



Mary R. VanGoethem

February 27, 1915 - May 10, 2013

MARY VanGOETHEM NORWAY- Mary R. VanGoethem age 98 of Norway, died Friday, May 10, 2013 at Maryhill Manor in Niagara, WI. She was born in Zwyndrecht, Belgium on February 27, 1915 the daughter of the late Frank and Elisabeth (DeRidder) Vaerewyck. Mary married Louis DeRoeck on December 31, 1936 at St. Mary's Church in Norway. He preceded her in death in a mining accident in November of 1942. She married Joseph VanGoethem on May 22, 1957 at St. Barbara's Church in Vulcan. He preceded her in death in January 1973. Mary was a very active member of St. Barbara's Church, belonging to the Legion of Mary, the Women's League, St. Barbara's Senior Choir and the Daughters of Isabella. She also enjoyed the Norway-Vulcan Senior Center and volunteered at the V.A. Hospital in Iron Mountain. Mary is survived by her sons Jim (GeorgeAnn) DeRoeck of Norway and Robert DeRoeck of Norway; step-son Jerry (Donna) VanGoethem of Norway; step-daughter Aileen (Jerry) Pancheri of Sault Ste. Marie; 19 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and 15 great great grandchildren; sisters Florence Socha of Norway and Rose Dishaw of Kingsford; step-son-in-law Dick Olson of Rochester; brother-in-law Bob Cocking of Iron Mountain; special niece Pat Richtig; and many other nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother Alphonse Vaerewyck and sister Madelyn Cocking. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 15 from 9-11 a.m. at St. Barbara's Church in Vulcan. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, at 11 a.m. at St. Barbara's Church, with Fr. Timothy Ekaitis officiating. Interment will follow

at the Norway Township Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made in Mary's name to St. Barbara's Church.

Tribute Wall

JF

“ Auntie Mickey was a beautiful, selfless woman who led a wonderful life. I am comforted knowing she is with my Mom in heaven. Our thoughts are with you, though we cannot be there.

Joan and Pat Fitzgibbon - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ How very blessed we were to have our beautiful "Auntie Mickey" for so many years! She certainly was a Saint; always so good to others and such a servant to her church! Know that Terry and I are thinking of you, and we are so sorry not to be there for the service tomorrow. God Bless all of you. Love, Carol and Terry

Carol Socha and Terry Huth - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ To my friends, Bob, Jim, Jerry and their families we extend our condolence in the passing of their mother.

Bob & Judy Wicklund - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ What a beautiful woman, rewarded with a wonderful long life and leaving a legacy of wonderful children, other family, and friends. She is surely seated in her rightful place with God. Eternal rest grant onto you, you lovely person.

Mary and Raymond Larson - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PK

“*Mary was always at church before I got there to set up for mass for many many years. What a truely Christian woman. I will miss our "chats" and her smile.*

Peggy Kelly - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GP

“*My own grandmothers passed away long before my son would have met them. Because of that, I will be forever thankful for dear Mary. I am the mother of the "boy with the big eyes" (Jacob) that would visit the nursing home to see Mary's room mate Pauline. Mary was such a beautiful person and was so precious to my three year old son. Thank you God for Mary! She was very much loved by Jacob and will be greatly missed.*

Greta Patrick - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM