



Phyllis Ann Kesler

December 20, 1931 - May 20, 2020

Phyllis Ann Kesler, 88, of Iron Mountain, MI, passed away Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at Dickinson County Healthcare System in Iron Mountain.

Phyllis was born December 20, 1931 in Escanaba, MI, daughter of the late Patrick and Blanche (LaBranche) Milligan. She graduated Valedictorian of her class from Felch High School in 1950 and was a lifelong resident of the area. Phyllis married Marshall Kesler on August 20, 1955 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Foster City. She was a devout Catholic and a faithful member of St. Mary & St. Joseph Church in Iron Mountain where she taught CCD and was a Eucharistic Minister. Phyllis regularly participated in Eucharistic Adoration. She was an excellent cook and enjoyed reading and playing cards, especially with her bridge group.

She leaves her husband of 64 years, Marshall; two sons, Russell P. Kesler of Minneapolis and Bryan F. Kesler of Iron Mountain; a daughter, Marchell A. (Mitchell) Merkel of Iron Mountain; a sister, Faye Bartoszek; five grandchildren, Deacon Tom Merkel, Patrick Merkel, Matthew (Liz) Kesler, David Kesler and Callie Kesler; two great-grandchildren, Emmett & Millie Kesler; many nieces and nephews; and her dear friend, Carol Schneider.

Along with her parents, Phyllis was preceded in death by three brothers, Patrick (Janice) Milligan, James (Anna) Milligan and Robert (Alice) Milligan; a

sister, Janet (Ed) Skibo; and a brother-in-law, Anthony Bartoszek.

A funeral mass will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at St Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church in Iron Mountain. Fr. Janusz Romanek and Deacon Tom Merkel will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain.

Condolences to the family of Phyllis Ann Kesler may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 26. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary & St Joseph Church
W B St
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
(906) 774-2046

Tribute Wall

DB

“ I am so sorry I couldn't make it to the mass yesterday. I have very fond memories of us as kids swimming in your pool for many summers with Phyllis and Marshall watching over us. Your mom always was there and always had a snack or drink to share whether we were swimming or playing ball in the field next door. She was a wonderful, caring lady who will be missed dearly. My thoughts and prayers are with your family !

David Bray

david bray - May 27, 2020 at 11:53 AM

FV

“ My condolences to Marshall and family on your loss to this world of Phyllis! You and she will remain in my daily prayers!



Fr. Gregory Veneklase - May 24, 2020 at 12:38 AM

JF

“ Brian and family
Sure sorry for your loss. My condolences and sympathy. I will keep you in my prayers and thoughts.

Jimmy Fornetti

Jim Fornetti - May 22, 2020 at 07:44 PM

MP

“ *Marshall and family, we are saddened to hear of Phyllis' passing. Please accept our condolences in your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*
-Merle and Betty Parsons

Merle Parsons - May 22, 2020 at 06:24 PM

BC

“ *We are so sorry to read about your dear wife/mother's death. She is at peace. May you find comfort in your memories and in the knowledge that you walked this journey with her. Sincerely, Bob and Kitti Costa Colassacco*

Bob and Kitti Colassacco - May 22, 2020 at 04:40 PM

MB

“ *Bill and I are so sorry for your loss! Sending prayers for comfort and lots of love!*
Marge and Bill Badini

Marge Badini - May 22, 2020 at 10:07 AM