



## Olga Nora-Cole

July 18, 1921 - January 19, 2009

CRYSTAL FALLS - Olga J. "Ollie" Nora-Cole, 87, of Iron River, passed away in Pleasant Prairie, Wis. peacefully on Monday, Jan. 19, 2009, surrounded by loved ones after a long and hard fought battle with Parkinson's disease.

Mrs. Cole was born on July 18, 1921, the daughter of Peter and Jovanna Kuchan. She was raised in the Dober Location and fondly shared memories of happy and easier times even while growing up during the Depression. She graduated from Stambaugh High School class of 1939, and attended the Green Bay Business College.

It was while working at the Perfect Theatre in Stambaugh that she met and then married Dr. James C. Nora in 1945. Dr. Nora preceded her in death in 1980.

She was a lifelong resident of Iron County, leaving only briefly in the early years of her marriage as an Army wife. In later years, she was fortunate to winter in Tennessee, but always looked forward to spring and coming home. Ollie will be remembered for her generous and loving spirit, her wonderful sense of humor and the devious sparkle in her eye. She will also be remembered as the consummate hostess with a flair for the unexpected.

She was a member of St. Cecilia Catholic Church and earlier the Assumption

Parish serving with the Ladies of Mary and in the early 1960s, in the Young Catholic Club. In earlier years, she also belonged to the Lady Elks Lodge, was active in the hospital auxiliary, the Iron River Country Club, the Twentieth Century Club and the Wykon Booster Club. She was a 50 year member of the Croatian Fraternal Union.

Mrs. Cole is survived by two sons, James Nora of North St. Paul, Minn. and Patrick (Jennifer) Nora of Racine, Wis. and a daughter, Nicole (Gary) of Mason, Mich.; beloved granddaughters, Kristina and Claire Nora and Gina (Scott) Kasdorf and grandsons, Darren and Paul Nora and a dear nephew, Jerry Brunelli of Fond du Lac, Wis. Several loving and special nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews share our loss as does her longtime companion, Thomas Brooks of Springfield, Tenn. She also leaves behind many dear friends and people whose lives she has touched.

In addition to Dr. Nora and Peter and Jovanna Kuchan, she is preceded in death by sisters, Ann Camerius and Daisy Patrich; a brother, Frank Kuchan; and Gordon Cole.

Visitation will be Thursday from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Caspian.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the church. Fr. Daniel Moll will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will be in the Iron River Cemetery.

Those desiring to make memorial donations can make them to St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

Condolences to the family of Olga "Ollie" Cole can be expressed online at ww

[w.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://w.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ Jimmy, Pat and Nikki,  
*I was so sorry to read about your Mom's death in the Iron River REPORTER. I lived down the block so I remember growing up with all of you. Your parents were always kind to us. Just this weekend I was telling a friend the story about your Mom's grandfather, who I met once, shaking President Lincoln's hand when he was five. Your Mom was a lovely woman, and I feel fortunate to have known her. My sympathy to all in your family.*  
Susan Odgers Walker

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**Susan Odgers Walker** - January 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Jim, Pat and Nikki,  
*My condolences on the passing of your mother. Ollie was one of the finest women I have ever known. I remember how welcome she always made us feel when we as teenagers, descended on your home all those years ago. Doc and Ollie were always so kind to us. My thoughts are with you and your family.*  
Mark

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**Mark Menghini** - January 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Ollie was pretty much the first person I met in Iron River when I moved here 23 years ago. I remember her chasing me into the Peggy Dee store saying that her boss at the Golden Bow wanted to talk to me. I was hired that day at the Golden Bow and from that day on Ollie took me under her wing and made sure that she introduced me to the people that came into the store, she made me laugh with her stories, she gave me a shoulder to cry on when I missed my family in Green Bay. I will always be grateful to Ollie for the love and kindness she showed me. She was a very special lady and will be missed. Thank you for sharing her with me!

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**Lisa Coates** - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Nikki, Pat, Jennifer, Jim and Tom,  
My re-connecting with "my Auntie Ollie" the last few years has been wonderful. Ollie always made me feel very special, whether I was 3yr, 16yr or currently. I have fond childhood memories of visiting my Uncle Jim and Aunt Ollie's home. I am so sorry I won't be in Iron River on Thursday to celebrate Ollie's life. Not only myself, but Arthur and Michael's families will keep you in our thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time.  
With love, Mary

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**Mary Sweet-Panse'** - January 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Although I have not seen Ollie in years I have fond memories of her when we worked together at the Golden Bow in Iron River. She was kind and considerate and a big help to someone who knew very little about the job. She always had a smile and I enjoyed her very much. She was a dear sweet person and I know you, her family, will miss her very much.  
I send along my condolences to all.

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**Carol Kurtz** - January 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ TO THE FAMILY OF OLLIE,  
WE SURE ENJOYED YOUR MOTHER AT GRANDE PRARIE  
NURSING HOME... WE ARE SADENED BY THE NEWS. SHE  
WAS OUR FAVORITE LADY TO COME SAY HI TO... MY DAD IS  
GOING TO MISS HER KINDNESS TO HIM AND MY MOM SURE  
ENJOYED SPENDING TIMES WITH HER. SHE WAS A VERY  
SWEET, BEAUTIFUL LADY.. ALWAYS SO GIVING... WE WILL  
MISS HER VERY MUCH AND WILL ALWAYS BE IN OUR  
HEARTS.. ORLYNN AND CONNIE KNUDTSON AND LINDA AND  
NICHOLAS BORNEMAN

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**knudtson's** - January 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Nikki, I was so sorry to read of Ollie's passing. My thoughts are with  
you and your family at this time. Remembering fondly our  
communications during the past couple of years...all the best to you.  
Carolyn

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**Carolyn Kennard** - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM