



Joyce Mae Mills

November 2, 2012

Joyce Mae Mills, 89 of Trout Lake passed away Friday morning, November 2 at Evergreen Living Center in St. Ignace. Joyce was born in Battle Creek on June 4, 1923 to Clare and Kate (Keto McCain) Farwell. Growing up Joyce lived in various places where her father's work as a conservation officer took her family. She shared memories of enjoying roller skating in Crystal Falls down to Fortune Lake to swim, driving to Escanaba, her dad taking her up the fire tower in Paradise. When her family moved to Trout Lake, she had fond memories of the fun (and sometimes mischievous) times she had growing up with her friend, Frances. She married Kenneth A. Mills on June 15, 1942 and spent the rest of her life in Trout Lake.

Joyce was an exceptional cook and worked in many restaurants in the area, lastly working as prep cook for McGowan's restaurant until she was 79. She was known for her homemade soups, pies, and breads--especially Danish rolls and her famous mocha bars she made for her family and friends at Christmas. She took pride and pleasure in feeding people. Because of her love of children, she enjoyed driving the "little" Trout Lake kindergarten school bus for a few years.

Joyce was a very caring person and was always willing to help anyone in any way she could. She always had a smile for everyone and all who knew her loved her.

Joyce's children and family were an important and special part of her life and will miss her dearly. Surviving are sons, Kenneth (Fayda) Mills, Rudyard; Calvin (Betsy) Mills, Trout Lake; daughters, Linda and the late Jim Barrett, Trout Lake; and Florida; Rebecca (Bob) Revard, North Carolina; grandchildren, Kenneth (Chris) Mills Jr.; Carrie Mills; Steven (Kristin) Mills; Danielle (Jon) Dettling; C. Norman (Kim) Mills; great grandchildren Brittany (Noha) Wiggins; Brianna, Olivia; Jessica; Zach; Natalie; Sage; Owen; Dylan; Hayden; Ian; Jonas and great granddaughter Payton.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Kenneth; her sister and brother in law, CLara and Daniel Saastamoinen, and son in law, James Barrett.

According to her wishes, cremation has taken place and a family memorial service will be held in the spring

Memorials may be made in her memory to Evergreen Living Center, with envelopes available from Dodson Funeral Home who assisted with arrangements..

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