



Winifred Johnson

September 7, 1922 - September 7, 2011

Winifred J. Johnson, 89, of Iron Mountain, formerly of Iron River, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at Victorian Pines Assisted Living in Iron Mountain.

Winnie was born March 5, 1922 in Crosby, MN, daughter of the late Oscar and Anna (Peterson) Westerberg. She graduated from Stambaugh High School in 1940 and went on to receive a bachelor's degree from the Swedish Covenant School of Nursing. Winnie served in the U.S. Army as a nurse during World War II, spending time in Guam and Okinawa, Japan, and receiving the American Theater Ribbon, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon and the WWII Victory Medal. She married Earl Westman on July 16, 1950 at the First Lutheran Church in Iron River. He preceded her in death on March 21, 1983. Winnie then married Robert Johnson on February 6, 1988 and he preceded her in death on May 17, 2002. She was an active member of the First Lutheran Church in Iron River where she served in many capacities. She was also a strong supporter of the Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp. Winnie was a member of the American Legion Reino Post 21 in Iron River. She was involved in many community projects and was very instrumental in the Windsor Auditorium Fundraiser Project. Winnie enjoyed knitting, baking, and spending time with her family.

She is survived by a son, Alton (Linda) Westman of Quinnesec; a step-son, Russell (Judy) Johnson of Iron River; a step-daughter, Molly Anderson of Crystal Falls; two grandchildren, Kristin (Wade) Edwards of Kingsford and Ken

(Melissa) Westman of Dillon, MT; two step-grandchildren, Wyatt and Riley Johnson of Iron River; five great grandchildren, Connor and Macy Edwards and Anders, Erik and Brita Westman; sisters-in-law, Jean Russell, Grace Westman and Eunice (Ray) Zwach; and many special nieces and nephews. Winnie was preceded in death by a daughter and son-in-law, Pauline and Robert Johnson; a step son-in-law, John Anderson; and several brothers and sisters.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the First Lutheran Church in Iron River. Funeral services will follow at 12:00 noon on Monday at the church. Pastor Bonnie Kinnunen will officiate. Burial will be in the Stambaugh Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be directed to the family who will be establishing a nursing scholarship in Winifred's memory.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Victorian Pines and Dr. Danny Yarger.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Winifred Johnson online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **12.** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First Lutheran Church
235 E. Genesee St.
Iron River, MI 49935

Funeral Service

SEP **12.** 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SS

“ *What was it like to go to Grandma Winnies? A warm smile, great conversations, clicking of knitting needles, NPR on the radio, visiting relatives, and more food than you could ever eat. Some of my best memories were in her house. I am so thankful (as are my family and friends) for the cooking skills she taught me. I may have been her step-granddaughter, but she was always a grandma to me.*

*You are loved and missed,
Susan Karjala
(Bob & Pauline's daughter)*

Susan Karjala - Hutchinson, MN - Step-granddaughter - September 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *Winnie was always friendly and welcoming when my parents (Willard & Nette Miller) moved in to Victorian Pines. They grew to know each other mostly at church on Sunday afternoons, and at exercise most weekday mornings. We enjoyed Winnie and she will be missed by many.*

Sue Flegel - Elgin, IL - daughter of Pines Resident - September 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *We will miss you dearly Auntie Winnie. You were much more to us than our Auntie! After all,, you delivered me into this world and gave me my first bath!! You made sure you were with us at all our special events! Loving you through eternity. All our love ! Love, Mike , Kimmy, and John*

Mike, Kimmy, and John Mastie - Iron River, MI - niece and nephew - September 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ We last saw Winnie at Chicagoan Lake in August 2007 where we had a Krans reunion attended by Winnie, Henry, Charlotte & Chester, Joanne & her daughter, Jerry, my brother's son, my sister Wilma's family all here for the reunion from Seattle and my family from Birmingham and Zurich. I'm so glad we met then as Henry, Wilma and now Winnie are no longer with us. We have fond memories of Winnie and will miss her.
Cynthia

Cynthia Krans Link - Birmingham, MI - cousin - September 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Thanks for coming to so many of my games! I hope you see more from heaven.

Connor Edwards - kingsford, MI - great-grandson - September 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ My grandma Winnie was always the best. I will miss her a lot. God Bless you, Grandma! I love you. Love, Connor

Connor Edwards - Kingsford, MI - great-grandson - September 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ My condolences. We each have our special memories. I recall her as a friend and thoughtful fellow nurse. We associated especially during the fifties when we gathered with other Iron County nurses.

Luella Williams - Iron River, MI - friend - September 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Your friends at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, together with the staff, give thanks to God for the love and care you have shown to this ministry. May the comfort of our Lord which you have known, also surround and support your family at this time.

Rev, Art Weiss

Rev. Art Weiss - Crystal Falls, MI - friend - September 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ It was an honor to take care of you for the few months that I did. I know you are looking down on all of us and keeping us safe. Rest in Peace, Winnie.

Jeana Klingelhutz - Kingsford, MI - Caregiver - September 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I'm so blessed to have been part of your life Winnie, and have you in mine- even if it was just for a short time. You are a beautiful person and I'm happy to know you are now with our Lord up in Heaven, another angel to watch over us all.

Callie Ryan - Iron Mountain, MI - Caregiver - September 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ REST IN PEACE. THANK YOU FOR BEING THERE FOR OUR FAMILY WHEN MY FATHER PASSED AWAY IN JULY 2007. I WAS ABLE TO GET TO KNOW YOU THROUGH KIM WHO LOVED YOU VERY MUCH.

KAY ANSLEY - mountainair, NM - KIM MASTIE'S SISTER-IN-LAW - September 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ YOU HAVE TOUCHED SO MANY LIVES IN THIS WORLD, MY SISTER SHARON LOVED YOU SO. THANKS FOR ALL THE CARE YOU GAVE HER DEAR. SAFE PASSAGE HOME.....

barb sealander - shawano, WI - FRIEND - September 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM