



Sue Mortl

July 25, 1914 - October 27, 2005

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IRON MOUNTAIN - Sue Mortl, 91, of 500 E. Smith St. in Iron Mountain, passed away peacefully on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 27, 2005, at her home with her children and grandchildren at her bedside.

She was born on July 25, 1914, in Whiting, Ind., daughter of the late Andrew and Mary Benko.

She met and married Fred Mortl in Chicago back in 1939. Moving back to the Iron Mountain area as a young bride, she started raising her family. They were blessed with seven lovely children.

Sue worked at General Controls, Perfex, and Hancock Wood Products while raising her family. She enjoyed the outdoors, especially time spent with the family. Berry picking, vegetable gardening, canning, sewing, and cooking were a few of her favorite pastimes. But the one thing she really got a joy from was playing a marble game called Wahoo. When out-of-town family came home, the old Wahoo board would be on the dining room table and the game would sometimes go on for hours and hours.

The Lord blessed Sue with relatively good health. In fact, on her 88th birthday, she took a ride on a Harley Davidson motorcycle with her grandson Richie. This past November, she was diagnosed with failing kidneys and congestive heart failure. She battled these two health problems with the help of her children at the family home. She fought a courageous battle for 11 months and went to be with the Lord on this date of Oct. 27.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred, in July 8, 1993, and by her brothers, Emil, John, and Andy, Mike and Joe Benko, and a sister, Sophie Sass.

She is survived by her seven children; Phylis (Chuck) Williams of Norway, Mary Ann Anderson (Peter Behnke) of Green Bay, Wis., Jean (Ken) LaBelle of LaGrange, Ill., Judy (Don) Bouffiou of Frankville, Wis., Fred (Lana) Mortel of Iron Mountain, Bob (Monica) Mortel of Escanaba and Rich (Jan) Mortl of Escanaba; 16 grandchildren, Connie, Colleen, Tom, Debbie, Susie, Mike, Michelle, Cindy, Jim, Annette, Jennifer, Fred, Marc, Richard, Tina and Tammy; and 31 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain.

The funeral service will be on Monday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Rev. David Anderson will officiate.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park. The grandchildren will serve as pallbearers. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Kidney Foundation or the American Red Cross-Hurricane Katrina victims.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Sue Mortl online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Tribute Wall

MG

“ As it starts to get colder and turn to fall here in Galesburg, IL, where I am attending college, memories of spending time at your house in the fall fill my mind. I didn't get a chance to visit you that often, but I loved it when we came back to the midwest to see you and everyone else. My dad loves you so much, he always tells us stories about you and Grandpa Fred. He loved taking us to see Iron Mountain. I remember being really excited the first time you made me perogies; my dad always talked about how they were his favorite. They tasted like home. I remember playing in the backyard with my cousins while the grown-ups talked inside in the cozy kitchen. Jack and Maddy and I would sneak into the attic, where there was all kinds of cool stuff. And I remember you had really cool Halloween decorations. I wish I could have spent more time with you as a kid. Being in Iron Mountain at your house always felt like home. I wish I could have gotten to play Wahoo with you. I miss you, and I hope you're doing well :)
Love Marie (Tommy's daughter)

Marie Anderson - Pleasant Hill, CA - Great-Granddaughter - September 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VN

“ Im sorry for your loss. An i am sorry to ask you this but my Grandfather was Sue's Brother Michael i was hoping you may have photographs or information that would help me i am doing the Benko Geneology an need to know what Andrew Benko's parents names were an who his sisters names were in the old country. If you can help please contact me

Victoria(Benko- mothers maiden name) - October 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TA

Hello, Victoria. Unsure if you'll ever get this but I am one of Sue's grandsons, and we are traveling to Eastern Europe next month (July '24) - and I would love to know what you may have learned from your Geneology of the Benko family. We'd like to swing by Slovakia (other?) if we can find where that side of the family lived. My email address is tanderson1212@yahoo.com. Thanks!

Tom Anderson - June 21, 2024 at 06:56 PM

PT

“ Dear Fred and Lana,

I'm terribly sorry to hear the sad news. What a wonderful long life your nother had. Please accept our deepest sympathies.

Teresa, Peter, Andy and Maggie

Peter H. Trembath - December 22, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Dear Rich & Jan, I know that there is nothing anyone can say right now to make you feel better so just now that you will be in my prayers. Take care of your selves.

Kim Krause - November 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Dear Mr. & Mrs. Mortel, Jen & Russ, Annette, and Fred: We were so sorry to hear about the passing of your mother and grandmother in the Iron Mountain Daily News. Please accept our condolences, and know our thoughts and prayers are with you all in this difficult time. Our words may not be of comfort, but we're sure your memories will.

Kevin & Carie (Casari) Carlson - October 31, 2005 at 12:00 AM