



Noreen Bertha Corsi

February 25, 1921 - September 23, 2018

Noreen B. Corsi, 97, of Iron Mountain, MI, went to be with her Lord and Saviour on Sunday, September 23, 2018, with her family at her side.

She was born February 25, 1921 in Marquette, MI, daughter of the late Lester and Martha (Zintman) Serfas. Noreen arrived in Iron Mountain in the spring of 1939 and has been a resident ever since. Noreen married Woodrow Corsi Sr. on December 4, 1941 in Iron Mountain. He preceded her in death on September 23, 1985.

One of Noreen's employment opportunities was a "live in" cook at the Ford House in Kingsford. In that position, she met one of the industrial giants of that time, Henry Ford. She reminisced that on one occasion, Mr. Ford came into her kitchen and complimented her on the meal. He sat down at the kitchen table and asked for another slice of her delicious pie. When asked what he was like, she said he was down to earth and didn't put on any airs. In the early 50's, she interviewed for a cook's position at the Roma Restaurant. The owner asked her if she could cook. Her reply was, "five kids, one husband, a mother-in-law, yes, I can cook and what I don't know, you can teach me." She got the job. Noreen worked at the Roma Restaurant until baby number six was born in 1960. With all but one child in school, Noreen started a career in cleaning homes and several local businesses over the next 20 years.

She was a member of Mount Olive Lutheran Church and was very active in the Ladies Aid Association for many years. She also served as a Sunday School Teacher and School Superintendent for several years. Noreen was also very active in the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) where she served as their local Chaplin. Noreen loved her flowers and was an avid gardener. She had little time for other hobbies as she spent most of her free time with church and DAV responsibilities. Most importantly was the love she had for her family and friends, and the time she spent with them.

Noreen is survived by three children, Robert (Vicky) Corsi Sr. of Quinnesec, Trudy (John) Deldin of Iron Mountain and Faye (Don) Cesario of Green Bay, Wis.; two daughter-in-laws, Georgia Corsi of Vulcan MI, and Elaine Corsi of Hillsboro, Oregon; two brothers, Raymond Surfass of Gwinn, Mich. and John (Jane) Misener of Eugene, Oregon; one sister, Joan Whaley of Battle Creek, Mich.; seven grandchildren, Ted (Peggy) Corsi Jr., Michelle (Brad) Pellegrini, Tina Corsi, Robert (Jennifer) Corsi Jr., Jeremy Corsi, Sarah Corsi, and Anthony Cesario; seven great-grandchildren, Breanne, Kaitlyn, Sydney, Brendan, Kyley, Benjamin, and Reagan; and one great-great grandson, Woodrow. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Even though she loved each of her grandchildren deeply, she shared a close and special bond with her grandson, Anthony.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Woodrow; her sons, Woodrow Corsi Jr., Ted Corsi Sr., and Gene Corsi; siblings Verna VanBuren, Robert Serfas, Albert Serfas and Betty Long.

Visitation will be held from 9:30 am until 11:00 am on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at the Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain. Funeral services will follow at 11:00 am at the church with Reverend Stephen Lehmann officiating.

Pallbearers will be Ronald Cerasoli, Anthony Cesario, Don Cesario, Rob Corsi, Ted Corsi Jr., and Ray Paoletti.

Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mount Olive Lutheran Church or Family Ties.

The Corsi family would like to personally thank the staff at Family Ties for the special care Noreen received over the past two years. They have become part of our extended family. Also, special thanks to the doctors and staff in the ER and Critical Care Unit at DCH. You did an outstanding job under difficult circumstances.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Noreen B. Corsi online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **29**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mount Olive Lutheran Church
corner of H and Stockbridge
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Funeral Service

SEP **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JU

“ I loved and respected this woman with my whole heart! She was the mother-in-law sent from heaven. She had a heart of gold. I saw one trip to the grocery store with her and was shocked at the price...not a whole week's worth of food. She feed everyone out of the abundance of what was in her purse and heart. Such a good cook, nourisher of the spirit. She made you feel of value/when hurt still of value as Trudy did .I so miss both of them. Such a wonderful mother-in-law. Words do not express enough of my love and feelings for my mother-in-law, my Noreen.

Judy - August 11, 2024 at 08:17 PM

MM

“ I remember Noreen and Woody with great affection. I never heard her complain about how tough it was to raise a large family while working hard every day. I'm sure she was exhausted but also driven to be busy. May she rest in peace after her physical labors and look down from heaven on all those who loved and respected her!

Marguerite Miller

Marguerite Miller - October 09, 2018 at 11:30 AM

PM

“ Trudy and family, My condolences to you all on the loss of Noreen. Trudy, I thank you for bringing your Mom down to the Elks so I could see her. I remember so many wonderful times playing down in your yard, climbing apple trees, building camps in the cement blocks, etc. which we usually got an earfull from Mom and Dad. Noreen was a very special lady. Know that she will be in my prayers, as you all will be. Paul Moroni

paul moroni - September 28, 2018 at 03:26 PM

FA

“ I wish to extend my deepest sympathy to Trudy, Bob and the rest of the Corsi family. I know that the passing of a love one is very hard, but you will have all of the memories to help the healing process along. Know that you are in my prayers and that your mother is in a better place.

Love

Fred Antonissen

Fred J Antonissen - September 27, 2018 at 08:01 AM

JB

“ I will always remember Auntie Neen's kind heart. When my husband Mark and I were expecting our first son in 1988 (we were very young and poor) we received a congratulations card from her in the mail. In the card was a check for \$150. We were blown away (at that time in our lives it was the same as receiving a check for a million, we were so broke)... We bought a crib with that money and that crib went through all 3 of our sons and some of my siblings children. I will never forget her kindness! When I would put our children to bed I often thought of Auntie Neen. I am so thrilled to think of her and Grandma Verna catching up with all the things they have missed with each other over the years. Her presence here on earth will be missed by many but during her life's journey, I am for certain, she brought much joy to everyone she met. I am not sure if she ever truly realized of the blessing she brought to me and my family, but, I will never forget it! Love you bunches, Auntie Neen! You are a glorious, beautiful spirit, both here on earth and now in Heaven!

Jeri VanBuren Brisson (Skip's daughter)

Jeri VanBuren Brisson - September 26, 2018 at 04:41 PM

BT

To the family I am sorry for your loss. You definately lost a gem of a person. Mrs Corsi was a part of my childhood at Mt. Olive church decades ago. Very devoted to the church as our family was years ago. Although I hadn't seen her in years there are some people you don't forget. If we could all be like her the world would be a much better place. i am sorry to see her go but memories do last a lifetime. Bryan Toedter

Bryan Toedter - October 09, 2018 at 12:24 AM