



Patricia Varda

March 9, 1931 - March 9, 2008

KINGSFORD - Patricia P. Varda, 77, of Kingsford, died Sunday, March 9, 2008, at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain.

Pat was born Jan. 22, 1931, in Iron Mountain, daughter of the late Frank and Catherine (Bartush) DeFiore. She graduated from Norway High School in 1949 and was a lifelong resident of the area.

Pat married Laurence J. Varda on Sept. 9, 1950, in Norway. She worked as a sales clerk at Wards and Crandall Jewelry for many years.

Pat was a member of St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Kingsford, and was a CCD teacher. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, music, and playing piano in the band she was in with her husband, father, and brother.

Pat belonged to the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Women's Club. She also belonged to a women's card club with her good friends for approximately 50 years.

Pat is survived by her husband of 57 years, Laurence; two sons, Gary (Carol) Varda of Norway, and Robert (Linda) Varda of Kingsford; a daughter, Linda (Michael) Kosovec of Madison, Wis.; one granddaughter, Michelle (Nathan) Barrows of Grand Rapids, Mich.; a stepbrother, George LaFave of Iron

Mountain; a stepsister, Alice Branam of Gladstone; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Lauren Kosovec; one brother, Francis DeFiore; one sister, Rosalie Johnson and her stepfather, Raymond LaFave.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Wednesday at St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Kingsford.

Funeral services will follow at 12 noon at the church. Fr. Michael Weompner will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

Condolences to the family of Patricia Varda can be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain is in charge of the funeral arrangements.

Tribute Wall

EB

“ *I offer my deepest and heartfelt sympathy to all of you. Pat was such a lovely dear lady whom I enjoyed knowing so much. May good memories give you great comfort. I will miss her, too.*
Elsa Brule

Elsa Brule - March 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *To the family of Patricia Varda,*

Please accept our sincere condolences in the loss of our dear friend of many years, Pat. Jim and I were on vacation in Nevada until Wednesday evening and were shocked in reading the newspaper that Pat had died.

Pat was a kind, fun-loving lady who will be sadly missed. It was a joy to have known her.
Jim & Carole Wilcheck

Carole & Jim Wilcheck - March 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Larry and Family...sorry to hear about the passing of such a great woman...My mom was married to her brother, Francis Defiore..I dont know if you remember but you were all part of our family for such a long time...ew loved the time spent at uct meetings, family get togethers, and all.....Now pat is with Fran and the rest of her family that passed before her...tonight she sleeps with the angels...take care during your time of mourning and know Pat was well loved by all.....

my mother also send her condolences..Her name is Maryjane Defiore..she still carries fran's name with her.....hugs to all!!

sandy rouse - March 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Dear Linda, Gary, Rob, and Larry,

*We were saddened to hear of your Mothers passing. We regret that we will be unable to be with you tomorrow for your Mom's service. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Susie has many fond memories of your Mom. She especially remembers the fantastic meals Pat made, the delicious chocolate sundaes, the many trips to the band concerts in Norway, and the summer picnics with the teachers. Hope that we get to see you soon.
Love, Susie and Wayne*

Susie and Wayne Backlund - March 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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