



## Betty Leonard

April 12, 1926 - April 12, 2014

Betty J. Leonard, 88 of Crystal Falls, passed away on Saturday, April 12, 2014 at the Iron County Medical Care Facility in Crystal Falls. She was born on January 16, 1926 in Michigamme, Michigan, daughter of the late William and Flora (LaCosse) Farragh. She attended school in Crystal Falls, graduating from Forest Park High School in 1943. Betty married her high school sweetheart, Robert "Bob" Leonard on June 16, 1945 at the Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Crystal Falls and he preceded her in death on April 5, 2003, after nearly 57 wonderful years together. She went to work as a Reporter for the Diamond Drill for 3 years, and was then promoted to Editor for 12 years. She then moved the family to Illinois in 1962, where she worked as the Editor of her corporate newspaper until retiring in 1988. At one point in her career she was the youngest female Editor of a major newspaper in the country. She was a longtime member of the Guardian Angels Catholic Church.

Betty is survived by her 3 children, Mary (Victor) Maki of Amasa, Patrick Leonard of California, and Michele Hudec of New Jersey; 9 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Bella Opolka and a brother, Howard Farragh.

In accordance with Betty's wishes, there will be no wake or funeral services at

this time. The family will hold private services at a later date.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 Eighth Ave., 7th fl., New York, N.Y. 10001

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Betty J. Leonard online at [www.nashfuneralhome.net](http://www.nashfuneralhome.net)

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home of Crystal Falls with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ So sorry for your loss.

*Tracy Grattan Crowe*

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**Tracy Crowe** - May 12, 2014 at 12:39 PM



“ Very sorry for you loss; sending my deepest sympathies. My mom would frequently see her about town and they would chat. Hoping they're getting a chance to catch up on things again...

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**Paul Sundquist** - May 02, 2014 at 04:17 PM



“ There are few people who I have held in higher esteem than Betty Leonard, who I succeeded as editor of *The Diamond Drill* over 50 years ago. She was a friendly and kind person, and made the *Drill* the kind of a newspaper that the town came to love and respect. She and Bob were a unique couple, each with their own talents.

*When our family moved to Arizona in 1975, I lost all but occasional contact with Betty, and such encounters as we had were always pleasant., There are many in addition to her family, who will miss her presence.*

*Rudy Dalpra*

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**Rudy Dalpra** - April 24, 2014 at 10:57 AM

DM

“ *To One of My Best Friends,*

*I'm so sorry for the loss of your beautiful Mother and I hope that she's finally RIP. I wish you and your family comfort, peace, and healing light during this very difficult time.*

*If there's any thing that you need, please just say the word!*

*Love you,.  
Debra*

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**Debra Prezioso-Lefler - Chatham, NJ - Friend of Michele's** - April 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *My thoughts and prayer with you all at this difficult time. Great memories with the Leonard family!*

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**Kathy Sundquist - Howards Grove, WI** - April 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Great memories of Betty and the entire family will always be with me.  
Peace and Love to all of you.*

*Carol*

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**Carol Pretto Shefky - Waukesha, WI - Family friend** - April 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ *Dearest Michele,  
My deepest condolences to you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

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**Francine Prezioso - Bklyn, NY - Friend** - April 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM