



## P. Olson

September 17, 1907 - September 17, 2006

IRON MOUNTAIN - P. Irene Olson, 99, of Iron Mountain, died Sunday, Sept. 17, 2006, at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain.

She was born on June 13, 1907, in Beacon, a small mining village in the Upper Peninsula, the daughter of the late Harry and Lida (Brewer) Olson.

As a young child, Irene lived in Ishpeming and Negaunee, until 1916 when her family moved to the Rogers Location by Iron River.

She attended Rogers School and graduated as valedictorian from Stambaugh High School in 1924. Irene graduated from Marquette Normal (Northern Michigan University), where she was a member of Beta Sigma Tau Sorority.

Irene taught second grade for the Gaastra Township School and the Stambaugh Township School. In 1945, she moved to Iron Mountain where she was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church's Martha Rachel Circle. She was also a longtime volunteer for the Dickinson County Memorial Hospital League and the Hospital Auxiliary and a lifelong member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She married Brewer Fred Olson on June 13, 1929, in Iron River. He preceded her in death on Dec. 20, 1993.

She is survived by her son, Richard Dean (Anne) Olson of Aliso Viejo, Calif.; her twin daughters, Ruth (Lee) Tripp of Mt. Airy, Md., and Beth Taylor of Cleveland, Ohio; nine grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren, including triplet girls.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Ruth Whear; and two brothers, Edmund (Lenore) Whear and Willard (Lillian) Whear.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday at 10 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Kingsford. Rev. Michael March will officiate.

Burial will be in the Ishpeming Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Irene Olson online at [www.tondinrossandfreemanfuneralhome.com](http://www.tondinrossandfreemanfuneralhome.com).

The Tondin-Ross and Freeman Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.