



Nellie Harelson

February 11, 1936 - February 11, 2012

Nellie J. Harelson, 76, of Iron Mountain, died Sat. Feb. 11, 2012 at her home. She was born on Aug. 5, 1935 in Chippewa Falls, WI.

She was raised in Madison and Eau Claire, WI and lived in Black River Falls, WI. She served in the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Army, where she became a Licensed Practical Nurse. She worked as an L.P.N. for V.A. Medical Centers in San Francisco, St. Cloud, MN, and Iron Mountain, retiring on July 1, 1997.

Nellie enjoyed sewing and knitting things for her family. She was also an avid reader and gardener. She loved cats, listening to classical piano music, and feeding the birds and wildlife.

She is survived by three daughters Rose Rayburn of Willow River, MN, Teresa Detki of Iron Mountain, and Laura Harelson of Algoma, WI, eleven grandchildren Jason, Garrett, Lance, Brandon, and Gavin Rayburn; Tiffany Gwin, Mitchell Ruscini; Vanessa and Billy DeShambo; and Wyatt and Olivia Koski, two great grandchildren Tahliah and Trinitey Gwin, and seven nieces and nephews.

Nellie was preceded in death by her mother and step-father Ruth and Giles Marczinke, her father Charles Bowman, two special children Michael Olson and Jodee Pearson, one sister Diane Tomasoski, and two brothers Murray

and William Rogers.

Visitation will be Fri. from 11am-1pm at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 1:30pm Fri. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Monsignor James Kaczmarek will celebrate the Mass of Christian Burial.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Nellie J. Harelson online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

FEB 17. 1:30 PM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
500 Blaine St.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Tribute Wall

PC

“ To Nellie's family! Your mom's sister Diane and my mom, Janice Kolbas were best of friends, so that is how I got to know her and actually sold her house to her. I just wanted to pass on my condolences to all of the family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Peggy Connors

Peggy Connors - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ i'm very grateful for the help and guidance you gave to michael and myself throughout our lives. with you, we were never judged, and loved regardless. you accepted us for who we were despite our faults. there aren't alot of people who can do that. you took care of us . your picture sits on Michaels curio cabinet in my bedroom. i see you everyday and will miss you ever so much. be at peace. with all my love, jean marie

Jean Olson-Jessop - emerald, WI - extended family - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I was sorry to hear about Nellie. We worked together at the VAMC. She was a kind and caring nurse and person. She will be missed. May she rest in peace.

Cynthia Gordon - Iron Mountain, MI - Former Co-Worker - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of this wonderful woman. I would like to express my sincere sympathy to her family. My mother lives across the street and Nellie and her daughter have been a constant source of love and companionship to her. My mother is suffering from terminal cancer and Nellie has made numerous, delicious meals and soups for her and her children. In the last year, I have visited Nellie several times, and she was always a joy and pleasant person to talk to. I know God is adding a special angel to his flock. The entire Alexander family was touched by her selfless, generous, outreach of support. I am sending this from Bellin Hospital in Green Bay, as my mother has been quite ill, but want to know she will be remembered in our hearts forever. All my love and God Bless.

Roger Alexander

Roger Alexander - Green Bay, WI - Friend - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ my thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. im sorry for your loss nellie was so sweet and kind to me, as was her daughter, im glad i got to know her these past couple of years as her oxygen man may God bless

ryan - felch, MI - friend - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ How soft could one be.....Nellie words cannot express my gratitude for taking care of Michael. You two will party for sure, you will be missed by all of your children and grandchildren.

Robert Olson - Appleton, WI - Family Friend - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM