



Rita Noel

September 18, 1936 - September 18, 2004

"Rita Mae Noel"

IRON MOUNTAIN - Rita Mae Noel, 68, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 18, 2004, at Bellin Hospital in Green Bay, Wis. after a lengthy illness.

Rita was born on Oct. 7, 1935, in Kingsford, the daughter of Raymond and Mary (Burcar) Wells. She graduated in 1953 from Kingsford High School. After graduation she worked at Sackims and General Controls.

Rita married Arthur Duane Noel of Iron Mountain on April 26, 1958, at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. Together they spent 46 wonderful years.

Rita was very active in music and loved playing the piano. She played for the chorus in high school. In the 11 years that she and Art traveled to Arizona for the winter, they enjoyed clogging and square dancing in several shows. She was also an original member of the Amidon Follies. Rita also enjoyed going with Art wherever his band played, just to listen to the music, watch people dancing, and to talk with people. Once you met her, she became a friend. Rita enjoyed the band concerts at Lake Antoine and Norway. For several years, she was a member of the "Smile-A-Whiles," bringing joy to area nursing homes until arthritis made it difficult to get around.

Rita is survived by her husband, Art; her sister, Carol (Earl) Rauland of Kingsford, her sister-in-law, Sadie Wells of Kingsford; two nieces, Cindy (Duane) Wender of Pine Creek, and Jody (Glen) Edlund of Peavy Falls, a

nephew, Robert Jr. (Mary) Wells of Kingsford; an aunt, Rose Burcar of Florence, Wis., and several other relatives and countless friends.

Rita was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Mary Wells; her brother, Robert Wells, and her sister, Joyce Wells.

Rita will be dearly missed by her husband, sister, and beloved dog, Chelsea and everyone who knew her.

Friends and family may pay their respects on Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Tondin-Ross & Freeman Funeral Home.

Services will be Thursday at 11:15 a.m. at the funeral home and at 11:30 a.m. at American Martyrs Catholic Church. Fr. Joseph Gouin will celebrate the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain.

Pallbearers will be Ken McMahan, Al Peterson, Jerry Makela, Jim Fruik, Dennis Larson, Billy Larson, and David Larson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Diabetes Foundation or the Arthritis Foundation.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Rita Noel at www.tondinfuneralhome.com.

The Tondin-Ross & Freeman Funeral Home of Iron Mountain is assisting the family with arrangements.

Tribute Wall

BP

“ Art - we are sending you are heartfelt sympathy for your loss. When you have shared so much of your life with a loved one, it's hard to say goodbye. May your loving memories of Rita help you through this difficult time.

Bill & Lucy Perry - October 05, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Dear Mr. Noel..Tho I didnt know your wife she sounds like a wonderful woman.. My sympathy goes out to you in your loss..I will always remember my years at IMHS and what a great teacher you were.. Love & Prayers to you and your family..
Candy (Stuart) Lauk

Candy (Stuart) Lauk - September 28, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Art, My heartfelt sympathy on the loss of your wife. I only met Rita three times, during Jim's wedding and at his anniversary parties, but she had the ability of making me feel like I knew her forever..She was a warm,loving person. May God be with you during this difficult time.
Jan Fruik

Jan Fruik - September 27, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Art -

Just a note to express my sympathy for your great loss. Rita was such a fine lady and a very dear friend as well.

May your cherished memories give you comfort.

Mary Nolda Czerwinski - September 24, 2004 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ *With sincere sympathy on the loss of your wife.*

My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Patricia Amicangelo-Campbell - September 21, 2004 at 12:00 AM