



Ruth E. Pretto

December 15, 1930 - September 2, 2014

LORETTO- Ruth "Andy" Pretto age 83, went to be with our Lord peacefully in her sleep, on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at Freeman Nursing and Rehabilitation in Kingsford.

She was born in Iron River on December 15, 1930 the daughter of the late Gustav and Viola (Wilke) Casagrande.

Ruth graduated from Shawano High School in 1948.

She married Robert Pretto on November 19, 1949 in St. Agnes Church in Iron River. He preceded her in death on December 21, 2005.

Ruth and Robert moved to Detroit for work and to raise a family. In June of 1972, they returned to Loretto and operated Pretto Service for 17 years. In 1989 they retired to Hamilton Lakes.

Ruth was a member of St. Barbara's Church, Senior Choir, TOPS, Loretto Women's Auxiliary and the Norway Birthday Club.

Ruth enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She liked flower gardening, playing cards, going to the casino, and taking care of the family dog Roxie.

She is survived by her three children Sandra Hamel of Winston Salem, N.C., Debbie (Jim) Peterson of Norway and Robert Pretto, Jr. of Norway; grandchildren Tony (Jen) Adams, Brian (Sara Lagina) Adams, Kelly (Shawn) Hodgins, Heather (Jay) Weaver, Katie Peterson and Dan (Samantha) Peterson, Jeremy (Carrie) Pretto and Danica (Tyler Swanson) Pretto, Jeff (Amanda) Hamel, Kristen (Michael) Meddaugh and Laurie (Brian) Morris; great grandchildren Zandria, Taylor, Bryce, Lauren, Alana, Asher, Logan, Katelyn, Kaylee, Isabella, Carson, Brent and Luke; caring brothers Peter and Joe Casagranda; loving sisters Chloe Peterson, Rosemarie Ferguson; many nieces, nephews and cousins; special friend Dorothy Meneghini.

Ruth was preceded in death by her son-in-law Chris Hamel; brothers Dan and Tony Casagranda and Harold Reinke; sisters Helen Foccault and Louise Smith.

Family will greet friends on Saturday, September 6 from 11-1 p.m. at St. Barbara's Church in Vulcan

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday at 1 p.m. at St. Barbara's Church with Fr. Timothy Ekaitis presiding.

Interment will be held at Norway Township Cemetery at a later date.

The family request that memorial contributions may be made in Ruth's name to the American Cancer Society.

Tribute Wall

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“Ruth's family was blessed as she was such a caring and generous person. We know she will be deeply missed and our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Amy & Ed Rooney - December 18, 2014 at 10:23 AM

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“Ruth was a lovely person, always kind and giving. I always enjoyed the times I was with her. I know she so loved spending time with her family. Our sympathy to all her family. Sue Hamel and Ron Miller

Ruth Pretto - December 18, 2014 at 10:23 AM

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“So sorry to hear of the passing of our sweet Auntie Andy. She was a lovely lady! We enjoyed our visits with her, especially our card games. She liked sharing coffee and dessert, as well as lots of laughs during those games. She will be missed ;(. Our deepest sympathy to all her family.

Nick and Sue Ferguson - December 18, 2014 at 10:22 AM

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“May you find kindness to warm you, sympathy to comfort you, and cherished memories to bring peace to your hearts.

Dennis Chounard & Pat Plumstead - December 18, 2014 at 10:22 AM