



Zella Ann Flaminio

July 16, 1929 - February 18, 2024

Zella Ann “Terri” Flaminio, 94, of Iron Mountain, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 18, 2024 as God's angels surrounded her to protect her journey to heaven.

Zella was born on July 16, 1929 to Leo and Esther Haggart in Gloversville, New York. In 1947 she graduated from Gloversville High School and then attended Cobleskill College earning a nursery school teaching certificate. Zella moved to Florida and continued teaching until she enlisted in the US Navy where she proudly served her country. While stationed in Pensacola, Florida she met her future spouse Donald “Flip” Flaminio. They were married on February 7, 1953 at St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church in Iron Mountain, Michigan and moved there to begin their family of four children.

Zella was blessed with a beautiful soul and because of that, there is a trail of dazzling memories. She was skilled at bowling and because of that she was voted into the Upper Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame. Zella also enjoyed over forty years of golf membership at Pine Grove Country Club competing in countless golf events as well attending numerous social celebrations. Zella and her husband owned and operated Quality Cleaners for many years and it was a successful family enterprise.

Zella was preceded in death by her husband, Donald; her son, Joey; both of

her parents and her sister, Mary (Mickey) Schmand.

She is survived by three daughters, Judy (the late Dan) Benishek of Crystal Falls, MI, Mary Flaminio of Menomonee Falls, WI, and Sandy (Doug) Delie of Green Bay, WI.

Zella's surviving grandchildren include, Mick Grunlund, Adrienne (Neil) Black, Joe (Christine) Benishek, Kirby (Dean) Emerson, Todd Benishek, Jaclyn Anderson (Mike Lob), Carly Anderson (Paul Faulkowski), Erin Anderson, Cassandra Baier, and Katelyn (Kyle) Vander Loop; 18 great grandchildren; a sister-in-law Marion Flaminio; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 11:00am on Monday, February 26 at St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church in Iron Mountain. Fr. Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park. The Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post 50 will conduct military graveside honors.

The family would like to thank the dedicated staff at Optalis Health & Rehabilitation of Kingsford, Michigan for Zella's care.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Bishop Baraga Catholic School Tuition Fund.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Zella "Terri" Flaminio online at www.ernashfuneralhome.com

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

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

FEB **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church
414 Prospect Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Tribute Wall

SF

“ I have so many great memories with your mom and fortunately those will never go away. I hope the many special memories you all have will get you through this sad time. My thoughts and prayers are with you ❤️🙏. Susie Fox

Susie Fox - February 29, 2024 at 11:08 AM

PJ

“ We were so sorry to hear of Terry's passing. Please know our prayers are with the family. Paulette & Colin Jacobetti.

Paulette Jacobetti - February 26, 2024 at 02:20 PM



“ *Terri was always on the periphery of my childhood. I should have called her auntie, but I didn't. I don't recall how many times I ran into her garage and through her kitchen, but I know it was many!*

During late August and early September she baked back to school cookies, they were my favorite! I wish I knew what was in them because their chocolate goodness is a vivid childhood memory.

When my dad died at an early age, Terri came to the house with a plate of those cookies and to this day I remember her act of kindness. It was the perfect thing to comfort me during that time of grief.

She was very close with my parents and a loyal true friend. In hind sight I should have called her auntie.

May her memory be for a blessing.

Love,

Nance Parent

Nance Parent - February 25, 2024 at 08:23 PM

RB

“ *Ron & Rizalinda Black purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Zella Ann Flaminio.*



Ron & Rizalinda Black - February 23, 2024 at 04:53 PM

CH

“ To the family of Terri... Our hearts are hurting for all of you... Roger and I have many wonderful memories of times spent with Terri and Flip... Golfing, watching Packer games, playing “left, right, center” in that very “famous” garage, and enjoying Terri’s lasagna - which was the best ever!

cheri Hamilton - February 20, 2024 at 05:27 PM

GS

Judy, Mary, and Sandy,

I'm so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. Your Mom was a special person... always so friendly and welcoming growing up in the neighborhood.

My mother is especially heartbroken. She was saying on the phone today that they had been best friends for over 70 years!

My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you.

Gary Swanson

Gary Swanson - February 24, 2024 at 04:58 PM

DF

Judy, Mary, and Sandy,

As a former kid from the neighborhood, I would like to echo Gary's remarks.

I have many fond memories of playing and reading books with your brother Joey in your house, your mother always watchful in the background. I also remember entering your kitchen every morning to pick up Joey for school.

The word that comes to mind when I think of your Mom is "gentle" — a soft voice and kind words.

The happy memories of the great friendships your Mom and Dad shared with Gary's parents and mine will never fade.

Please take some comfort in knowing that we're all recalling our fondness for your Mom at this sad time.

David Frendewey

David Frendewey - March 01, 2024 at 06:04 PM

LL

I didn't know Terri, but we are distant cousins. I just ran across her obituary while working on Ancestry. I would like to express my condolences, reading what others have written about her, she must have been a very special lady.

Her grandfather, LeRoy Haggart was my Great Great Uncle.

I don't know how much you know about genealogy, but LeRoy came to Grand Island, Nebraska with his parents and 3 siblings abt 1880 to homestead. He returned abt 1992 to get married. His brother Franklin was my great grandfather, but died before I was born. I did know LeRoy's sister Elnora, or as I knew her "Aunt Nora". She lived to be 102.

If anyone in the family is interested in genealogy, or wanting to know about their Nebraska cousins I would love to hear from you.

Linda Haggart Lofgren

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Linda Haggart Lofgren - June 22, 2024 at 09:31 AM