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SPREAD EAGLE, Wis. - Verle R. Klungness, 75, of Spread Eagle, Wis. and Scottsdale, Ariz., died unexpectedly on Sunday, Jan. 18, 2004, at her home in Scottsdale.

Verle was born in Iron Mountain on Aug. 1, 1928, daughter of the late Ruth and Ivar Anderson. She was a graduate of Iron Mountain High School in 1946 and then continued her education at Albion College in Albion, lower Michigan. She graduated from Albion College, Phi Beta Kappa in 1950 with a bachelor of science degree in home economics. She taught school in Ishpeming for one year and then married James A. Klungness of Kingsford on June 23, 1951. Verle continued teaching for another 1 1/2 years in Channing until the birth of her first child. She then decided to be a full-time mother and wife.

Verle has been a lifelong member of Trinity United Methodist Church. She was a member of PEO Chapter CX for more than 40 years. Education was very important to Verle and she set up a scholarship fund for qualifying Iron Mountain and Kingsford high school students who wished to attend Albion College.

She was also very generous to people in need, civic projects and local charities. She cultivated many friendships throughout her life and maintained close contact with those she loved wherever her travels took her.

Verle is survived by her husband, Jim; two children, Kraig (Kate Alvord) and Barbara, both of Houghton; three grandchildren, Nelson, Christine and Lorna

Sommerfeldt of Houghton and a special four legged friend, Kinzy.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain.

Rev. Dr. Meredith Rupe of Trinity United Methodist Church will officiate.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain.

Honorary pallbearers will be Nelson Sommerfeldt, Bob VanLaanen, Larry Meyer and John Meyer.

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

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Verle Klungness online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

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

# Tribute Wall

RA

“ I want to express my sympathy to Mr. Klungness, Kraig, Barbara, and family on the death of Mrs. Klungness. I remember her many kindnesses to me as a young boy living down the street from her, and later on, when Kraig and I were freshmen roommates at Michigan Tech. I will be forever reminded of her generosity whenever I attend an event at MTU's Rosza Center for the Performing Arts.

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**Robert Aho** - February 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ To the family of Verle Klungness, I was the 2002 recipient of the Verle Klungness scholarship to Albion College, and I am very grateful to Verle for the opportunity the scholarship has given me. I am currently studying pre-medicine at Albion and wish to persue cardiology in the future. Without the generosity of the Klungness family, I would not have had the opportunity to begin my preparations at a wonderful school like Albion. I send my condolences to your family, and would once again like to say thanks you.

Sincerely,  
Jaime Fornetti

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**Jaime Fornetti** - January 31, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ Jim--John and I want you to know that we are thinking of you at this sad time and mourning the loss of Verle. It has been such a happy thing for me to reconnect with Verle during the past few years after a long time away from Iron Mountain. She brought a great sense of humor and such a warm, caring attitude that will always be remembered. We both send our sympathy to you and your family. This would not be our chosen way to communicate at this time but we are in CA and don't have either of your addresses. Our love to all of you--Ruth and John Noyce

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**Ruth and John Noyce** - January 28, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ To the family of Verle Klungness, I was the 1995 recipient of the Verle Klungness Scholarship to Albion College. It was through her and her family's generosity that I was able to attend such a wonderful college. My family didn't have a lot of money to send me to college, and I know that I couldn't have attended Albion without such a large scholarship. After I graduated from Albion, I attended Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota where I got my Master of Divinity degree. I'm currently an ordained minister of two congregations in the U.P.: Concordia Lutheran Church in Palmer and Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Suomi Location. None of this would have been possible without Verle, and I am so thankful. You have my condolences, and your family is in my prayers. Sincerely, Corinne Johnson

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**Corinne Johnson** - January 24, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ I was very sorry to hear of Verle's passing. She was a very sincere, genuinely nice person. I know she will be greatly missed. Please accept my condolences.

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**Dave Asp** - January 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ To the family of Verle Klungness,  
I am a 200 recipient of the Verle Klungness scholarship to Albion College. The generosity of Verle and the Klungness family has given me countless opportunities that I otherwise would not have had, and I am very grateful. Due in large part to the Klungness family, I was able to spend a semester studying in London, and am now preparing to work towards a masters degree in social work. I send my condolences to the family, and again, many many thanks.

*Sincerely, Angela Edberg*

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**Angela Edberg** - January 22, 2004 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ To the family of Verle Klugness:  
I was the 1998 recipient of the Verle Klungness scholarship to Albion College. The generosity of the Klungness family allowed me to attend Albion College for four years, which would otherwise have been impossible. Because of the outstanding and challenging education that I was able to receive at Albion, I was accepted to medical school at Michigan State University. I am currently in my second year and will graduate from the College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2006. The opportunity to attend a school such as Albion prepared me well for my future career and I attribute much of my success to my education there. My time at Albion would not have been possible without the scholarship provided to me by the Klungness family. I am truly grateful. I send my condolences to your family.

*Sincerely,  
Allison Edberg*

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**Allison Edberg** - January 22, 2004 at 12:00 AM