



Erva Joyce Atkinson

September 27, 1928 - September 5, 2011

Erva Joyce Atkinson, age 82, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan passed away peacefully surrounded by family Monday afternoon, September 5, 2011 at Marquette General Hospital. Erva was born on September 27, 1928 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan the daughter of the late Otto Lorne and Delphyna Alwilda (Lines) Hillock. She graduated from Sault High School with the class of 1946. Erva was a member of Mary Wood Chorus, BPOW, the Sweet Adelines, and Central United Methodist Church, where she sang in the choir. Erva was a lifetime resident of the Sault and was an active member of the community. She helped with the I-500 and enjoyed bowling league. Erva had a good sense of humor, quick wit, and a love of life. She was happiest when she was spending time with family. She truly loved Sault Ste. Marie and it's people. She was very grateful for all of her friends including the ones recently made at McKinley Manor. Erva was preceded in death by her first husband: George Chapman, whom she married in 1946. They had four children: Susan (Ken) Malette-Feldman of Covington, GA and Brimley, MI, Nancy (Ted) Walker of Brimley, MI, Robert (Toni) Chapman of Monroe, GA, and Deb (Ron) Peake of Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Erva was also preceded in death by her second husband: Clifford (Roy) Atkinson, whom she married in 1969. He had four children: Doreen (Buck) Brown of Sault Ste. Marie, MI, Dianne Johnson of Traverse City, MI, Doug (Kim) Atkinson of Sault Ste. Marie, MI, and Debbie (John) Beamish of Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Besides all of her children, Erva is also survived by 19 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren, a sister-in-law:

Arlene Hillock, and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, first husband, second husband, a brother: Len Hillock; a sister: Verna Norton; a brother-in-law: Fred Norton; and a granddaughter: Jessica (Rawlings) Brown and her husband: Jeremy Brown. A memorial service will be held at 5:00 PM on Friday, September 9, 2011 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home with Pastor Bill Seitz officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home from 3:00 PM until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to a local Methodist Church of your choice.

Tribute Wall

VJ

“ I met and knew Erva at Kewadin Casinos. I truly enjoyed seeing her smile each day, and enjoyed many a conversation about our families and grandchildren. She was a wonderful person, and a great ambassador for The Sault.

Please accept my sincere condolences on your loss.

Victoria Johndrow - September 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Kristen, Kimberly, Kevin & Family, So Sorry to hear about Erva, Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you all. She will be missed... She was one nice lady, & I always enjoyed talking to her at the family functions...

Kathy & Wayne Fahler - September 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Sorry for your loss. I have very fond memories of Erva. Hugs and prayers to the whole family.

Leslie and Jeff Goddard - September 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Our deepest Sympathy to all of the family. It is never an easy time no matter what the circumstances.

May of your fond memories help you throught this difficult time.

I will always remember the times that we had with you and your Mom during our years of growing up. She was a great gal.

Gary & Carol Chappell - September 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ I was very surprised to read in the paper of Erva death. The last time I talked with Ted and Nancy they said she was doing better. I always enjoyed talking with your mother. She certainly enjoyed telling about her kids and grandkids and also great grandchildren. May you remember the fun times you had with her. Lovada

Arlen & Lovada Bell - September 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM