



Mrs. Mercedes Exerine Szenina

October 15, 1921 - September 15, 2013

Mercedes "Merc" E. (Nelson) Szenina, age 91, of 11065 West Cherry Creek Rd., Dewey, AZ 86327, passed away Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013, at Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Prescott Valley, AZ where she had been a resident since July.

Merc was born Oct. 15, 1921, in Ishpeming, Michigan to Lawrence and Libbie (Jandron) Nelson. She graduated from Ishpeming High School in the class of 1939. In 1941 she was crowned Miss Ishpeming Winter Queen. In her early years she worked in California and at the 5th Army Headquarters in Chicago. In 1956 she returned to Ishpeming and worked at K.I. Sawyer A.F.B., in Gwinn, Michigan where she met Frank and they were married for 55 years.

They lived in various places during Frank's Air Force career including France, Texas, and Mt. Clemens, Michigan. Frank and Merc lived in Gwinn after Frank's retirement from the Air Force. She and her husband spent winters in Arizona and permanently moved there in 1999. Although she lived in many places, Merc's heart was always in Ishpeming and Gwinn.

Merc was a member of various Catholic churches during her lifetime. She loved to spend time sitting with Frank on their deck in Arizona looking at the mountains. Merc loved jewelry and in her later years enjoyed making jewelry as a hobby. She also enjoyed when her grandchildren and great-grandchildren came to visit.

Merc is survived by her husband, Frank; two children, Donald (Carolyn) Szenina of Ishpeming, Tom (Lisa) Szenina of Cherry, Ariz.; 6 grandchildren Kim (Rob) Soyring, Julie (Dell) Kab, Sara (Paul) Hasstedt, Lauren, Tyler, and Austin Szenina; 3 great-grandchildren Logan and Alayna Soyring and Ayla Hasstedt, along with nieces, nephews, and cousins. Merc was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers; Irving, Norman (Binky) Nelson and grandson Aaron.

A private Christian service was held in Prescott Valley, AZ.

Comments



“ our thoughts and prayers are with you stuart and chris ring

stuart ring - September 21, 2013 at 09:40 AM



“ We would like to send our condolences to Frank, Donald, Tom and their families. So saddened to hear of Merc passing.

To my dearest friend ever, I remember all our happy times together. There are not enough words in the english language to describe what a wonderful friend and person you were to everyone whose life you touched. Always there willing to listen and help solve problems. I especially remember the day I came over to visit you and you were making potato sausage. I tried to help you and when we were almost done we both realized you had forgotten the potatoes. Boy! did we laugh. I could go on and on - You are in a happy place now and God bless you. Till we meet again my dear friend.

Myrna (& Don too)

Myrna & Don - September 20, 2013 at 04:48 PM



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Myrna & Don Stansky - September 20, 2013 at 12:18 PM



“ Sorry Don, take care, Bucky.

Bucky - September 19, 2013 at 06:46 PM



“ i would like too send my condolences too my uncle frank tommy and donold and all the kids aunty merce will be sadley missed your nephew terry



terryperins - September 19, 2013 at 01:33 PM



“ Remembering all the angels you had watching over you at the house, I know that you are with the angels now and you are smiling down at us. We are very, very sad right now but we know that you were ready to be with our Lord. Missing you more than words can say. You will always be in our hearts and mind.

Love you, Arrie

Carolyn Szenina - September 17, 2013 at 03:38 PM