



Mary E. Rich,

92 of Hibbing, was called to be with her Lord on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at Guardian Angels in Hibbing. She was born Aug. 1, 1917 in Baraga, Mich, to Fred and Edith Gonier, the second of six children. Mary was united in marriage to the love of her life, Albert Joseph Rich on Dec. 12, 1936. Early in their marriage they resided in Duluth prior to making Hibbing their home. While her home and family were of utmost importance to her, Mary loved cleanliness; therefore taking positions at the Crane Lake Resort and the Leisure Hills Health Cared Center (Guardian Angels) as a housekeeper. She was a member of the Ladies of the Moose, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and in her later years enjoyed cane hockey, eventually being named to the Cane Hockey Hall of Fame. Mary loved the simple pleasantries of life and her constant beautiful smile proved it. She was referred to as "Aunt Mary" not only to her extended family, but by everyone that knew and loved her. She was especially fond of music, entertaining family and friends by singing in harmony with her sister Margaret. She also enjoyed dancing; especially polka, traveling, camping, boating, bingo and reading religious publications. She is survived by her daughters, Irene (Larry) Weiss of both North St. Paul and Lake Havasu, Ariz., Sylvia (Columbo) Astolfio of Dunmore, Pa., Diane Monetti and Betty Jerman both of Hibbing and Florence Huisenstruit of Orr, Minn., 26 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert; her parents; son, Dennis; daughter, Gloria; brothers, Joe, Elmer and Charles Gonier; and sisters, Rose DuFault and Margaret Lamirande.

Funeral: Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. The Rev. Ryan Moravitz will celebrate the Mass of Christian Burial. Visitation: Will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Dougherty Funeral Home with Parish Wake Prayers at 7:30 p.m. The Visitation will continue on Wednesday in the funeral home for one hour prior to the service time. Burial: Will be in the Maple Hill Cemetery. Pallbearers are her grandchildren, Tony, Joe, Jim Monetti, Dennis Dix, John Jerman, and Dan Weiss.