



Patricia Nelson

September 11, 1925 - October 6, 2010

Patricia Nelson, of 1868 Mary's Way in Kingsford, died Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2010, at the Dickinson County Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain.

She was born Sept. 11, 1925, in Iron Mountain, daughter of the late Clarence and Jeannetta (Western) Ryan. She was a graduate of Kingsford High School and lived in the Iron Mountain-Kingsford area all of her life.

Patty married Charles J. Nelson in 1945. He preceded her in death on June 12, 2007.

Patty was a very genuine and gracious lady. She thoroughly enjoyed an active and fulfilling social life with good friends and family. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Geraldine and Edward Collette of Niagara, Wis. and their son, Michael and family; her brother and sister-in-law, Dennis and Mary Ryan of Kingsford and family; sister-in-law, Carol Skogman of Beaver Dam, Wis. and family; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Terry and Michael Ryan.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Patricia Nelson online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home will be handling the private arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Family of Patricia Nelson –
I am a bit late with this tribute (my wife and I were on vacation overseas for part of October), but I very much want to tell you how much I will miss Patricia.

I met her through my role as executive director of Pine Mountain Music Festival. She was one of our most generous contributors over a number of years, but the wonderful thing is that she quickly became important to me not only as a donor but also as a personal friend. I really enjoyed my visits with her. Her interest in the Festival and in me seemed so genuine and I always thought of her as both gracious and feisty, which is a wonderful combination.

Sometimes my wife (also Patricia) accompanied me, and they got along so well – every time I called her to say I was coming, she would ask, “Is your wife coming too?” That was nice.

I deeply sympathize with you on your loss. Patricia was a very special person.

*Respectfully,
Peter Van Pelt*

Peter Van Pelt - Hancock, MI - Friend - October 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy is with all of the family of Pat. I met Pat a number of years ago at Pain Diagnostics in Niagara. We were both there with a family member. While we were waiting we struck up a conversation and hit it off right away. At a later time she took me to the Chippewa Club and we had a wonderful lunch together. We continued our friendship via phone and always planned to meet again, but never did. She was such a classy woman and she will be missed.

Donna Winton - Republic, MI - friend - October 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ My deepest condolences on the loss of Pat. I enjoyed visiting with her on numerous occasions, starting when I was a small girl. My grandfather, Evan Nelson and her husband Charlie were brothers; Grandpa would have Charlie and Pat over to the cottage in Spread Eagle many times. In turn, every summer Pat would invite our family over to her house for a wonderful meal. We kids would wander around her property on Woodward Ave and enjoy the beautiful trees, I remember her beautiful fountain in her family room in the house there.

After Pat and Charlie moved to East Lake, they had us over for several boat rides on their pontoon boat. What a beautiful house they had. My mother, Barbara Louys, and I visited them in Florida one spring. Pat and Charlie were always so gracious and showed wonderful hospitality. I remember singing to the player piano they had - what fun. I enjoyed visiting with Pat when she lived on Mary's Lane.

I will really miss her. Karen

Karen Louys Cox - Milwaukee, WI - Great-niece of Pat - October 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM