



Norma J. Takala

August 1, 1931 - October 14, 2022

Norma Takala, 91, died peacefully on October 14th, 2022, at the Iron County Medical Care Facility.

Norma was born on August 1, 1931, in Iron Mountain, MI, to parents Mildred (Udd) and Peter Zambon. She attended school in Crystal Falls and Iron Mountain, graduating from Iron Mountain High School in 1950. She worked at Michigan Bell after graduation and then moved to Crystal Falls to care for her aging grandparents. There she met Vanner Takala, and they married in 1957. After his passing in 1979, she remained in the area, ultimately retiring from McNeil Mobile Mart. She was active in several organizations over the years, including the VFW Post #281 Ladies Auxiliary. She was a member of the First Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain and the United Lutheran Church in Crystal Falls. Norma was a social member of the Crystal Falls Women's Golf League and enjoyed many years of bowling with a wonderful group of friends. She was an avid card player, belonging to four different weekly card clubs. Anyone who knew her well, knew she was always up for card games and laughs with her girlfriends. She cherished her cottage on Fortune Lake and remembered fondly all the good times she had there with family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Vanner; daughter, Lynn Marie; and her parents and stepmother, Lena Zambon.

Norma is survived by her daughter, Karen (Mark) Hegstrom; son, Don (Jody) Takala; grandchildren, Jen (Jordan) Ketola, Lindsey (Kurt) Anderson, Nicki (Andy) Hinds, Kevin (Bowie) Takala, and Anna (Chris) Jackson; 8 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Norita Takala; many nieces, nephews, and extended family members; and her beloved companion, Boots. Norma leaves behind several close travel companions, card players, and lifelong friends.

Norma felt blessed to live a long, full, happy and healthy life. Please celebrate her life with us on Friday, October 21, 2022, at the Nash Funeral Home in Crystal Falls, MI from 9:00 AM until time of her funeral at 10:00 AM. Pastor DJ Rasner will officiate. Burial will take place at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Norma's name to the Northwoods Animal Shelter or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

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

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

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Cemetery

311 Logan St.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **21**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc.
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Tribute Wall

PW

“ My condolences to Norma’s family. Got to know her at bowling and it didn’t take long to see she was a real pistol. I have many good, fun memories of her from our bowling trips. She knew how to have a good time and that’s how I will always remember her.

Pat Westcott - October 26, 2022 at 07:56 PM

DM

“ Karen, Don and family. I’m just seeing this now a week later and my deepest condolences to all of you. Norma was always a favorite of mine when I worked at the bank and I enjoyed her humor. She will be missed by many. Prayers to all 🙏 Rest In Peace sweet Norma ❤️

Dawn Margoni - October 26, 2022 at 01:27 PM

JR

“ Don, Karen and family; Sorry to hear about the passing of Norma. She was a kind and gentle person who enjoyed life. It is always hard to loose your Mom. Bless you all. Larry & Jill Robarge

Jill & Larry Robarge - October 25, 2022 at 04:51 PM

PA

“ So sorry to hear of Norma's passing. I was fortunate to play cards with her several times. She was a sweet person and didn't hold back. I liked that about her. I had planned on attending the service but Tony was out of town so I had to be at the office. Deepest sympathies to all. She will be missed.

Paula Arcand - October 21, 2022 at 02:12 PM

JG

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. May warm and fun memories and the grace of God stay with you as you celebrate her life. Our deepest condolences to the family.

-John & Christy Gervais

John Gervais - October 21, 2022 at 09:44 AM

CL

“ May God bless you on the passing of Norma. We enjoyed knowing her while we lived in Crystal Falls. In His name, Norm and Cindy Lichtenberger

Cynthia A Lichtenberger - October 19, 2022 at 05:48 PM

CH

“ I am so sorry for your loss, Karen, Donnie and Families. May the memories of your Mom bring smiles to your hearts and you feel her with you. God Bless, Cindy Albiero Hillier

Cindy Albiero Hillier - October 19, 2022 at 02:10 PM

MT

“ Karen and Donnie so sorry to hear of Aunt Norma's passing. Remembering all the fun family Christmases at the farm and the fun summer times at the cottage. My deepest sympathy to you and your families. Margie Takala

Marge Takala - October 19, 2022 at 11:33 AM