



## Reta Longhi

March 30, 1913 - March 30, 2012

Reta Longhi, 99, of Crystal Falls, passed away on Friday, March 30, 2012 at Northstar Health System in Iron River. She was born on October 23, 1912 in Cornwall, England, daughter of the late Arthur and Elizabeth (Tregoning) James. She came to the United States as an infant with her family first settling in Ishpeming, then Wakefield. She graduated from Wakefield High School in 1931. She moved to Crystal Falls in 1937 as has been a resident since. She married Harold Enstrom who preceded her in death in 1968. She worked as a telephone operator for many years. Reta married Robert Longhi on October 22, 1954 and he preceded her in death in 1977.

Reta was a member of the First Lutheran Church, and then the United Lutheran Church. She was a member of the United Lutheran Church Choir for more than 65 years. She was also a member of the Crystal Falls Musicale and the Senior Citizens Center. She was preceded in death by 2 brothers and 3 sisters.

Reta is survived by her son, John (Bonnie) Longhi of Green Bay, WI; Daughters, Diane (Steve Hollis) Keck of Boulder, CO, Kathy Sundquist of Howards Grove, WI, and Jean (Ted) Huber of Little Suamico, WI; Grandchildren, Robbie and Nichole Longhi, Dale Sundquist, and Debbie Kramer; A great grandson, Mason Kramer; Step Great grandchildren, Colton, Dakota, and Cheyenne

The visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 from 10:00am to 11:00am at the United Lutheran Church in Crystal Falls. The funeral service will follow at 11:00am at the church. Rev. Micheal Laakko will officiate. Burial will be in the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Crystal Falls. In lieu of flowers a memorial will be established in her memory.

Reta was a Loving, Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother, and will be greatly missed by her family and all who knew her.

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

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

APR 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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509 Superior Ave.  
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# Tribute Wall

KF

“ Dear Jean, John, Diane, Kathy and family of Reta, So sorry to hear of Reta's passing. It has been awhile since I have seen her. She was such a dedicated choir member and was missed when she finally retired. I was very suprised to read that she was 99 years old. My mom would be 99 this year also. I always enjoyed my time at your house with your family and remember the great popcorn in a nice big clear bowl. I cannot remember if you made it , Jean, or your mom. God Bless you and God Bless Reta's memory. Hope to see you sometime. Sincerely, Kathy(Ellingboe)Haile

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**Kathy Haile - Gaastra, MI - friend** - April 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ to Kathy and family  
I was so glad that I knew your mother.....She was so good to me....When I moved to Crystal Falls to teach, I was living in a rented room...My landlady had all sorts of rules and I was vey unhappy.....Reta knew of an appartment near her that was for rent.....Not only a great place, but a wonderful neighborhood.....I will always be thankful that she was such a good frient.... May God bless you as you carry on with great memories of a loving mother.....Love, Joyce

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**Joyce - traverse City, MI - friend** - April 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Dear Kathy and John,  
I am sending hugs to the entire family: but you two and I share the most memories in life. John, I remember stopping in at your house, on our graduation night~~40 long yrs ago~~ and probably the first time I met your lovely, gracious mom. Kathy, too numerous memories to mention and many and many more to make =) But first and forever: whenever I think of your mom: the word "Lady" comes to mind. She was quite the example of keeping your head high and having dignity in every situation. So much we have learned from her life and will continue to learn and draw from her tools she taught, to deal with anything. Word too much used in this day venacular: but "AMAZING" is the only one that will do it.  
God Speed, Reta: the most special soul.

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**Karen Semke - Sheboygan , WI - friend** - April 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Rita was a dear friend of my grandmother Patricia Jewell. I played many, many card games with the "ladies" when I would stay at Grandma Pat's house in Crystal Falls. She was always "Auntie Rita". 10 years ago, Rita attended our wedding along with Ellen Johnson, Grandma Pat and Pat MacDonald. It was so nice to have them there and I appreciated it very much. She will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

*Larry and Krista Johnson and family*

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**Larry Johnson - Owosso, MI** - April 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ John and Family, Sorry to hear of your Mom passing. I remember her making us lunches when you lived in that little house on North 6th Street back in the day. She was a sweetie. I'm sure you and your family have fond memories that will last forever. Peace be with you

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**Choddie Alexa - Crystal Falls, MI** - April 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ KATHY AND FAMILY,  
I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. YOUR MOTHER WAS SUCH A WONDERFUL LADY. I'M SURE SHE WILL BE MISSED. KATHY I FELT LIKE I KNEW YOUR MOTHER PERSONALLY AFTER WORKING WITH YOU IN WEST . HER AND MY GRANDMA WERE SO CLOSE IN AGE. I REMEMBER WHEN I WAS ABLE TO MEET YOUR MOM FOR THE FIRST TIME-- I THOUGHT THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A MIX UP -- YOUR MOM DIDN'T LOOK EVEN CLOSE TO HER AGE! WHAT A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN! I'M SURE NOW SHE IS WITH THE LORD AND HE WILL ENJOY HER BEAUTY AND COMPANY! PLEASE TAKE CARE - I AM KEEPING YOU IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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**KAY BUSS - CASCADE, WI - FRIEND OF KATHY** - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ John, Bonnie and family,  
So sorry for your loss, You are in our thoughts and prayers! Hugs to you all

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**Axel and Cindy Anderson - Crystal Falls, MI** - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM