



Dolores Ilona Mortinsen

April 7, 1937 - March 24, 2024

Dolores Mortinsen, age 86, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 24, 2024, at the home of her son and daughter-in-law (Jerry and Pam Mortinsen) in Perry, Michigan.

Dolores was born in Ferndale, Michigan, on April 7, 1937, to Willard and Mamie (Ollila) Gibbons. Dolores was the youngest of six and loved spending time with her sisters, Faye, Betty, Lillian, and brother, Richard. (Sister, Glenna died as a toddler). Dolores was a 1955 graduate of Sault High School. She met her future husband, Myron Mortinsen while still in high school. On July 29, 1955, she married Myron in Sault Ste. Marie. After a brief time in South Dakota, they settled down in Michigan, where they raised four children — Rhonda, Jerry, Terri, and Kirk.

Dolores worked as a Nurses Aid for many years and found joy in caring for elderly patients at War Memorial Hospital. She was a dedicated member of the First

Free Methodist Church throughout her adult life and modeled Christian living in all her work and leisure. Her passion was for her husband and family. She enjoyed large family gatherings with games, sing-alongs, and good food.

She joyfully welcomed each new grandchild and great-grandchild and loved to receive their visits, phone calls, and pictures. For most of the last 5 years, Dolores lived with her son, Jerry and daughter-in-law, Pam at their home in Perry, but loved returning several times a year to her home in the Sault.

Throughout their 64-year marriage, Dolores and Myron were fully devoted to each other. Their love was readily apparent in the way they looked at each other, supported each other, and enjoyed time together.

Dolores is survived by her children, Jerry (Pam) Mortinsen of Perry and Terri (Larry) Merte of Ann Arbor, Michigan; brother, Richard (Ann) Gibbons of Sault Ste. Marie; eight grandchildren, Darin (Melissa) Mortinsen, Amy (Doug) Doerner, Jason Mortinsen, Robin (Gary) Null, Dylan Mortinsen, Jennifer (Alex) Freiman, Heather (Jae) Thompson, and Ben Merte; and twenty great-grandchildren; Caden, Kolton, Cavan, Owen, Makenzie, Brady, Griffin, Jaelynn, Haven, Leland, Kyler, Jaxon, Lauren, Peyton, Jacob, Connor,

Zachary, Anthony, Aubrey, and Amelia.

Dolores was preceded in death by her husband, Myron in 2019, and her children

Rhonda Pavlat and Kirk Mortinsen.

A Funeral Service will be held on April 5, 2024, at 3:30 PM at the First Free Methodist Church with Pastor Willard Hotchkiss officiating. Friends and family may visit the church from 2:00 pm until the time of service.

A Burial will be held later in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Dolores Mortinsen can be made to the Sault

Free Methodist Church (505 West 4th Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Family Life Funeral Homes assisted the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

First Free Methodist Church
505 W 4th Ave
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Funeral Service

APR 5. 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

First Free Methodist Church
505 W 4th Ave
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Tribute Wall

JS

“ Janet Smith lit a candle in memory of Dolores Ilona Mortinsen



Janet Smith - April 10, 2024 at 08:08 PM

J(

I worked with Delores for several years. She always had a smile on her face. She will be missed by many. Prays to the family

Janet Smith (Malcolm) - April 10, 2024 at 08:11 PM

MG

“ It was My pleasure to serve Myron and Delores in the sale of their home, on M-129 . A beautiful Couple . The love They had for Family and each other was saw and felt , day one. ❤️🙏

michael Gillhooley - April 05, 2024 at 03:27 PM

TM

Thank you, Mike.

Terri Lynn Merte - April 10, 2024 at 03:56 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dolores Ilona Mortinsen.



April 05, 2024 at 06:15 AM

DF

“ Doerner Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dolores Ilona Mortinsen.

Doerner Family - April 05, 2024 at 06:15 AM

CH

“ Dear Mortenson and Gibbons families, We were sorry to hear about Dee's passing. We have SO many fond memories of her. So thankful to know of her faith in Christ which gives us all hope. Thinking of you all, and praying for peace and comfort in the coming days. We will be with you in thoughts and prayers.

Chuck and Laura Hubbert

Chuck Hubbert - April 02, 2024 at 01:30 PM

CH

Mortinsen, sorry.

Chuck Hubbert - April 02, 2024 at 01:31 PM

TM

Thank you, Chuck. We are holding those happy memories close to our hearts.

Terri Lynn Merte - April 10, 2024 at 03:58 PM

TG

“ The Miller Girls purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dolores Ilona Mortinsen.



The Miller Girls - April 02, 2024 at 07:56 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dolores Ilona Mortinsen.*



April 01, 2024 at 10:11 AM



“ *Rick, Sandy, Ann, Marj, Mark, Casey, Jan & Mike planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dolores Ilona Mortinsen.*

Rick, Sandy, Ann, Marj, Mark, Casey, Jan & Mike - April 01, 2024 at 10:11 AM



“ *So many years of happy memories of my sweet Aunt Dee. From summers on the farm to visit to Colorado. I loved watching her goof around with her my mother, Lillian:)*



Jan Hole - March 29, 2024 at 06:30 PM



"with her sister",

Jan Hole - March 29, 2024 at 06:31 PM

JH

“ 10 files added to the album Dee



Jan Hole - March 29, 2024 at 06:28 PM

TE

Thanks for the great pics, Jan. So many happy times,

Terri - March 29, 2024 at 10:51 PM