



## Josephine DeGroot

February 17, 1920 - December 10, 2007

JOSEPHINE DeGROOT NORWAY – Josephine L. DeGroot, 87 years old, of Norway, died Monday, December 10, 2007 at ManorCare Health Services in Kingsford, MI. She was born February 17, 1920 in Norway, the daughter of the late Frank and Justine (Van Walle) Roggeman. Josephine graduated from Norway High School in 1938. She married Henry DeGroot on September 28, 1940 at St. Barbara's Church in Vulcan. They celebrated 63 years of marriage together. He preceded her in death on January 3, 2004. Josephine was a member of St. Barbara's Church, Daughters of Isabella and the St. Barbara's Church Altar Society, the Norway-Vulcan Senior Center and the Norway Women's Club. She was a homemaker, caregiver, loving wife and mother. She enjoyed her grandchildren, great grandchildren, her many special friends and her long time neighbors. She is survived by her two daughters, Jane (Dan) Carlson of Quinnesec and Linda (Greg) St. Juliana of Hannibal, MO; two sons, Anthony (Diane) DeGroot of Erie, PA and David (Trudy) DeGroot of Iron Mountain; ten grandchildren, Carrie (Mike) Ayres, Stacey (Rick) Snow, Justine (Todd) Maki, Matthew (Alexis) Carlson and Amanda Carlson, Heather (Eric) Hiatt, Tara (Edward) Herr, Jolyn (Scott) Garret, Nathan and Rachel St. Juliana; eight great grandchildren, Noah Kostrova, Alexa and Kyle Snow, Samantha Ayres, Jared and Christine St. Juliana and Daniel and Grace Maki; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother Albert Roggeman and sister Mary Morosini. Visitation will be held on Saturday, December 15 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Miner-Ortman Funeral Home in

Norway. Prayers will be held on Saturday, at 10:30 a.m. at the Miner-Ortman Funeral Home. The Mass of Christian Burial will be on Saturday at 11 a.m. at St. Barbara's Church with Fr. James Roetzer, presiding. Interment will follow in the Norway Township Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Jane, Linda, Anthony & David, I just wanted to let you know we were sorry to hear of our Great Aunt Josie's passing and you, your families and everyone who loved Josie and will miss her are in our prayers. Fondly, The LaPak Family

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**Mary LaPak** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sorry, to learn of Aunt Jo's passing. Also, that I wasn't able to attend. Always looked forward to my dad's two week vacation every year. During this period, she would back alot of frsh bread, fry the weekly catch, and corn on the cob. Aunt Jo will always have a special place in my heart, as the oldest nephew/niece, I always received special attention, and that was appreciated. It's a shame, I did not see her more often, but she was always with me. I'll miss her, but I will have the memories. My condolences to each of her children and their families. God Bless and my LOVE to all. Al (Freddie)

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**Alfred C. Roggeman** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am very sad to hear that Aunt Jo has passed, and wish I could have come up to be with all of my cousins at the services. Aunt Josie always seemed so happy to have visitors and she made us feel so welcome in her home. To me, her house was a kind of magical place. I especially remember the many meals she made us with vegetables from Uncle Henry’s enormous garden—the tastiest I’ve ever had. She had us try all sorts of wonderful and exotic foods (to us, at least!) including pasties, venison, and Belgium sausage. At these meals, there was a good supply of fishing talk, and consequently I got to see my Dad at his most animated and joyful (which is something to see, as many of you know!) At Aunt Jo’s house we explored the “little woods,” and the railroad track at the top of the hill (which I am sure shaped my brother’s love for trains), and I’ll never forget sliding down the hill behind the furniture factory (I hope I am remembering this right!) on cardboard sheets. One of Aunt Josie’s many thoughtful gestures was supplying us with goody bags to keep us going on the long car ride home to Schaumburg. Aunt Jo was quick to laugh, and I remember fondly the pride she had in her home (and the many improvements that Uncle Henry made, which always seemed so amazing to me). More than anything, she conveyed her pleasure in her family, and it is an honor to be part of it. Aunt Jo has a special place in my heart, as do all of you. I share your grief, and I send you my very deepest sympathy.

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“ Jane, I'm sorry to read about the loss of your mother. I just lost my dad in September and I know the loss is hard to accept but I just think of how lucky to have them as long as we did! Again my condolences, An old classmate Tom DeRidder

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**Tom DeRidder** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM