hobbies and passions, especially if she could make gifts for her loved ones. The farmer in her never stopped cultivating fruits, vegetables, and flowers. She now blooms in God's Garden!

Miriam is survived by her husband Don, two daughters April (Larry) Anderson and Lillian Hess, 10 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild. She is further survived by many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her first husband Gerald Robertson, her second husband Francis Bierstaker, four sons Douglas Bierstaker, George Robertson, Gerald Robertson, and F. Peter Bierstaker, two granddaughters Michele and Roberta, and twelve siblings.

Visitation will be Sat. from 8-10 at at the Northwoods Chapel in Pembine. Funeral services will follow at 10am at the church. Rev. Fred Barribeau will officiate. Burial will be in Pembine Cemetery

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Miriam B. LaLonde online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

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

# Cemetery Details

## Pembine Cemetery

Highway 141/8  
Pembine, WI 54156

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 13. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Northwoods Chapel  
9727 Aspen Lane  
Pembine, WI 54156

## Funeral Service

SEP 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

RA

“ We were sorry to hear of Mariam's passing. Our thoughts are with you and your family during these difficult times. May you find comfort in loving memories.  
*Joe, Dolores, Howard & Roseann*

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**Roseann Anderson** - September 18, 2014 at 09:56 PM

MJ

“ My deepest sympathy to you all in the loss of your wife & dear mother, what a great lady. First knew you all when you owned the Nathan Store, what great memories. Thinking of you all, Mary Jo (Duca) Poupore

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**Mary Jo** - September 12, 2014 at 11:38 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Miriam B. LaLonde.



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September 12, 2014 at 09:48 AM

LC

“ Haven't seen Miriam in a few years but am deeply saddened by her passing because I know she will truly be missed by all whose lives she touch. Kind, sweet, helpful, are words that only touch the surface of who this woman was. Death is merely a door that we pass through and I totally believe that her reception in heaven was as warm and wonderful as one could only imagine. What a reunion! Could any of us wish Miriam to be back here with us and deny her that wonderful reunion? I couldn't. She is finally with our Lord and Savior and for Miriam, it has to make her soul rejoice. God bless all who loved and knew Miriam for the woman she was while she was with us. And may we be happy for her and know that her spirit will watch over us.

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**Lee Carlson** - September 11, 2014 at 11:57 AM



“ I don't think I ever met a sweeter or kinder woman who always thought of others before herself. She will be greatly missed. Our hearts go out to Don. Heaven just got a special angel. Jayne Collins and Dave White

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**Jayne Collins** - September 11, 2014 at 08:15 AM

JD

“ So many wonderful times/memories of your mother. Like another mother to all who knew her. Love and prayers to all of you, especially April and Lillian.

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**Janet Dill** - September 11, 2014 at 07:54 AM