



Shirley Menghini

July 26, 1925 - July 26, 2008

KINGSFORD - Shirley Menghini, 83, of Kingsford, died on Saturday, June 26, 2008, at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain.

She was born on June 13, 1925, in Norway, daughter of the late Elmer "Potts" Johnson and Rose (Banchi) Magnuson. Shirley graduated from Norway High School in 1942, and then went on to Columbus Nursing School in Chicago, where she graduated as a registered nurse.

On June 26, 1948, she married Robert Menghini. Bob preceded her in death on Nov. 5, 2007.

Shirley began her nursing career at Penn Hospital in Norway. Her first move was to Marquette where she worked at St. Luke's Hospital. She then moved to Troy, Mich., to work at Beaumont Hospital where she helped deliver the first set of triplets.

They moved back to the U.P. and Shirley worked at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain until she began her job with the Dickinson-Iron Health Department in 1961. Shirley worked as a public health and school nurse, and retired from the health department after 25 years in 1986.

Shirley loved to read, and instilled that love in her daughters at a very young

age with frequent trips to the public library. Family trips and vacations were an important part of their summers. She loved her family, her bridge clubs, and her lifelong Norway friends known as the "Hilltoppers." Shirley loved to laugh and had a great sense of humor. She also loved cooking, gardening, watching the Packers, winters in Florida, and spending time with her grandsons.

Shirley is survived by her daughters, Susan (Wayne) Backlund of Marshall, Mich. and Spread Eagle, Wis., Kristine Deckett of Tawas City, Mich., and Joan (Larry) Swartout of Iron Mountain; grandsons, Robert Backlund of Jackson, Wyo., David Deckett of Tawas City, and Thomas, Alex, and Andrew Swartout, all of Iron Mountain; a sister, Norma Zemek of Eagan, Minn.; brothers-in-law, Floyd Menghini, Clarence (Marge) Menghini, and Wallace (Gwen) Menghini; and several nieces and nephews.

Shirley was preceded in death by a brother, James Magnuson.

Private family services were held.

Condolences to the family of Shirley Menghini may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Tribute Wall

PT

“ Dear Sue, Kris, Joan, Wayn and Larry, and extended family,

Please accept my sympathy. Shirley was a lovely lady, and she a great friend my mother. I wish you all peace and comfort at this time.

Peter

Peter Trembath - August 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Sue,

I am sorry to hear about your mom's passing. I remember how she took care of me when I was sick at school camp in 7th grade. She was a very loving and caring lady. I pray you and your family will be ok through this difficult time.

Terry

Terry Goettler - July 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Sue, Joan and family - We are sorry to hear of your mother's passing. We are praying for God's peace and comfort for all of your family. In sympathy, Barb & Larry Partanen

Larry & Barb Partanen - July 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ We are so sorry to hear that your mother passed away. Though it is tough for her family left behind here on Earth, she is now at peace and with your dad. I know that this is so hard to bear but you are a family that has strength because of what you learned from your parents. You also know what God has promised. We will pray for his peace and grace to see you through your sadness.

Gordy and Alice Reed

Alice Reed - July 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ So sorry to hear that Shirley passed away. She was a wonderful lady. My prayers are with all of her family. I will always remember the day that I had to help her wash her hair in the bathroom.
Amanda (Nurse- Manorcare)

Amanda Dionne - July 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ So Sorry to hear of your loss of your Mom. She was such a fun lovable lady, who made my Tuesday mornings at my salon so fun. Shirley will always be remembered fondly by me. Love, Julie DeGroot, Independent Haircutters.

Julie DeGroot - July 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Joan, Larry, Tom, Alex and Andrew*

We are so sorry to hear of your mom's/nona's passing. She was such a fun loving woman and will be missed by so many. We know how much she loved her family and her busy grandsons.

With sympathy,

Mike, Diane, Kelsie and family

Mike and Diane Bennett - July 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Girls,*

Sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. She was a wonderful person and very proud of all of you. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Jim Franson

Jim Franson - July 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ *Joan*

We are so very sorry for your loss. Please let us know if you need anything.

Dickinson Neurology Associates

Dr. Shein, Dr. Peterson, Donna, Cindy, Nikki, Jane and Frances

Frances Monette - July 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM