



Vilanda Sparapani

November 6, 1918 - November 6, 2011

Vilanda "Vi" Sparapani, 93, of Kingsford, died Sun. Nov. 6, 2011 at ManorCare West Health Services in Green Bay. She was born on Nov. 13, 1917, in Iron Mountain, the daughter of the late Alessandro and Giovanna (Giovannotti) Pataconi.

Vi worked at Hayward's House of Gifts and Cards. She was a member of St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church and the Daughters of Isabella. Vi enjoyed dancing and spending time with her family, especially her great grandchildren, who affectionately called her "Great Nonna".

She married Julius Sparapani on May 13, 1936 in Iron Mountain. Julius preceded her in death on Aug. 14, 1985.

Vi is survived by one daughter Marlene (Peter) Feira of Green Bay, one daughter-in-law Susan Sparapani of Stevens Point, two brothers Robert (Mary Ann) Pataconi-Rehner of Indiana and Joe (Dee Dee) Pataconi of Niagara, six grandchildren Matt (Alison) Sparapani of Chicago, Tim (Shawn) Sparapani of Washington, D.C., Steve Sparapani of San Francisco, Nick (Jamie) Feira of Little Suamico, WI, Becky (Scott) McClure of Green Bay, and Wendy (Kary) Kroeber of Howard, WI, five great grandchildren Mason Feira, Jessie & Alex Kroeber, and Ryan & Adam McClure, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one son Henry Sparapani, and four brothers & sisters Minnie Tavonatti, Rudy Pataconi, Elda Fiorucci, and Bill Pataconi.

Visitation will be Wed. from 5-7pm at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home. The Daughters of Isabella will recite the Rosary at 6:50pm Wed. at the funeral home. Visitation will also be from 10-10:30 am Thurs. at the funeral home. Funeral services will be Thurs. at 11am at St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church. Father Michael Woempner will officiate the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

Pallbearers will be Matt, Tim, and Steve Sparapani, Nick Feira, Ron Sparapani, and Donald Tavonatti.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Green Bay 2900 Curry Lane Suite A, Green Bay, WI 54311

Condolences to the family of Vilanda "Vi" Sparapani may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 9. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

NOV 9. 6:50 PM (CT)

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901 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Visitation

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

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

Funeral Mass

NOV 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church
432 Edsel
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall

JN

“ Dear Marlene and family,
My heart goes out to you. We won't be able to make the funeral for rather obvious reasons (too far) but our prayers are with you at this time. Aunt Vi was my favorite Aunt. Her smile could make everything better.
Love you all.
Janell & Jim

Janell Pataconi Casey - Canby, OR - niece - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Dear Marlene, Peter & family,
You are all in my prayers over the loss of your Mom. She was my favorite aunt to visit and have many fond memories of her. The picture of her is exactly how I remember her.

Love,
Dwight

Dwight Pataconi - San Diego, CA - Nephew - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Cherish the memories, the love and the laughter you shared together as a family! Today she KNOWS that God is everything that He said He is. Our deepest sympathy.

Ken & Grace Sparapani - Saukville, WI - Aunt - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Dear Marlene and family, We send our sympathy on the death of your mother, Vi.
May your memories of good times shared comfort you and ease your grief.
Sincerely, Martha and Bob Schinderle

Bob and Martha Schinderle - Portage, MI - November 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ Dear Marlene & Peter -

My sympathies at the death of your mother. Please be assured of my prayerful support for her and for your entire family.

Fr. Getchel/

Fr. Richard Getchel - De pere, WI - pastor - November 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Saddened by the loss of a family member. Wish I could have met her.

Dan Pataconi - Tucson, AZ - November 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Giving you my thoughts and prayers and wishing you all good memories

Dale Hulce - friend and classmate of Marlene - November 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Dear Marlene, you have my deepest sympathy. I won't be able to attend the funeral, but my heart is with you & your family. I'm so glad I went to see your mother before this happened, it was such a nice visit & I will treasure it forever. She had the most beautiful smile. God Bless all of you.

Love,
Sharon

Sharon A. Balducci - Green Bay, WI - cousin - November 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM