



Sigrid "Sunny" Thorsen-Raymond

May 27, 1919 - November 27, 2010

Sigrid E. "Sunny" Thorsen Raymond, 91, of Iron Mountain passed away on Saturday, November 27, 2010 at Hyland Nursing Home.

She was born May 27, 1919 in Calumet, MI, daughter of the late Arvid and Sigrid (Olsen) Hansen and moved to Kingsford as a young child. Sunny married Ralph Thorsen on October 25, 1941 in Evanston, IL, where they were both working at the time. Sunny enriched so many lives. She was a wonderful mother to five daughters, sewing their clothes, baking, cooking, canning, all while happily singing. Her sunny disposition is why her husband gave her the appropriate nickname "Sunny". Her faith in the Lord grew even stronger through the years, especially during WWII when her husband was overseas for 4-1/2 years. She loved the Lord and reading her Bible, and her love of family was beyond measure. Sunny was proficient at knitting and crochet, and her family cherish the beautiful hand-made of keepsakes of these crafts. Sunny made friends wherever she went and was always ready to help. She was an active member of Immanuel Baptist Church in Kingsford and the First Baptist Church in Norway. Sunny enjoyed attending services and worshipping her Lord with others in the family of God. She had a heart for missions and wrote encouraging letters to missionaries as well as supporting them. Her love for God and His people was obvious. Sunny's home was always open to whomever came by. Coffee or tea was always offered with treats. We will miss her cheerful smile and sunny ways but know Heaven has welcomed a very

special person.

She is survived by five daughters, Sonja (Norman) Johnson of Iron Mountain, Gail Thorsen of Niagara, Vikki Stephen of Niagara, Cindy (Denny) Lyons of Austin, TX and Darlene Thorsen of Colorado; three sisters, Lillie Wilson of Iron Mountain, Carole (Dick) Smart of Quinnesec and Donna (Jerry) Kriegl of Quinnesec; two sisters-in-law, Beverly and Florence Hansen; 12 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Sigrid was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph, in 1971; two brothers, Roy and Morris Hansen; three sisters, Ann Hansen, Ruth Trask and Randi Schmitt.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 5:00 to 8:00pm and on Thursday from 10:00 to 11:00am at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. The funeral service will follow on Thursday at 11:00am at the funeral home. Rev. Ron Wolfe will officiate. Burial will be in the Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

Sunny's grandchildren will serve as pallbearers.

The family wishes to express their deepest gratitude to the staff at Hyland Nursing for the exceptional and loving care given to Sunny.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Sigrid "Sunny" Thorsen Raymond online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Visitation

DEC 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

DEC 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ We weren't together often, but I did admire her christian witness whenever we did meet.

Although I am deeply sorry that "Sunny" is no longer with all of us, you can expect to see her someday in heaven. What a great consolation to know that she will no longer suffer. The family is left with so many shining examples that she'll never be forgotten.

I ask the Lord's blessing on each of her family and the Lord's consolation during this time of such great grief.

Betty Johnson

Betty Johnson - Quinnesec, MI - An admirer - December 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ I only got to meet Sunny once in the nursing home in 2008. I was touched by her sweet spirit, and wish I could have known her. My love and prayers to Sonja Johnson at the loss of your mother.

Laurie Holcomb - Oakland, ME - Wife of Eric Johnson (grandson) - December 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Friends:
I have not spoken to you in over 30 years, but I was friends with Cyndi & Darlene, graduating from KHS with her in 1972. We had many good times together during high school, and your mother always welcomed us into your home. She was a very kind & loving mother, and I am deeply sorry for your loss. May God Bless all of you at this time & always. Find comfort in each other & share your many memories with family & friends. May God Bless!
Janine (Tarsi) Lambon jlambon@hotmail.com

Janine (Tarsi) Lambon - friend - December 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Gail, the stories you've shared over the years about the love, the fun, the predicaments, made Sunny come alive for us. Our heartfelt love and prayers to you and your family in your time of sorrow. God definitely takes his favorites back to heaven too soon. God Bless.*

Alex and Bub Christensen - Friend - November 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM