



Hermine L. Rouker

April 24, 1919 - January 9, 2015

Hermine L. Rouker passed away Friday, January 9, 2015 at Sunnyside Senior Living. She was 95.

She was born April 24, 1919 in Cleveland, Ohio to William H. and Clara (Adams) Kramer. She married Samuel Chovan on August 5, 1939. They moved to Bessemer, Michigan in 1952. Sam was killed in a mining accident on September 9, 1958. Hermine married Joseph Rouker on May 22, 1965 and Joe preceded her in death on August 8, 1984.

Hermine worked as a dental assistant, soda fountain clerk and at Woolworth's in Cleveland, Ohio. She was a clerk for Ben Franklin in Bessemer, Michigan for many years, retiring in 1984.

Hermine will be remembered for being a courageous woman who experienced the death of her mother at age 8 and widowhood twice in her lifetime. She persevered, living independently in the Upper Peninsula into her late 80's. Hermine was a loving wife and nurturing mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She was an excellent cook and baker and her family especially enjoyed her polvistica, poppy seed rolls, turkey dressing and apricot cookies. She loved classical music and Italian opera. She enjoyed sending care packages and helping her family whenever she could. She loved babies, dogs and was proud to be from the Upper Peninsula. Hermine had a strong faith

and was an active member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, serving on their Altar Guild for many years.

She is survived by her son, Donald (Carolyn) Chovan of Metamora, Illinois; her stepdaughter, Linda (James) Dishman of Cadillac; three granddaughters: Nicole Goodman, Rebecca Gangloff and Sarah (Josh) Sakash; five great grandchildren: Carrie, Alissa and Brittnie Goodman and Darien and Landon Gangloff as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husbands she was preceded in death by two brothers, William in 1941 and Paul in 1983 and her stepmother, Leolyn.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Monday, January 12, 2015 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Cadillac with Reverend Joes Hess officiating. Friends may meet the family one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will take place at Hillcrest Cemetery in Bessemer. Memorial contributions may be made to Sunnyside Senior Living, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Hospice of Michigan or Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bessemer. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

GM

“ i was glad that I was able to attend the memorial service in Bessemer. I remember her fondly when I visited Linda at home in Bessemer and the many times I saw her in the Ben Franklin store. She was a kind and caring woman. I will remember her with fondness. My sympathy to Linda and the rest of the family.

Gail Maki-Dalbec - June 14, 2015 at 01:14 AM

LA

“ I didn't know Mrs Hermine, but her beautiful picture along with lovely life story. I just had to leave my deep condolences to the family I pray for strength and comfort in your time of need

Lohisha, Antoine - January 13, 2015 at 09:34 PM

CC

“ My condolences to Linda and her family. I will always remember Herm and the wonderful times I spent visiting Bessemer and the U. P. She was always there with open arms to receive me and my family as part of her own.

Cassandra Constantino - January 11, 2015 at 04:02 PM

MF

“ She was a dear friend and neighbor for many many years. We will miss her.

Marilyn Ercoli & family - January 11, 2015 at 01:46 PM

MM

“ Deepest sympathies to all. May loving memories fill your heart. Hermine was a very good neighbor to my brother and sister in law, the Edyvean' s and I also worked with Linda at CMH

Mary Moon - January 10, 2015 at 04:49 PM

BS

“ My deepest sympathies. Hermine was my neighbor in Bessemer and always had a smile on her lovely face. She will be remembered fondly.

Becky Schwartz - January 10, 2015 at 02:01 PM

MS

“ I have many memories of my Aunt Hermine from the times she sam, & Donnie came by train from Cleveland to our Phillips , Wisconsin farm to visit his sister Julia & help with haying. She taught me how to make Biscotti & shared her recipe Farewell Aunt Hermine My sympathy to Don & Family.

MaryLou Stanke Strom - January 10, 2015 at 01:32 PM

JM

“ Grammy will be truly missed. Blessings to everyone.

Jackie Mason - January 10, 2015 at 10:36 AM

BC

“ Sorry for your loss. Herm was a great lady.

Bill & Vonnie Carlson - January 10, 2015 at 08:31 AM

JT

“ *Condolences to Don and his family. So sorry for your loss.*

Joe Trehella - January 10, 2015 at 02:21 AM