



## Nora Cerasoli

December 16, 1921 - December 16, 2010

Nora Josephine Cerasoli, 89, of Marquette, MI (formerly 104 E. Fleshier St, Iron Mountain, MI) died peacefully in her home surrounded by family and Lake Superior Hospice on December 16, 2010. But most significantly, she left this earth with her favorite little girl by her side, her great granddaughter, Jazzlyn Jo who's five.

Nora was born on March 18, 1921 in Hardwood, MI, seventh in a string of twelve children. She is survived by a son, Ron (Patricia) Cerasoli, daughter-in-law, Sheri Cerasoli, grandchildren, Todd (Patty) Cerasoli, Rhonda (Roland) Beeck, Lisa (Pete) Cerasoli Weaver, Lora Cerasoli, Rick (Jen) Cerasoli, and great grandchildren, Trish (Mike) Sippola, Krista and Miranda Steinbrecher, Brock and Jazzlyn Jo Weaver, and Jacob Richard Cerasoli. Also surviving her are three beautiful, sweet and spunky sisters, Vern Schei, Ila (Ralph) Pelletier, Aggie Massie and one older sister, Irella Raiche, also sister-in-law Nelda Fornetti.

Both her husband, Fritz, and youngest son, Richard "Dick," preceded her in death, along with parents John & Mary McMahon, and siblings Ralph, Helen (Backlund), Harold, George, Pat, Billy and Ruthie (Robinette).

Fritz & Nora met when she was just fourteen. Her "claim to fame" was that he was the only man she ever kissed. They were married for sixty-seven years.

Nora loved cooking. She sold Italian food and pasties professionally for over twenty years. This was after a long stint at Montgomery Wards. She was also a fantastic gardener and enjoyed walking.

She spent her life with a smile plastered on her pretty face while making sure any and all near dwellers received full doses of love and her famous home cooking. She always said, "I was born Irish but converted to Italian when I married Fritz.

Although she could no longer live on her own after the diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease, she remained fiesty, funny, and with the help of family, lived life to the fullest. And she loved to sing. Her favorite song was, "Let's Make Believe That We're Happy," by Kitty Wells. And even in her final days she continued to sing, which brought simultaneous laughter and tears to a room packed with loved ones.

She will be missed dearly, but is finally free to spend all of eternity with her beloved youngest son and "the only man she ever kissed."

The funeral service will be on Saturday at 11:00am at St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Kingsford. Fr. Michael Woempner will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain.

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

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

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

DEC 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church  
432 Edsel  
Kingsford, MI 49802

# Tribute Wall

KP

“ To Lisa and Jazzyln, Peter Weaver and family,  
Lisa you were a wonderful caregiver to your grandmother Nora!  
She loved life and her family!. I listen on you tube all of the tribute of  
Nora and this was a wonderful tribute to her. I walk every year for  
the memory walk northern california alzzheimer association and this  
year I could not walk because I hurt my knee and I raised more  
\$300.00 for Alzheimer Association in northern california. I want  
research ans some day a cure.

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**kathy wood - oakland, CA - caring person -** October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Lisa, Lori and Rick-

*Thanks for sharing your gram with me (us)...at times I forgot we  
weren't actually blood related. The new stories will be missed, the  
memories will live on. Love you!*

*Beth*

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**Bethany Rankin - Tiburonq, CA - cousin to Lisa Lori and Rick -** January 05, 2011  
at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Lisa:

*My heartfelt condolences. I am honored to have met Nora Jo at  
Jazzlyn's birthday party and again at the St. Christopher Art Show.  
Thank you for so openly sharing her life and your life with her. You  
are in the thoughts of our whole family.*

*Leigh Barry, Dan Truckey, Thomas & Josie Truckey*

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**Leigh Barry - Marquette, MI -** January 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *I learned to know and love Nora Jo through the pages of "As Nora Jo Fades Away." Her light surely shines bright.*

*Our love, thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*~Linda, Lowell, Gradey and Daniel*

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**Linda Radke - Publisher & Friend** - January 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Ron and Families, You have our most sincere sympathy in your Loss. What a wonderful Lady your Mom was. I worked with her at Montgomery Ward's in the mid 60's and she was alot of fun. We also enjoyed her wonderful sauce's, and her sense of humor . We will keep you in our thought's and prayer's*

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**Dick Dabb - Friend** - December 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *My prayers are wtih all of you. Although it will take time, I hope that soon you will be able to remember her with all the joy & laughter & craziness that you enjoyed with her while she was here. You were blessed to have been with her for so many years. I hope that the sorrow you feel now will soon be replaced with all the good memories & joy she brought to everyone for so many years.*

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**Melissa Goodcild VanPembrook - Iron Mountain, MI** - December 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Lisa and family - I only met Nora once when she came to the health club with Laura and Jazz. She greeted me with a smile and I could tell that she just loved being around Jazz. I also had the great honor of viewing her "Silent Night" video last week. What a wonderful lady! I really loved your book about Nora Jo and lend it to anyone who asks to read it. The love that she had for you and your family, as well as the love you all had for her, showed in every word that you wrote. She is at peace now with the loved ones that have gone on before her. And I'm sure when you meet again she will be singing, "Show me the way to go home." Take care and know that thoughts and prayers are with you. Linda Sleeman, Marquette

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**Linda Seleman - Marquette** - December 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I love G.G. She was 89, but I wanted her to live to 99.

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**Jazzlyn Jo Weaver - Marquette, MI - great granddaughter** - December 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Lisa....

*You and your family (Pete, Laur, Sher, Brock, Jazz, and BeauBeau) did the most incredible, loving, caring, fantastic, wonderful, amazing job of taking care of one of the classiest ladies ever set on this Earth. It was my distinct pleasure to know your grandmother. She is in an even better place now. She is having one heck of a party with her hubby and son; and, I am most certain she has met my mother by now.*

*All my love, with thousands of miles between us....  
Erin and family*

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**The Seven Sloans - CA - Wanna-be Granddaughter** - December 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Dear Ron and family,  
Please accept my deepest sympathy in the passing of your mother.  
Have many fond memory's of your MOM & DAD.

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**Larry Dabb** - December 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ Lisa, Pete, and family,  
  
I so enjoyed your book about Grandma Nora. You have many memories to keep with you always. I will keep your family in my prayers.

Grace

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**Grace Laydon** - December 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ We extend our sympathy to all of you during this difficult time. Wish we could have known this fabulous lady ..... but recognize and appreciate the impact she had on so many.

We hope the sorrow you feel today will be soon replaced with warm memories and many smiles.

We send our thoughts, prayers, and deepest sympathy.

Sincerely,  
Denny and Deb Chartier

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**Denny and Deb Chartier - Peoria, AZ - friends of the family** - December 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ We extend our sympathies to your family. We remember her wonderful raviolis and other delicacies.uUWcR

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**Larry & Marilyn Holtien - Green Bay, WI - Friends** - December 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you.

God bless,

Terry

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**Terry L. Awrey - Friend** - December 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Dear Ron, Pat, and the entire family:

Know that I am thinking of you during this very sad time.

Mary Lou

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**Mary Lou Baldrice - Henderson, NV - Friend of Ron & Patricia** - December 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM