



Ruth Bjertnes

January 20, 1917 - January 20, 2011

Ruth A. Bjertnes, 94, of Victorian Pines Estates, Iron Mountain, died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2011 at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital. She was born on Feb. 21, 1916 in Metropolitan Mich., the daughter of the late Erick and Marie (Anderson) Johnson. Ruth was raised in Metropolitan and was a 1934 graduate of Felch High School.

She married Raymond Skog in Metropolitan on Dec. 31, 1938. Together, they lived in the Detroit area from 1938 until Raymond's retirement, and in 1972 they moved to Iron Mountain. Raymond preceded her in death on Oct. 23, 1972. She married Kenneth Bjertnes on May 11, 1988 and he preceded her in death in 1993.

Ruth was an active and faithful member of First Lutheran Church and participated in the Holy Comforters Quilting group. She was a volunteer for the Dickinson County Hospital Auxiliary and was involved with the County Extension Service. She was also an expert seamstress and spent much of her spare time sewing and quilting.

She is survived by her daughter, Patricia Craft of Roseville, Minn.; a grandson, Arik Oversmith of Lauderdale, Minn.; a brother, Gordon Johnson of Iron Mountain; step-children, Ronald (Olga) Bjertnes and Lynn Colova of Illinois; step grandchildren, Scott (Brianne) Bjertnes and Michelle Bjertnes; step great

grandson, Gavin.

Ruth is also survived by her "other" daughter, Donna Jensen and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 10 a.m., to 12 noon at First Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain. Funeral services will be at 12 noon at the church. Rev. Stephen Cowen will officiate.

Burial will be in the Felch Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her memory to the First Lutheran Church Food Pantry.

Condolences to the family of Ruth Bjertnes may expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **25**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First Lutheran Church
1210 S. Stephenson Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Funeral Service

JAN **25**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Family,

I am very sorry for the death of your dear loved one. Although the pain will seem unbearable at times, please find comfort that there is a day coming when this earth will be filled with happy people and peace will be everywhere and Mrs. Bjertnes will be there to enjoy it (Psalms 37:10,11,29). My sincere condolences to you.

Pat Freeman - February 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ We have visited with Ruth on several occasions while visiting my own mother next door. I did not know that she was an excellent seamstress at one time. She was such a lovely lady with a gentle way. We are so sorry.

Kitti and Bob Colassacco - Ironwood, MI - daughter of VP neighbor - February 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sorry about the lose of your mother, Let time heal.

JoAnn H. Poirier - Broken Arrow ,Ok, OK - Friend of daughter, Pat - January 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM