



Verna Balzarini

February 13, 1915 - March 14, 2006

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KINGSFORD - Verna Eva Balzarini, 91, of Kingsford, died Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at Freeman's Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Kingsford.

She was born on Feb. 13, 1915, in Hermansville, daughter of the late Art and Louise (Gendron) Mitchell, but spent most of her life in Iron Mountain. She married Charles Balzarini on Aug. 9, 1932, and he preceded her in death on Sept. 3, 1987.

Verna was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, and she loved to crochet, making hundreds of afghans and scrubbies for her family and friends. She was also noted for her wonderful cooking, especially her outstanding pasties.

Verna also enjoyed doing crossword puzzles and playing cards. She was a great wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and aunt. Verna was employed at Weber's Drug Store and Quality Hardware for many years. She is survived by a son, Charles (Marie) Balzarini of Sierra Vista, Ariz.; a daughter Jackie (Carl) Lemin of Kingsford; eight grandchildren, Cristina Balzarini, Debby (John) Bray who were a great support to Verna, Laura (Tim) Krueger, Jon (Mickey) Lemin, Don (Jennifer) Lemin, Tom (Yvonne) Lemin, Marie Lemin and Nicole (John) McVicker; 16 great-grandchildren; a very special brother and friend, Art Mitchell; a sister-in-law and church partner Olympia Balzarini; sisters-in-law, Marilyn Balzarini, Agnes Mitchell, Joan Mitchell, and Mary Pucci; and many nieces and nephews, but two very close

and extremely helpful nephews and their wives Bob (Isabel) Paoletti and Don (Carol) Paoletti.

Verna was preceded in death by three brothers, Duane, Earl, and Jack Mitchell; two sisters, Genevieve Deneen and Maxine Yatchek; two sisters-in-law, Rita Mitchell, and LaVerne Balzarini; and three brothers-in-law, Joe, Angelo, and Frank Balzarini

Visitation will be on Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain.

The funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Msgr. James Kaczmarek will officiate.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Verna Balzarini online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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