



Ruth Saxon

December 8, 1926 - December 8, 2009

IRON MOUNTAIN - Ruth D. Saxon, 83, of Iron Mountain passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009, at ManorCare Health Services in Kingsford.

She was born Feb. 3, 1926, daughter of the late Gust and Matilda (Ostrom) Gustafson. Ruth attended school in Felch through the 11th grade and graduated with the Kingsford High School class of 1944.

On July 12, 1947, she married Wayne Saxon at First Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain. He preceded her in death in 1974.

A lifelong resident of the area, Ruth worked in food service at the V.A. Hospital. She was a member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and was actively involved in many capacities including the choir, church Circle, quilting, and Sunday school.

Ruth truly enjoyed spending time with her family. Her children and grandchildren were the center of her life, and she loved attending her grandchildren's sporting events. She was an avid Packer and Cubs fan and loved taking rides with family and friends.

Ruth is survived by her six children, Charlene (Kurt) Krafski of Florida, Shirley (Larry) Schmidt of Kansas, Nancy (Bill) Buchcuski of Iron Mountain, Jim (Sue)

Saxon of Iron Mountain, Randy (Betty) Saxon of Kentucky, and Bob (Kris) Saxon of Kingsford; grandchildren, Kirk (Shannon) Robertson, Melissa (Scott) Ross, Adam (Sarah) Buchcuski, Brent (Krista) Buchcuski, Carlye Buchcuski, Liz (Scott) Hampton, Kim (Ernesto) Fernandez, Derek Saxon, Kris (Christine) Saxon, Bobbi Jo Saxon, Travis Brown, Eric Schmidt, Kristi Tucker, Amy Maki and Jarrad Maki; great-grandchildren, Hayley, Jake, Abriana, Jeremiah, Caleb, Olivia, Sydney, Colin, Madeline, Connor, Derek, Cara, Ethan, Troy, Megan, Jacob, Liam, Jackson and Nina; numerous nieces and nephews who always held a special place in her heart; two very special sisters-in-law, Vi Saxon and Helen Gustafson; and a special cousin, Irene Dishnow.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by four brothers, Rudy, Walter, Harold and Arnie Gustafson; three sisters, Hildur Lindstrom, Edith Michaud and Alma Hamilton; nieces, Marge (Glen) Anderson, and Marion (Del) Utgaard; two nephews, Gerald Michaud and Donald Michaud; and many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

Visitation will be Friday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain.

Funeral services will follow at 5 p.m. at the church. Rev. Stephen Cowen and Rev. Lee Liverance will officiate.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in her memory.

Pallbearers will be Bill Buchcuski, Kurt Krafski, Larry Schmidt, Derek Saxon, Kirk Robertson, and Adam and Brent Buchcuski.

Condolences to the family of Ruth D. Saxon can be expressed online at www.

ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Tribute Wall

ND

“ *Dear Family*

Your Mom was a special lady. She was a great friend to my Mom when they were in Manor Care several years ago. She would call and check on her after she left. I know she went back to visit her also. I know you will miss her in your lives. Sincerely, Norma DG\$uTReyaert

Norma Deyaert - January 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ *My mother Edith Anderson Enstrom was born in Felch and knew Ruth through the years. She always spoke so highly of her. We are sending our very deepest sympathy.*

Kay Enstrom Arcand & Edith Enstrom - December 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *Dear Nancy, Bill, Carlye, and family - My thoughts and prayers are with you. I know how special she was to you and everyone who met her. She was such a kind and gentle person, and always was so nice to me at church. When I first came to Iron Mountain, I was so happy to meet her, knowing what a dear friend she was of my grandma's. May God bless you with strength in this Holiday Season, as you share your precious memories of your dear mother and grandmother. Love to you all.*

Kristin (Aho) Wanhala - December 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ To the Saxon Family, I would like express my sympathy for the loss of your mother. May all of the good things that she has done for all of you be the inspiration that will leave you with the best memories to share in your hearts forever.

Scott Pancheri - December 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VL

“ Jim & Family,
You are in my thoughts and prayers. I am sending sympathy from my mom (Ethel Anderson Dixon) also. We are sorry we cannot attend the services tonight.
My mom has often shared good memories of times she had with the Gustafson kids who were their neighbors just over the hill in Felch. (I also remember coming to your house in Iron Mountain with Joanne and playing outside with a bunch of your cousins. So I guess our families have been linked in some way for a while.)
Anyway I'm sure all who knew your mom will miss her, she was a sweet and friendly lady.

Valerie (Dixon) Lucas - December 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ What can I say, Aunt Ruth was such a great person; it is shown again and again through all of these notes. If I could say one thing to her now, I would say thank you for the love you have shown to me and to my family throughout our lives, you always made us feel that we held a special place in your heart. She will forever be missed and forever be loved. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you in this time of sorrow. Take care and God bless.

Macrea Anderson - December 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ DEAR JIM, RANDY @ Nancy and family, I AM SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT THE LOSS OF YOUR WONDERFUL MOTHER.I HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT YOU ALL SO MUCH, AND WONDERING HOW YOU ALL HAVE BEEN.THIS IS A HARD TIME IN YOUR LIFE AND I KNOW THERE ARE ANGELS SURROUNDING YOU AT THIS TIME. THE PAIN AND THE WONDER OF GOING THRU THE LIGHT HAS PUT YOUR MOM IN SUCH A BETTER PLACE. SHE WILL ALWAYS BE IN YOUR HEART,AND THAT WILL NEVER GO AWAY, THERE WILL BE DAYS YOU WILL FEEL HER NEXT TO YOU,BE HAPPY TO KNOW SHE IS IN HEAVEN WITH HER LOVED ONES AND KNOW SOMEDAY YOU WILL ALL BE REUNIGHTED ONCE, WHAT A GLOURIOS TIME THAT WILL BE WHEN WE CAN ALL BE JOINED TOGETHER MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL SO MUCH, ALWAYS MISSED YOU ALL SO MUCH..LOVE MAUREEN JULIAN PASTEN {MN}

maureen julian pasten - December 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ My heart is saddened. I loved her and will miss your Mom very much. Her love for God and her family is an inspiration to all. I can see her singing in the choir up in heaven! The Lord is gracious and compassionate. Ps 111:4b May He give you peace and comfort through this very hard time of your mother's lost. Love Barb

Barb Galbraith-Johnson - December 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Nancy, Bill and Family, Our deepest sympathy in the loss of your mother/mother-in-law. Ruth was a wonderful, energetic woman, whom we had the pleasure to get to know over the last couple of years. She was a great lady!!! Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. God Bless all of you.

Pam and Jack Wallis - December 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Aunt Ruth was one of the sweetest people who always had a smile on her face and lots of love in her heart. She was always on the go and I loved seeing her at the kids activities. She will be deeply missed. Our love to all of you.

Kris & Alex Khor and Family - December 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Charlene and family, I was saddened to read about your mother's passing; she will be greatly missed by all the people that she has touched throughout her life. As you well know, that time does heal somewhat the death of a parent; you have all those treasured memories of her that will be with you and your family forever. I want to extend my deepest sympathies to every one of you; you and your families will be in my thoughts and prayers this week. God's blessings to you.

Joy Erickson Brewer - December 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Nancy, Robert, Jimmy, Randy, Shirley, Char and families,

I loved your mom so much and extend our deepest sympathy. We are hoping to get to Iron Mountain for the funeral. I hope to see you all tomorrow. Love your cousin Jeanne and Bill

Jeanne Sauter - December 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your entire family during this difficult time. I remember Ruth as a vibrant and warm woman who loved God and adored her family. Her friendship to my grandmother, Marian Peterson was something that I was so thankful for. Grandma needed a friend in her world and Ruth was always there. I know that the two of them are 'catching up' with each other in the Lord's presence right now! Ruth will definitely be missed by those of us here, but is being lovingly embraced by our Lord, Jesus Christ. You are in my prayers.

God's Peace... Julie (Polkinghorne/Ponzio)Klingberg

Julie Klingberg - December 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ All of you have our deepest sympathy. Aunt Ruth had the biggest heart of anyone I know. She was a such a wonderful, kind, loving, person. Everyone who knew her, loved her, and will miss her. I am so thankful that I have so many fantastic memories of her. She is now pain free, no more back problems. And she will have Christmas this year with your dad, her parents, my dad, and all her other siblings. I apologize that I am not able to come to the service, I will be there with you in thought and prayer. Love you all, Joanne & Allen

Joanne - December 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *To All of You,
We are greatly saddened that we are in Tucson right now and unable to attend the funeral services. We're sure you know how much Aunt Ruth meant to us and all who knew her. She will be leaving a large hole in our lives and in your families' for sure. She was always a great joy to be with and talk with, so caring of others; hard to lose someone so special.
Plese give our regards to all, especially thinking of Carley and Derek. She sure enjoyed the last years with them.
Love,
Merle and Michelle*

Merle and Michelle Gustafson - December 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Charlene and Family
I was saddened to hear of your Mom's passing yesterday. Kirk called in the morning with the news.
I know that you & Kurt are on your way to Iron Mountain and wish you and everyone else has a safe trip.
Again, so sorry for your loss.
John
Omaha*

John Robertson - December 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ *My prayers are with everyone. I will miss her very much. I know that she is pain free now and with her love that she missed. It is sad that the Gust Gustafson family is back together.
Love to all of you.*

Peg Lindstrom-Ball - December 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM