



Esther Laplander

March 11, 1924 - December 12, 2012

Esther Marie Laplander, age 88 of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, passed away Wednesday evening, December 12, 2012 at McKinley Manor. Esther was born on March 11, 1924 in Hillman, Michigan to the late Tadge and Frances (Brown) Messer. She attended Superior (Brimley) High School, where she graduated with the class of 1942. She married Paul Laplander on November 10, 1947 in Burnips, Michigan. Esther was a para-professional at McKinley Elementary School from 1968 to 1992, working in many facets of the school. She enjoyed gardening, arranging flowers, sewing and doing crafts. The greatest joy in her life came from her family. Time she spent with loved ones meant more to her than anything. Esther is survived by a son: Kurt (Laura) Laplander of Claremont, Minnesota; a daughter Jill (Don) Mort of Ouray, Colorado; and two grandchildren Joshua Laplander and Justin (Melany) Laplander. She is also survived by two siblings; Ernie (Ruth) Messer of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan and Betty Messer also from Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Esther was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Paul Laplander; a sister Gladys Burnham; and three brothers: Ralph Messer, Carl Messer and Herb Messer. Funeral services will be held at 3:00 pm on Thursday, December 20, 2012 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home with Pastor Chad McDonald officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home from 1:00 pm until the time of the service. Burial will be at Hillcrest Cemetery in the spring. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to the Sault Wesleyan Church building fund.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Kurt & Jill, I just heard of the passing of your mom. I remember your mom working at McKinley - and sweet she was. Kids loved her. You and your families are in my prayers.*

Jeannie (Atkins) OConnor - December 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Dear Jill and Kurt and families,
You are in my thoughts and prayers as you grieve the passing of your precious mom. She will ALWAYS have a special place in my heart.*

In recent years she has always lit up when I'd go to give her a hug on Sunday mornings.

Your dad always had a special place in his heart for our Kara who enjoyed singing at church. He'd always make a point to congratulate her when she sang.

They will both be thought of with joy as we remember the special place they had in our lives.

Jane - December 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM