



## Esther Edna Kivimaki

April 24, 1939 - April 7, 2017

Esther Edna Kivimaki, 77, of Crystal Falls Township, passed away on Friday, April 7, 2017 at Sutter Medical Center in Sacramento, California. She was born on April 24, 1939 in Crystal Falls Township, daughter of the late George and Ilmi (Maki) Latva. She attended Amasa High School, graduating as the Valedictorian of the Class of 1957.

Esther married Victor Onnie Kivimaki on April 30, 1960 in Crystal Falls and he preceded her in death in 1995. She enjoyed work in bookkeeping, accounting and real estate for many years before retiring in 2006. She was a lifelong resident of Crystal Falls Township and was an active and faithful member of the United Lutheran Church. Esther's compassion and generosity for others knew no boundaries. She loved to hear people's life stories and often said "just the right thing" to make someone feel better. She was a friend to all and had a way of making people feel special. Her love and pride in her family was evident whenever she shared stories, which was often! She lived a full and meaningful life, making a difference by sharing God's love in how she treated others.

Esther is survived by her daughter, Vicki (Ken) West of Crystal Falls; sons, Dan Kivimaki (Sue Hadley) of Crystal Falls, and Scott (Lynne) Kivimaki of Sussex, WI; a brother, Jim (Judy) Latva; grandchildren, Emily (Zach) Tarter,

Amy West (Tim Wheeler), Rachel West, Lauren and Samuel Kivimaki; Great grandchildren, David, Rebekah, Jacob and Elizabeth Tarter; special nieces and nephews & their families; her "Golden Girls"; her beloved partner Alvin Tirapelli; treasured neighbors, friends & family, too numerous to mention.

Along with her parents and husband, Esther was preceded in death by a brother, William "Bill" Latva.

The visitation is set for Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 9:00 am to 12 Noon at the United Lutheran Church in Crystal Falls. The Funeral Service will follow at 12 Noon at the church. Rev. Micheal Laakko will officiate. Burial will be in the Hematite Township Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Don Bastianello, Mike McDonald, Ben Nixon, John Nixon, Rob Stoor, Scott Strahan and Bud West.

In lieu of flowers a memorial will be established in her memory.

Condolences to the family of Esther E. Kivimaki may be expressed online at [www.nashfuneralhome.net](http://www.nashfuneralhome.net)

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Crystal Falls with the funeral arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Hematite Twp. Cemetery

cemetery Rd  
Amasa, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 22. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

United Lutheran Church  
506 Superior Ave.  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

## Funeral Service

APR 22. 12:00 PM (CT)

United Lutheran Church  
506 Superior Ave.  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

# Tribute Wall

CS

“ Remembering Esther with fond memories of her visits to California.  
Love, Char and Ray

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**Char Hegstrom Sarkis** - May 02, 2017 at 10:19 PM

LB

“ Linda Maki Banicki lit a candle in memory of  
Esther Edna Kivimaki



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**Linda Maki Banicki** - April 26, 2017 at 08:47 PM

OW

“ Vicki and Family,  
My thoughts and prayers have been with you since reading the news of your Mom's passing. She has passed into the arms of the Lord she served so well with her joy of living and serving. I would see her occasionally at DC Rehab or at Iron Mtn.'Out to Lunch' and we shared a lot of laughs.My deep and sincere sympathy in your loss. As difficult as it is to lose a loved one and especially your mother, I know the faith that she instilled in her children will help to sustain you. Keep the happy memories of a mother who loved you more and remember too that "God loves YOU and so do I".  
Love and prayers,  
Orice Walters

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**Orice Walters** - April 24, 2017 at 09:04 AM

SS

“ Vicki, Dan, Scott & families,  
We loved your mom and are so glad she was our cousin/niece. She will always be remembered by us for her smile and fun-loving personality. We will miss her but know that she was happy here on earth and also made others happy before God took her to an even better place.  
May the memories of great times spent with her bring you peace.  
Love,  
Sandi, Pete & Aunt Eva

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**Sandra Spilotro** - April 22, 2017 at 11:59 AM

SH

“ Dear Vicki, Dan and Scott,  
Terra Tirapelli's family in New York and Connecticut, including Terra, my husband Tom Swan, our daughter Mirae, and my mother Ava Lindberg, are so sorry about your mother and wish you healing and warm memories in the days to come. We are all so grateful for the happiness that Al and Esther brought to each other in these past years.  
Warmly,  
Suzanne Haviland

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**Suzanne Haviland** - April 22, 2017 at 09:52 AM

TS

“ The Buell children: Lauren, Mark, & Sharon.  
purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Esther Edna Kivimaki.



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**The Buell children: Lauren, Mark, & Sharon.** - April 21, 2017 at 11:43 AM

CC

“ Cheri Hanttula Cook And Brian Cook lit a candle in memory of Esther Edna Kivimaki



Cheri Hanttula Cook and Brian Cook - April 21, 2017 at 10:26 AM

AS

“ Vicki.Dan and Scott - so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother, she will be missed.  
With sympathy from Aida Seppala

Aida Seppala - April 20, 2017 at 08:03 PM

CC

“ To Vicki, Dan& Scott - so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom. I will always remember her as loving, laughing, and onnellisuus (Finnish for happiness). You will have many wonderful memories of her times here on earth. May God bless -we will keep you in our hearts.  
Christine (Plourde) Craig & Jim

Christine A Craig - April 20, 2017 at 12:21 PM

TH

“ Terry Hanttula lit a candle in memory of Esther Edna Kivimaki



Terry Hanttula - April 20, 2017 at 12:09 PM

PL

“ To Vicki, Dan and Scott and your whole family- Your mother was wonderful. I loved her hugs on Sunday morning. How she accepted my father and at times seemed to be his biggest fan. I appreciated all of her support through the years. She will be missed. I am sorry that my mother and I will not be able to attend the funeral.

*Pennie and Betty Linna*

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**Pennie Linna** - April 19, 2017 at 09:04 PM

DH

“ To Vicki, Dan, and Scott, your whole family had been there for me in my younger years. My deepest sympathies on the loss of a beautiful woman with a heart of gold.

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**David Hulce** - April 19, 2017 at 08:49 PM

DE

“ When I think of Vic and Es, I think of laughter and fun! We had such a great time growing up with the Kivimaki's, eating chips and dips in the basement and playing ping pong when our parents had parties upstairs. Esther always hugged and made everyone welcome, and she shared God's love everywhere she went. She and Vic created a beautiful family, great friends. To Vicki, Ken, Dan, Sue, Scott, Lynne and all the grandchildren and family, remember her love. It lasts forever!

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**Diane Emo** - April 19, 2017 at 06:48 PM

LG

“ *Esther was in cardiac rehab with my husband Ernie Giuliani, she was such a wonderful friend and so much fun to be around Ernie always only had good things to say about Ester. I had lunch with the girls on Tuesday several times and they were so fun. Ester would always say grace before we ate. She was surly loved by everyone she touched. Lois Giuliani*

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**Lois Giuliani** - April 18, 2017 at 07:05 PM

KA

“ *I just heard of your Mother's passing. She truly was one of a kind, a TRULY BEAUTIFUL LADY. So sorry for your loss.*

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**Karen S Armstrong** - April 18, 2017 at 04:37 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Esther Edna Kivimaki.*



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April 18, 2017 at 01:30 PM

PJ

“ *Vicki and Ken, Thinking of you and family members sensitively. God's Love and Light. Peg James*

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**Peg James** - April 18, 2017 at 08:57 AM

CB

“ *Vicki, Dan and Scott, your mom's obituary sure describes the person she was to a tee. May your terrific memories bring you comfort in the days ahead and bring a smile to your face.*

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**Charlie and Janie Bandaccari** - April 16, 2017 at 02:05 PM

BM

“ Vicki, Dan and Scott. I just wanted to let you know, that my families thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of loss. So many great memories of her as we all were growing up in the neighborhood.

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**brad martin** - April 11, 2017 at 01:07 PM