



Mary C. Winters

February 24, 2011

Mary C. Winters, 91 of St. Ignace passed away Thursday evening, February 24 at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey. She was born December 26, 1919 in St. Ignace to Alfred and Cecelia (Pond) LaDuke. She attended Ursuline Academy and Graduated from LaSalle High School in 1938. She married Byard Winters on June 28, 1941 at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Detroit. They lived in Moran then Detroit until retirement in 1979, moving to St. Ignace. Mary was a homemaker most her life, but during WW II she worked at Ft. Wayne in Detroit making munitions. She was active all her life, taking care of her yard, flowers, and birds. She enjoyed traveling and the visits of her friends and nieces and nephews. Mary was an avid Detroit Tigers fan, but also enjoyed an occasional Lions or Red Wings game.

She was a very active member of St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church and St. Anns Altar Society, where she volunteered for funeral breakfasts and luncheons whenever needed.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband Byard on July 31, 1979; also her brothers, James (Vivian); Alfred "Pun" (Florence);, Bernard (Roberta); and Gabriel "Jack" (Helene) LaDuke.

She is survived by a sister, Rachel and the late Robert Schimmelpenny, St. Ignace; brothers in law, Calvin (Irene) Winters, Traverse City; Herman "Junior" Winters in Oregon; sister in law, Shirley and the late Jerry Sorenson, St. Ignace; and numerous nieces and nephews, especially Pam & Ernie Demmon and Mary LaDuke Joslin who took care of her needs the past

few months of her illness.

Visitation will be on Monday, February 28 from 4 to 7 pm at Dodson Funeral Home in St. Ignace. Parish prayers will be at 7 pm at the funeral home. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Tuesday, March 1 at 11 am at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church with Fr. Pawel Mecwel officiating. Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Cemetery in the spring.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary C. Winters*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Mary C. Winters*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Mary C. Winters*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *If you met Aunt Mary, you wouldn't forget her. She had some great stories and was a sweetie. I am proud to carry her name. XO*

Rachel MARY Gocker - February 27, 2011 at 11:51 AM



“ *Aunt Mary reminded me so much of my dad, her brother, when she visited us a few years ago. Such a sweet, tiny little lady. All I can think of right now is that she has reunited with all who have gone before her and is as happy as a little bird that has just finished a long migration from the place it left, sittin among sweet, new apple blossoms and a warm, gentle breeze. Her reward for a full, wonderful life, and the charming lady she was. God bless her.*

Steve La Duke-nephew - February 27, 2011 at 11:12 AM

DL

“ I have been blessed to have had such a DEAR aunt for so many years. She was so much like Dad, with her quiet smile, fun-loving, caring attitude, and simply put, the loving soul that she was. May you rest, now, Aunt Mary, in that glorious place called Heaven, which our God has promised for all that repent and accept Jesus as their Savior, being washed "white as snow" in the Blood of the Lamb!

Deanna "Dee Dee" Legan - February 27, 2011 at 11:07 AM

SF

“ For being such a little lady, Aunt Mary gave the BEST hugs! She will be dearly missed, but her loving ways and quick smile will always be remembered. Until we meet again in that home beyond the sky, Aunt Mary...we love you!

Scott & Juli Legan & Family - February 26, 2011 at 09:25 PM

MB

“ I only met Aunt Mary a time or two as a little girl. I remember her being a spitten image of my Grandpa LaDuke! She was my penpal when I was a young mom raising my two children. I wish I had been able to join my sisters & mom on one of their visits to St. Ignace these past few years, so I, too, could have been reunited with her. She was always smiling. We will all be together one day! What a glorious day that will be! xxoo

Melissa Binsfeld - February 26, 2011 at 08:41 PM

JJ

“ Aunt Mary touched many lives. She was a gentle soul and dear friend. What a blessing to have known her. Aunt Mary, We love you and will see you again in Heaven!

Joe & Beth Jasiak - February 26, 2011 at 08:12 PM