



Hazel Louise Salin

March 8, 1920 - December 20, 2015

Hazel L. Salin, 95 of Crystal Falls, went peacefully to be with the Lord. She was surrounded with the love of her family. She was born on March 8, 1920 in Alpha, MI, daughter of the late Walter and Elizabeth (James) Gollakner. Hazel attended school in Iron County, graduating from Alpha High School in 1938. She met her husband Clifford at a Crystal Falls Township Hall Dance in the 30's, and they were married on May 17, 1941. He preceded her in death in 1991. They resided in Crystal Falls until building a new home on the Salin family property in Mastodon Township.

Hazel taught Sunday school and folded bulletins at First Lutheran Church, now United Lutheran Church, for many years. She was a faithful member of United Lutheran Church. Hazel served on the Mastodon Township School Board in the 60's and also served on the Mastodon Township Board of Review where she was a Trustee for 5 years. She also served as the Township Treasurer for 4 years. Hazel worked as a Nurse's Aide for 16 years at Crystal Manor. She served as President, Treasurer, and District Treasurer for the Tufts-Rondon VFW #2891 Ladies Auxillary. She ran Youth Dances and Bingo at the hall for many years. She also called members on birthdays and sent get well cards. She loved to volunteer at the Medicare until it got too hard to push others in wheelchairs. In her later years, Hazel traveled to California, Washington D.C., and Florida to visit relatives. One of her more memorable escapades was a balloon ride over Kalamazoo. Hazel was an exceptional

person who always took the time to help out when help was needed. Her door was always open to friends. Her welcome was nearly always followed by "do you want something to eat?" and in her goodbyes, she would say, "I give hugs!"

Hazel is survived by her children, Frederick (Nancy) Salin of Kalamazoo, Walter (Lesley) Salin of Iron Mountain, and Diane (Doug) Donahue of Crystal Falls; a brother, Gerhart "Babe" Gollakner of Palmetto, Florida, 5 grandchildren, Heather (Chris) Green, Graham (Cindy) Donahue, Cally Donahue (Mike Erickson & Summer), Nicholas Salin (Elyssa Hautamaki), and Eli Salin;

6 great grandchildren, Delaney, Finnian, Randi (Nikki), Chase, Scott, and Nick; 5 great-great grandchildren, Ireland, Jameson, William, Jerica, and Maddie. Also survived by special friends, Sandy Neargarth, and Helen and Alton Beck

Hazel was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford, 1 brother, Walter "Sonny" Gollakner, and 3 grandchildren, Andrew Salin, Christopher Salin, and Curtis Gray.

The visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 30, 2015 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the United Lutheran Church in Crystal Falls. The Memorial Service will follow at 11:00 am at the church. Rev. Micheal Laakko will officiate. Burial will be in the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Crystal Falls. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Building Fund at the United Lutheran Church in Crystal Falls.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of online at www.nashfuneralhome.net

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

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Cemetery

311 Logan St.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 30. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

DEC 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



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Fred Salin - January 19, 2016 at 01:50 PM



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Fred Salin - January 19, 2016 at 01:46 PM

PB

“ I ALWAYS HAD FUN WITH HAZEL WHEREVER WE WERE. SHE PLAYED A MEAN GAME OF CRIBBAGE AND OF COURSE I LOST EVERY TIME. I MISS HER SO MUCH AND I REALLY MISS HER HUGS. GOD TOOK THE BEST WHEN HE TOOK HER HOME WITH HIM.

PATTY BOWLBY - January 10, 2016 at 01:03 PM

MH

“ *Putsy and Beanie, Your mother was such a caring and wonderful person. If any one or any organization needed help, she was there with a smile on her face. She had a way of making others feel useful and good when helping as well. My favorite memory of her was when she and other members of the Ladies Auxiliary would chaperon dances for the middle school students at the VFW. The girls sat on the east side of the room, the boys sat on the west side, and the ladies would be in the kitchen manning the record player and looking out the big pass through window. Both of the room sides would get to their feet for fast dances, but not for the slow dances. The ladies would urge the young men to ask the young ladies to dance, but to no avail. The auxiliary ladies would then threatened to dance with them if they did not go ask a girl, but to no avail. Those ladies would then come out of the kitchen and head for the boys' side of the room. The boys were on their feet and striding across the room before any of the auxiliary ladies got to them. After the first dance the boys knew that they should get up and ask a girl to dance. I do believe that was Psychology 101! What a great, loving, and patriotic spitfire of a lady who will certainly be missed by many.*

*Sincerely,
Wee and Dale Hawks*

Marion Hawks - December 30, 2015 at 05:15 PM

DT

“ Hazel! What a lady!!! I have always had nothing but respect and admiration for her. She would tell u what she wanted and how she wanted it and it was to be done!! I admired her for her strength and outspokenness. It makes my heart hurt to know she is gone. My favorite moment of Hazel was at my mom's 80th birthday party at Pentoga Park. Polka's were being played and Marv Hill asked Hazel to dance. That cane went flying and Hazel was ripping up the dance floor. I had to take pictures because it was a Kodak moment. I will miss you dear lady and I will see you in Valhalla Little General!!!
Sincerely,
Dawn Tuhowski

Dawn Tuhowski - December 30, 2015 at 08:14 AM

LS

“ Hazel always had a warm smile and was a major part of Alpha, the VFW, and our community. She will be deeply missed.

LaVerne Smith - December 29, 2015 at 03:01 PM

TB

“ Tina Black lit a candle in memory of Hazel Louise Salin



Tina Black - December 29, 2015 at 09:56 AM

TB

*With love and admiration, we are thinking of Hazel and her family. She was a wonderful lady. The VFW will miss her never ending efforts.
Love Tina & Bob Black and Christa James*

Tina Black - December 29, 2015 at 10:00 AM

DL

“ *Diane Schiebergen Lauska lit a candle in memory of Hazel Louise Salin*



Diane Schiebergen Lauska - December 24, 2015 at 11:14 AM

BN

“ *Butch And Nancy lit a candle in memory of Hazel Louise Salin*



Butch and Nancy - December 24, 2015 at 09:09 AM

BN

A candle has also been lit at the Cathedral and a donation to Hospice in thanksgiving for her life.

Butch and Nancy - December 24, 2015 at 09:11 AM

NA

thank you so much for your kindness and respect of this wonderful person

nancy - January 19, 2016 at 01:38 PM

SN

“ *Sandy Jankowski Neargarth lit a candle in memory of Hazel Louise Salin*



Sandy Jankowski Neargarth - December 23, 2015 at 03:40 PM

SN

“ *My second mom, I have so many years of very fond memories, love, hugs, jokes, and laughs that you have shared with me. I will miss you, dear Hazel. God bless you and now you and Clifford can keep dancing together in the Grand ballroom. We will all cherish the memories of the full life you have had.*

Sandy Jankowski Neargarth - December 23, 2015 at 03:38 PM