



## Frances V. Lepisto

December 27, 1921 - February 17, 2015

Frances V. Lepisto, 93 of Dunn Mine Location, passed away on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at Marquette General Hospital. She was born on December 27, 1921 in Crystal Falls, daughter of the late Joseph and Frances (Sabella) Skibo. She attended school in Alpha, graduating from Alpha High School in 1939. Fran was a lifelong resident of the area. She married Everett "Topper" Lepisto on May 22, 1943 at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Alpha, and he preceded her in death on February 13, 1975 after nearly 32 wonderful years together. She worked at the Ben Franklin Store and the Falls Clinic for many years.

Fran was a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church for many years, and currently a member of Guardian Angels Catholic Church. She was active in, and served as Vice President of the Alpha Senior Center. She was very involved in the local Variety Shows throughout the years. Fran loved volunteering locally at the Iron County Medical Care Facility and St. Vincent DePaul. She was a former school board member. She loved singing, dancing, and playing cards, especially cribbage. She was an avid sports fan, and especially loved following local basketball games through the years. On any given day you could find some sporting event on the TV at her home.

Frances is survived by her children, Sharon (Edward) Spiecker of Romeoville, Illinois, Ron (Jean) Lepisto of Kiel, Wisconsin, and Earl (Patricia) Lepisto of

Wallace, Michigan; grandchildren, Ken (Chrissy) Spiecker, Christine Spiecker, Debbie (Jason) Barrett, Steve (Heather) Lepisto, David (Maria) Lepisto, Michael (Karen) Lepisto, Travis Lepisto, and Chad (Amber) Lepisto; 15 great grandchildren; siblings, Irene (Bob) Zuponek, Adolph (Margaret) Skibo, Eugene Skibo, and Adelaide (Jim) Arnold; she is further survived by many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by infant twin sons; sisters and brothers, Helen, Mary, Lillian, Joanne, Joseph, and Edmond.

The visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 from 9:30 am to 10:30 am at the Nash Funeral Home in Crystal Falls. The funeral Mass will follow at 11:00 am at the Guardian Angels Catholic Church. Fr. Raymond Valerio will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Crystal Falls.

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

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Frances V. Lepisto online at [www.nashfuneralhome.net](http://www.nashfuneralhome.net)

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

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Memorial Cemetery

311 Logan St.  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 24. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Nash Funeral Home  
104 North Third St.  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 24. 11:00 AM (CT)

Guardian Angels Catholic Church  
412 Crystal Ave.  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

# Tribute Wall

NM

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy. We live in lower Michigan and have a cabin near Frannie. We always enjoyed visiting with her because of her friendly way and great attitude. She was a strong woman and seemed to enjoy life in general.

*Bob and Nancy McDonald*

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**Nancy McDonald** - March 01, 2015 at 12:10 PM

TH

“ Tracee & John Horn purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Frances V. Lepisto.



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**Tracee & John Horn** - February 23, 2015 at 02:08 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frances V. Lepisto.



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February 23, 2015 at 10:03 AM

BZ

“ Growing up in Dunn Mine, I think of us all as one big family. I know Fran would have done anything for us kids (Earl, Ron, Sharon and myself). Now this is going back a long way, but the Lepistos' were the first ones to have a TV, so you know where I spent a lot of time. It will be hard going back to the UP and not stopping by to see Fran. Last year my son John joined my on my trip and I am glad he got to meet her. She will surely be missed by all.  
Our hearts go out to you. Bob, John and Mary Zie

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**Bob Zie** - February 22, 2015 at 07:11 PM

GT

“ I am deeply saddened by Fran's passing. I remember going to their house growing up . Fond memories. I am in Florida so I will miss her service. Sincerely Ginger Tuominen LaRock

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**Ginger TuominenLaRock** - February 22, 2015 at 03:15 PM

DG

“ To the family of Fran Lepisto,

*I am thinking of you in your time of sorrow as a long time Dunn Mine neighbor and friend with many years of fond memories. I am so happy that I was able to visit with your mom at Alpha's 4th of July celebration. We also exchanged Christmas cards and notes the last few years.*



*It is not possible for me to attend the funeral as I just got out of the hospital and am not feeling well enough to travel.*

*Please accept my deepest sympathy and prayers to you all.*

*Dorothy Zie Gondek  
Menominee*

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**Dorothy Zie Gondek** - February 22, 2015 at 01:54 PM

HE

“ Dear Family-

*Just want you to know I am thinking of you. I dearly enjoyed being with Fran, especially the last few months. I am sorry I can not be there personally I am at my daughters' in Arizona. My thoughts and prayers are with you. With sympathy, Helga Lange*

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**Helga** - February 20, 2015 at 06:16 PM

LL

*Dear Family:*

*Frannie was an exceptional woman. To know her and spend time with her was a lesson in loving the most important things in Life..Family, Friends, Good Food, Faith and a devotion to others. Those lessons and those of us that were blessed to have known her - remain - long after you have moved on to be with your Heavenly Father. Thank you dear Frannie - for the lessons - that you lived every day. Blessings and Peace to family and friend. Lois Libby (Previous DICSA Iron County In-Home Supervisor - a job with joy beyond measure).*

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**Lois Libby** - February 23, 2015 at 05:46 PM

SB

“ *We are so saddened to hear of Fran's passing and that we are unable to be there for a final goodbye. We talked to her on Wed. the 12th to remind her that we would be out of town babysitting our Grand-children. We loved visiting with her and chatting in person and on the phone. She was such a beautiful person. She really loved going to church and seeing lots of her friends and we were so honored to give her a ride. We will miss her so much. Our sincere sympathy.*

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**SUE BORSCH** - February 20, 2015 at 02:57 PM

SB

*David and Susan Borsch*

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**Sue Borsch** - February 20, 2015 at 03:47 PM

RF

“ Sharon, Ron and Earl,

*It's impossible to think of Frannie without getting a smile on my face. I remember well her voice at basketball games and her cheerful and joyous laughter whenever she greeted anyone. She was truly a wonderful loving person. We are so sorry for your loss. Our hearts go out to you.*

*Bob and Susan Frizzo*

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**Robert and Susan Frizzo** - February 19, 2015 at 08:53 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Frances V. Lepisto.



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February 19, 2015 at 01:57 PM

GA

“ Sharon, Ron and Earl, my condolences. May your beautiful mother rest in peace.

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**George Alexa** - February 19, 2015 at 01:13 PM

GL

*Hi Sharon, Ron, & Earl so sorry about Fran, I loved her much never got to visit much/but had a great time when I did. Have retired & live in Somerset Kentucky. Lost the address book & a few other things/trying to get in touch love you all.... Gary Lepisto*

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**Gary Lepisto** - February 18, 2021 at 07:48 PM