



Naomi Zacks

July 5, 1919 - July 5, 2010

Naomi C. Zacks, 91, of Iron Mountain, died peacefully on Monday, July 5, 2010, at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital with her children at her side. She was a long time resident of Iron Mountain and Evergreen Heights in Kingsford.

Naomi was born Oct. 8, 1918, in Marinette, Wis., the daughter of James and Rose (Kron) Chudacoff and the third of six children. She was a proud and dedicated mother of three boys; an active community member in Iron Mountain/Kingsford and Spread Eagle, Wis., and an avid golfer, snowmobiler, and player of bridge and gin rummy. Her greatest pleasure came from her warm and loving relationship with her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Everyone who knew Naomi will remember her perpetual smile despite many years of painful arthritis that slowed her body but never diminished her positive outlook on the world.

She married Maurice Zacks on Jan. 15, 1939. Their lives centered on their family, extended family and their business, I. Zacks & Sons Inc. He preceded her in death on Feb. 24, 1981.

Naomi is survived by her three sons, James (Rose) of Okemos, Mich., Jerome

(Yelena) of Fair Lawn, N.J., and Jack (Rosalind) of Coral Gables, Fla.; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her four sisters, Fay Nerad, Mae Katz, Gretchen Herman, and Betty Katz and brother, Avron Chudacoff.

Friends may call from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Rabbi Shaina Bacharach will officiate.

Interment will follow at the Forest Home Cemetery, Montefiore section in Marinette, Wis.

The family thanks Dr. Steven Leonard, the staff of Evergreen Assisted Living and Dickinson County Memorial Hospital for their warm and compassionate care. The family would also like to thank Kelly Post and Nancy Bal for their love and dedication to Naomi over the years.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are welcomed to the Iron Mountain High School Scholarship Fund (Scholarship Administrator, Iron Mountain High School, 300 West B St, Iron Mountain, Mich. 49801) or the National Multiple Sclerosis Society (P.O. Box 4527, New York, N.Y. 10163; <http://tinyurl.com/2vl4kwe>).

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Naomi C. Zacks online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

JUL 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Ave.
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Tribute Wall

CF

“ *I was so sorry to hear about Naomi. She was such a lovely lady and always had a smile for everyone. I have been out of town so just found out about her passing. She will be missed by all.*

Cynthia Gordon - Iron mountain , MI - Friend - July 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Dear Jack,*

Please accept our deepest sympathies for such a great loss. Although we never met Naomi, she must have been a very special person to have raised such fine men as you and your brothers.

Mike and Gail Fry

Michael and Gail Fry - Pensacola, FL - Friends - July 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ *Please accept my sincere condolences on the passing of Naomi. She was a wonderful caring lady. You will always have your wonderful memories to share.*

Glenda Walters - Lake Worth, FL - friend - July 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Kermit and Terry Bott want to extend our sincere condolences to the entire family of this wonderful, loving woman. Naomi welcomed us to Iron Mt a few years ago and made our transition from Miami, Fl to Iron Mt smooth. It was like coming home to family. She never stopped making sure all was well with us. We will miss her dearly. She was a lady in every sense of the word and made everyone feel special. No matter what her health issues were she only wanted to know about you and yours. Of course you all know this. We were all lucky to have her as long as we did. One final thought: she was a true inspiration in how to age graciously. Lovr to you all. Terry and Kermit

Kermit and Terry Bott - Iron Mt, MI - friends - July 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dear J's,
From the time I was a little girl visiting the Cohodes clan in Iron Mountain, your mom was "family." She exuded warmth and love through her wonderful smile and generous spirit. Summers at Spread Eagle will always be among my fondest memories, including boat rides in your dad's Cris Craft and your mom's special hugs. I'm so glad that I got to see her, chat, gossip and laugh with her on my last visit to I.M. 4 years ago. She will forever remain one of my favourite people. My love and deepest condolences to all of you.

Sandee Cohodes Landa - Toronto, ON Canada - Almost family - July 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ Dear J's,

My deepest condolences to you.....your mom was a fantastic woman and I have fond memories of visiting in both iron Mountain and at Spread Eagle.

Norma (Narotzky) Morris - Arenzville, IL - extended family - July 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *Alan and I send our condolences to all the family but know you have wonderful memories of great times. She obviously was a very special woman to be the matriarch of wonderful progeny. Our thoughts are with you*

Anna & Alan

Anna Decker - Scarsdale, NY - Jack Zacks' cousin - July 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Jerry, and Jack, and Jim,

When I was a young boy, you all were big brothers to me, sledding with me on a small hill in Massachusetts. I still have the pictures that my mother took of this in an album. The warmth and kindness and humanity that you showed me, I know, is a direct reflection of your parents, and how they were with you. I am so very sorry you have lost both of them, and for this recent loss of your mother.

I can see that Naomi's life is one to celebrate--that she brought a great deal of kindness and humanity into the world. What a great success she was--!and what a great deal I have to thank her for, for giving me three such great brothers.

I can say for all the Hurkas--including my father who loved your parents and always thought of the three of you as sons--that we celebrate and honor the life of your mother. I wish your family peace and blessings at this difficult time. Our love to all of you--

Joe Hurka Jr.

Joseph Hurka - Henniker, NH - friend of the family - July 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *I am sorry for your loss of a very special woman..... Naomi was a client of mine for years and I sure enjoyed her company when I did her hair every month. We spoke of families and fun. She sure enjoyed when you all came home to visit at the cottage. I will always remember her kiss on my cheek and Naomi telling me she loved me.....every time she left my work place. She is now flying around in heaven with no pain! Naomi will always have a special spot in my heart and will never be forgotten. Love and prayers to your family during this time.*

Julie DeGroot - Friend - July 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ I will always remember Naomi's smile and kind words of wisdom that she gave me during the times when I filled in for Kelly. She is such an inspiration to me, in that she could be joyful in spite of her pain. May God bless you and your families during this time of sadness and may her memory be eternal!
Laura Hagan

Laura Hagan - Iron Mountain, MI - friend/substitute caregiver - July 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Naomi was very welcoming to our family when we moved to Iron Mountain many years ago. We were saddened to learn of her passing. She was a special woman. Our condolences to the family.

The Kowalski's - Plover, WI - Friends of the family - July 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Jim, Jerry and Jack*

The Zacks family has always had an enormous presence in my memories of Iron Mountain. Your mom and dad were always supportive and encouraging, whether we were water skiing at Spread Eagle or racing through gates at Pine Mountain. Your mom always had the brightest smile! My thoughts are with you.

Lynn Larson (Johnson)

Lynn Larson (Johnson) - Parker, CO - friend - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ I was saddened to learn of Naomi's death but certainly remember what a lovely person she was. I remember her smile and laugh from when I was a kid and we always made it a point to stop and see her when we were back in Iron Mountain to see that smile and hear that laugh again! Even recalling Naomi now I am smiling. She set a wonderful example of a life very well lived.

Susan Cohodes - Seattle, WA - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Jack and Roz-we are so sorry to hear about Naomi-what a beautiful picture of her-she must have been a wonderful Mom...It is a grievous loss, but it sounds as if her long life was filled with joy. Allison and Roger.

Allison Burgess and Roger Kepner - St. Louis, MO - Friends - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ NAomi's passing is the end of an era and another irrevocable step away from The Iron Mt/Spread Eagle of my childhood and youth.

She will be dearly missed. Ann Gail

Ann Schaffner (nee Schack) and Harry Schaffner - Chicago, IL - cousin - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dear Roz and Jack, I remember how much fun we had when we went to the casino with Marshall. It was the only time i had the chance to meet Naomi, but i was so impressed with her warmth and her interest in other people. I felt like i had known her a long time. And she was alot of fun!! I'm glad i got to meet her and i am so very sorry to hear of her passing. I wish it were possible for me to have attended her services, please know that i am thinking of all of you.

micki torcello - batavia, NY - friend - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Dear Jack,
I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I remember her very well from summers in Spread Eagle. My daughter Jennifer works at Evergreen and remembers Naomi as always bright and happy. She especially enjoyed the bingo sessions. Again, condolences from me and my family.

Charlie Hassell - Kingsford, MI - Friend - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dear Jim, Jerry and Jack,

I was saddened to learn about your mom's death, but happy that you had her in your lives for so many years. The photo of her is so wonderful that I'd swear I would have recognized her, even after so many years.

Your parents and your whole extended family were such an important part of my life when I was a boy, and to my own parents as well. I can't think of those years without finding your family at the forefront of my memories.

I shall remember Nome always, and with great affection.

With my condolences and best wishes,

Stan Bach

Stan Bach - Washington, DC - family friend - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Dear Jim, Jerry and Jack,

We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. She was a dear friend not to us but to both of our families.

Your have our deepest sympathy.

Love and prayers,

BOBBI AND LEE LOFSTROM, WITCH LAKE, MI

JUDY AND GARRETT, HARRISBURG, PA

LEE AND BOBBI LOFSTROM - WITCH LAKE, MI - FRIENDS - July 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Whenever, I've driven along Crystal Lake Boulevard and by your old house in that neighborhood, it's always triggered the most pleasant memories - especially of your mom. Even as a child going to "Jacky"s" birthday parties, her smile endeared. She was, indeed, the most lovely, gracious lady that remains a fine example of a life well-lived. How I liked her!

Dave and I extend our deepest condolences to all of you. May good memories give you much comfort in the days ahead.

Love, Elsa

Elsa (Miller) Brule - New York, NY - Friend - July 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM