



Violet E. Lehtinen

January 10, 1933 - September 2, 2025

Violet E. Lehtinen, 92, of Crystal Falls passed away Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at the Iron County Medical Care Facility in Crystal Falls.

Violet was born January 10, 1933, in Norway, MI, daughter of the late Fred and Emma (Rabito) Bianchetti. She grew up in Merriman with her father, Fred and step-mother, Grace. She attended Breitung Township Schools and was part of the Kingsford Class of 1952.

Violet had a strong love for the Lord and her church. While in Crystal Falls, she was a member of the United Lutheran Church. She was also a member of Our Saviors Lutheran Church during her time in Kingsford. She read her bible daily and would pray for anyone who asked, or even if they didn't ask if she felt they needed prayer. If she said I'll pray for you, that meant right now. Violet loved her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren very much and spent her life blessing them with her love. She also loved her brothers and sisters, her parents, her cousins, and her many friends. Violet liked to go "bumming" as she would call it. She traveled frequently to visit family in multiple cities and states. Violet never had much money but always worked hard to pay her bills, take care of her family, and give to others in need. She sacrificed much to raise her children, often going without so they would not. Violet loved to cook and host meals. She was well known in local circles for making the most delicious home-made baked beans and her family's favorite-her spaghetti

sauce. She never turned anyone away from the dinner table or a place to stay if they needed it. Violet loved to play cards with anyone who wanted to play. Her favorite games were Smear, Skipbo, 500 Rummy, 31, Cribbage, and in her younger days a little friendly Poker. Violet was outgoing and never met someone she wouldn't start a chat with or greet with a friendly smile. There were no strangers in her life, only friends she hadn't met yet. Violet is a retiree of the Crystal Manor, Crystal Falls, Michigan where she worked serving the elderly as a laundress for 27 years.

Violet is survived by her son, Kenneth Lehtinen of Charlotte Hall, MD; her daughter Judi (John) Bjork of Crystal Falls, MI; 2 brothers, John (Betty) Bianchetti and Eugene "Geno" Bianchetti; a sister, Grace Cardullo; 6 grandchildren, Christopher (Kim) Bjork, Gregory (Kara) Bjork and John (Kim) Bjork, Anthony Lehtinen, Nicia (Will) Smith and Joanna Lehtinen; 7 great-grandchildren, Millie, Macie, Maddie, Morgyn, Owen, Jane Violet and "Poppy" Bjork. Violet is also survived by multiple nieces and nephews including her niece, Debbie Bilgalke who was always there for her especially in her later years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Kenneth; 4 brothers, James "Jimmy" Bianchetti, Robert "Bob" Bianchetti, Ken Bianchetti and Fred Bianchetti; a sister, Mary Fitzpatrick.

Visitation will be held from 9:30 to 11:00 am on Friday, September 19th at the United Lutheran Church in Crystal Falls. A Celebration of Life service will follow at 11:00 am with Pastor D.J. Rasner officiating. Burial will be at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Crystal Falls.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Iron County Medical Care Facility Auxiliary.

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

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

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Cemetery

311 Logan St.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

United Lutheran Church
506 Superior Ave
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall

DH

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Your mom was a wonderful person. Enjoyed chatting with her at the Medicare. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Blessings Dale and Gwen

Dale and Gwen Hendrickson - September 20, 2025 at 11:25 AM

PK

“ Judi and family,
We are very sorry to hear about VI's passing. We always enjoyed chatting with her when we'd run into her. She always was quick to share her faith and is now resting in the arms of our Savior, Jesus, in heaven. God's peace to all of you, you are in our thoughts and prayers.
Sincerely, Phil & Peggy Ketola

Phil & Peggy Ketola - September 18, 2025 at 10:03 PM

DO

“ My family and I were saddened to learn of Violet's passing. For me she was a force of nature. She was a hard worker and a very caring woman. My mother and Violet were fast friends with the birth of their grandson. My mom has been waiting for Violet for 13 years, so they can enjoy further chats together.

Deann Owens - September 18, 2025 at 12:03 AM

JT

“ Jody & Todd purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Violet E. Lehtinen.



Jody & Todd - September 17, 2025 at 08:53 PM

KW

“ *Ken & Sally Wood purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Violet E. Lehtinen.*



Ken & Sally Wood - September 16, 2025 at 04:30 PM

NS

“ To Grandma,

When people think of grandmothers, they often think of someone who showered them with unconditional love, warmth, and care. Grandmothers hold a very special place in our hearts, and their love can have a lasting impact.

You have made a lasting impact on my life with your kind heart and gentle spirit. Your strength, courage, and compassion will stay with me forever.

I will always treasure the wonderful memories we shared, which were created every time we visited each other. I will miss your warm hugs, kisses, and the look of excitement in your eyes when you would see me. I remember you always making your famous and delicious “Puppy Chow” every time I would request it. You never complained and were always happy to do it. I will cherish the times that we would play all the card games and how competitive you were. You definitely didn’t play when it came to playing cards. Do you remember when you, Judi, and I went to Mackinac Island for that woman’s retreat? That was a fond memory that I have never forgotten. I remember when we went to California to visit Chris, Kim, and their kids. That day at the beach was fun.

When reading your bible verses and daily devotions in the morning, I remember you always saying that you love me, but not to talk to you during your time with the Lord. Your belief in the Lord was so strong that it served as a visible example of its reality to not just me but to others who came into your life. You are truly an inspiration of how God’s love is.

I miss you dearly and wish you were still here with us, but I know that you are in heaven. I hope that one day we will be reunited in heaven. But for now, I will always treasure and never forget all the memories that we shared together.

Love you, Grandma

From your granddaughter, Nicia

Nicia Smith - September 13, 2025 at 03:55 PM



“ *Judi, Ken and families sorry to hear about your moms passing she always had a smile on her face. May she R.I.P.* ”

Julie Alm - September 11, 2025 at 08:22 PM

JS

“ *Sending love and prayers to you all. I will sure miss my visits with Vi, we always had such fun! She will be missed by all who were lucky enough to know her.* ”

Jessica Schultz - September 10, 2025 at 10:43 AM

MB

“ *Judi, Ken and family...We are so sorry for your loss and you all are in our prayers during this trying time. You both are the result of her love and caring for you and others..love to you all....* ”

Mike & Mary Bjork - September 10, 2025 at 08:19 AM

GB

“ *It's hard to share one memory or one thing but one of the things I learned, respected and admired about Grandma Violet was that real Joy does not come from superficial or material things. She took Joy in the smallest of things and in the relationships that she had. She also reminded me through her actions that peace doesn't come from the world, rather that it comes from God. She found so much peace in the Lord, despite not having many of the things of the world. I hope you're having the time of your life with Jesus, Grandma.* ”

Greg Bjork - September 09, 2025 at 05:31 PM