



## Ruth B. Cope

October 15, 2014

Ruth B. Cope, 92 of St. Ignace passed away Wednesday, October 15 at Cheboygan Hospice House following a long illness. She was born in Moran on March 1, 1922 to Rudolph and Augusta (Pechta) Wartella. She was one of 13 children born to the Wartella family, and the first to graduate from high school. She graduated from Sault High School in 1940. She worked for Michigan Bell Telephone until 1974 when the operator system was changed in St. Ignace to dial. She is a member of Bell Telephone Pioneers, and was a Steward for Communication Workers of America; and was an avid Detroit Tiger fan. She loved to read, and later did crossword puzzles when her health failed. She was a life member of Zion Lutheran Church and L.C.W of the church in St. Ignace. In the 60s she and her husband loved to square dance. In 1943 she married Stanley Cope, and he died unexpectedly in 1976.

She is survived by her children; Barbara (Paul) Ryerse, St. Ignace; Susan (Maurice) Ekstrom, St. Ignace; Michael J. (Mary) Cope, St. Ignace; a sister, Betty Last, Cheboygan; 9 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, one daughter, Shelly Fitzpatrick. and 11 siblings.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, October 25 at 11 am at Zion Lutheran Church in St. Ignace with Dr. Orville Cabot officiating. Visitation will be from 10 to service time. Burial of her cremains will be in Gros Cap

Cemetery later. Dodson Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth B. Cope*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Ruth B. Cope*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Ruth B. Cope*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Sending sincere condolences.*

**Janis A. Holle** - November 02, 2014 at 04:50 PM



“ *Barb, I was so sorry to hear of your mother's death. Another generation laid to rest. Rest in peace, Ruth.*

*Kathleen*

**Kath Kowalski** - November 01, 2014 at 10:52 AM