



Nancy Cowling

March 3, 1934 - August 7, 2013

Nancy Louise (Smaney) Cowling, 79, most recently a resident of Rennes West Nursing home, Peshtigo, WI, ended her suffering and went to heaven with the angels on August 7, 2013 at the nursing home.

She was born March 3, 1934 in Niagara, WI to the late John and Anna Mae (LaPlante) Smaney. She graduated from Niagara High School in 1952. Nancy married the late David W. Cowling in 1952 in Niagara, WI. They had 4 children together. Nancy was employed as a secretary at Garden Village and Woodland Elementary Schools retiring in 1996 after 25 years. She lived in Kingsford and was a member of American Martyrs Catholic Church until her retirement when she moved to Marinette, WI to be with her daughters. Nancy loved to watch any football especially the Green Bay Packers. She spent a lot of time knitting for her grandchildren. In the past year she took up Bingo at the nursing home and loved it. She also enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is survived by one sister, Virginia "Ginger" Brault of Niagara, WI; her four children, Debbi (John) Fiorucci of Iron Mountain, MI, Michael (Pam) Cowling of Rapid City, SD, Robert (Cindy) Cowling of Bacliff, Texas and Mary (Scott) Edwards of Marinette, WI; twelve grandchildren, Todd (Julie) Cheney, Marinette, WI, Faith (Jason) Roell, Iron Mountain, MI, Heather Fiorucci, Astoria, NY, Megan (Kyle) Wangerin, Menominee, MI, Ashley (Adam

Gerondale) Berg, Seattle, WA, Jayce & Kayde Cowling, Bacliff Texas, Adam Cowling, Rapid City, SD, Crystle (Aaron Kurz) Edwards, Marinette, WI, Joshua, Elisha & Zackary Edwards of Menominee, MI; nine great grandchildren, Jessica (Scott Kaster) Berger, Crysta Berger, Logan Valentine, Elizabeth Harding, Talia Cheney, Amara Kurz, Lance Kurz, Chloe Roell and Lena Roell.

Nancy passed away waiting on the arrival of her 10th great grandchild, Avery Gene Wangerin.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Charles Smaney; one brother-in-law, Merton Brault; and her furry companion, Jasmine.

Nancy fought 3 different forms of cancer for 12 years. She taught all her family how to be strong and fight. She was also a hero to her children and grandchildren. We would like to thank Dr. Khayat, Dr. Halaweh, Bay Area Medical Center, Rennes West and Eric from Heartland Hospice.

Visitation will be from 2:00 to 4:00 pm on Sunday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. A memorial service will follow the visitation at 4:00pm at the funeral home. Fr. Joseph Gouin will officiate. Burial will be in the Niagara Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Nancy Cowling online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

AUG 11. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AF

“ My name is Amanda, and I am one of the girls that helped care for Nancy at Rennes West. We became pretty close the time she stayed with us. Not a day goes by that i do not think about her, her positive attitude and her kind spirit. She is one of the kindest, caring and loving people i have ever met. She will always hold a special place in my heart.

Amanda Multerer - menominee, MI - friend - September 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ My name is Missy and I have been a nurse at Bay Area Medical Center in Marinette for 10 years. I had the pleasure of taking care of Nancy many times over the years and she has been my favorite patient to take care of since the first time I met her. Even when Nancy was feeling her worst, she always had a smile on her face and a kind word to share. She NEVER complained, even when I knew she was feeling miserable. Whenever I had Nancy for a patient, I knew it was going to be a good day. She had a way of brightening your day, no matter what happened! People like Nancy are what makes me thankful to be a nurse. She was a truly amazing person and I am so thankful to have met her. I am sure your hearts must be grieving and I just wanted you to know that she will be missed by many others whose lives she has touched, if even only for one day! My sympathy goes out to her family and she will always have a special place in my heart!

Missy Pullen - August 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I remember my parents hanging around with "Aunt" Nancy and "Uncle" Dave when we were young. Sometimes the kids would participate, but most often it was a fun time for the adults such as playing cards and just sitting around chatting. I wish to express my deepest sympathy for the family!!! HUGE HUGS!!! Margie (Sullivan) Badini

Marge (Sullivan) Badini - Manitowoc, WI - close family friend - August 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Hi. I never knew Nancy well but admired her cheery nature & beautiful smile. Nancy was in the same hallway at Rennes West as my parents, Marge & Rodger Eklund. Every Saturday afternoon I would push Nancy & others into the dining room for the Catholic communion service. Nancy always appreciated my help and we had a nice visit. Nancy was a very sweet person.

judy michalski - peshtigo, WI - friend - August 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I am ashamed to say that, as a cousin, I did not maintain a line of communication with Nancy, and for that I am amiss. The logistics of 300 miles apart has something to do with that. My mother, Lucille, was Nancy's Mom, Anna Mae's, older sister. Happily they are together in Heaven along with their four siblings. It is amazing how much Nancy looks like our grandmother LaPlant in this latest photo! I have my mother's copy of Nancy and Dave's wedding photo; what a happy day that was to this 7 year old boy at the time. Unfortunately the happiness didn't last and I never got to know my second cousins, their kids. Please understand that I love you all and agonize in your loss ... but truly believe that we'll all be together at that Heavenly Banquet. Spending Summers with my Uncle Jack and Aunt Anna Mae are fond memories for this kid from Milwaukee and Nancy used to stop by. May her soul rejoice in the Peace of our Lord. Jerry

Jerry Skorch - Marlton, NJ - cousin - August 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Dave and I was drafted into the Army at the same time on September 9, 1952. We went to Camp Chaffee Arkansas. We both were newly married and missed our wives, so we got Nancy and my wife Joyce together and had them come to Fort Smith Arkansas to rent a home and stay there for the 4 months that we were in Basic training. We had wonderful times together and great memories. Now I'm the only one of the four of us left. My wife died 7 years ago. I'm soo sorry for your loss.

Glenn Dashnier - Midland, MI - Friend - August 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM