



Clara McKinnon

July 24, 2019

Clara McKinnon of Mackinaw City passed away Wednesday, July 24, 2019.

She was born March 2, 1918, in Denhoff, North Dakota. She grew up on a farm with seven sisters, where she especially liked helping her father with his chores.

When in high school, Mrs. McKinnon and her twin sister were on the North Dakota girls state undefeated basketball championship team.

She attended college for two years and she taught at a country school for two years. She married Don McKinnon. Throughout their 67-year marriage, they lived in North Dakota, Wisconsin, Alaska, and several places in Michigan. They settled in St. Ignace, where her husband practiced dentistry.

Mrs. McKinnon served as president of the Hospital Auxiliary, the Altar Society, and the women's golf league. When she was 50, she trained to do school eye examination screenings for Mackinac County. She did the screenings for 10 years.

She liked to sing in the choir and play bridge. She also liked to travel and spend time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by a sister, Cecelia Lande of Saginaw; two sons and their families, Mike McKinnon of Venice, Florida, and John McKinnon of St. Ignace; a daughter and her family, Mary Lou McKinnon of Montrose, Colorado, and St. Ignace; six grandchildren, Mary Jane McKinnon Chironna of Norwalk, Connecticut, Kimberly McKinnon van Noort of Clarksville, Virginia, Bill Lindsey of Clinton, Connecticut, Beth Chapman of Guilford, Connecticut, Jack McKinnon of Oakdale, Minnesota, and Casey McKinnon Brittain of Centennial, Colorado, and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, who died in 2008; her oldest son, Don, who died in 2011, and six sisters.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, August 2, at noon at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church in St. Ignace. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to time of the service at the church. Burial will be in Gros Cap Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the McKinnon Family Scholarship Fund at St. Ignace Area Community Foundation or St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church.

Tribute Wall



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