



Thelma V. Osterberg

February 4, 1925 - October 31, 2018

Thelma V. Osterberg, 93, of Kingsford, passed away Wednesday, October 31, 2018, at ManorCare Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Kingsford.

Thelma was born on February 4, 1925 in Breitung Township, the third of five children to the late Joseph and Jennie (Swanson) LaSalle. Thelma attended Lincoln Elementary School in East Kingsford and as a child, she and other neighborhood kids would gather at an empty lot to play baseball games organized by her father. Later Thelma would play shortstop in fast-pitch softball. She attended Kingsford High School through her sophomore year and when World War II broke out, Thelma dropped out of school and went to work at the Summit Dairy on Breitung Avenue. After the war, Thelma met and fell in love with a Navy veteran from Iron Mountain's north side, Franklin "Oaken" Osterberg. They were married on October 4, 1947 at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. Thelma spent many years as a clerk at both Pucci's and Dooley's stores and was a longtime member of the American Martyrs Catholic Church where she served on St. Rita's Circle. Her lifelong love of baseball continued from listening to the Detroit Tigers on the radio with her father, playing the sport and eventually following her sons as they played ball from little league through high school and adult leagues. Just a few years ago she was still walking to the east Kingsford field to watch the little leaguers play baseball. Thelma was a dedicated housewife and mother as well as an accomplished cook and baker. She will be deeply missed by family and friends.

Thelma is survived by her children, Jane (Roy) Steinke of Kingsford, MI and Larry (Chris) Osterberg of Grand Rapids, MI; grandchildren: Beth Osterberg, Nathaniel Osterberg, Roy Steinke Jr. and Jared Steinke; Great-grandchildren: Jared Michael Jr., Serenity, and Gabriel Steinke, Lindzey (Cory) Draton, Loryn (Nick) Gonzalez, and Brody Osterberg, Great-great grandsons Bryson Draton and Logan Gonzalez; a sister-in-law, Marilyn LaSalle; a brother-in-law, Donald Osterberg; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Franklin; a son, David; a grandson, Jeremiah Osterberg; a great-grandson, Reno Laney; and four brothers: Russell, Clarence, Earl LaSalle and Jack Griggs.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 9:00 to 10:30 am at the Kingsford Funeral Home. Fr. Joseph Goin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial on Tuesday at 11:00 am at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Thelma V. Osterberg online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Kingsford Funeral Home
1000 S. Carpenter
Kingsford, MI 49802

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Martyrs Catholic Church
908 W. Sagola Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Burial will be in Cemetery Park

NOV 6 (CT)

Cemetery Park
Cedar Ave
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Tribute Wall

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“ *Thelma was such a sweet woman. She was a bright light in this world always kind and caring. I will remember her beautiful smile. My heart goes out to her family.*

Carrie. Ray - December 10, 2018 at 11:15 AM

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“ *Dear Jane and Larry and families
Thoughts of East Kingsford days as kids.....my dad Bruce Pelletier also went to the Lincoln school and had been friends with your parents. May memories help console. Prayers and thoughts. God bless. Denise Pelletier Nault*

Denise Nault - November 07, 2018 at 03:36 PM

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“ *I always loved seeing Thelma at Manorcare when I went to see my dad. I would always stop by to say hello and asked how she was doing. She never complained. I will miss her. God Bless you Thelma.*

Teresa Swanson - November 04, 2018 at 12:31 PM

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“ *I am so sad to hear about Thelma. She was a dear friend and always helped me when I needed her. My children just loved her also. Such a beautiful person. I am in Georgia so I am not able to attend. My prayers and thoughts are with you. Norma Deyaert*

norma Deyaert - November 03, 2018 at 08:21 PM