



Mina Helena Winter

November 7, 1913 - July 27, 2013

Mina Helena Winter, 99, of Kalkaska passed peacefully on July 27, 2013. Born in Suttons Bay, on Nov. 7, 1913, to the late Louis and Caroline (Gellness) Solem, she was the youngest daughter in her family of 12 children. She attended primary school in Suttons Bay, later graduating from Flint Northern High School, where she met her future husband, Russell. After high school, she attended Western State Teachers College in Kalamazoo where she graduated with a teaching degree in 1940. She married the late Russell James Winter on April 3, 1942, in Wheaton, Ill., in a small country church on their way to work at General Motors in support of the war effort. She moved with Russell to Kalkaska in 1946 and began their lives as proud members of the community. Mrs. Winter taught second grade at Kalkaska Public Schools for 29 years. She was remembered as a strict but caring teacher who made sure her students knew that she was proud of their successes. She was a member of the Academia Club of Kalkaska for 49 years and a life member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She has enjoyed cheering on the Blazer Basketball teams every season since the 1960s. She attended every National Trout Festival since 1947, collecting pins from each one. She was an avid golfer, most days walking 36 holes. She recorded a hole-in-one at age 78 and was a member of a weekly golf league until she was 90 years old. Mr. and Mrs. Winter enjoyed traveling, visiting most states and attending numerous World Fairs. Together Mina and Russell raised two devoted sons, Ronald (Barbara) Winter of Kalamazoo and Michael (Connie) Winter of Kalkaska. who

both survive. She is also survived by her five precious grandchildren, Kristie (Clay) Swikoski of Kalkaska, Kate (Kier) Parrish of Kalkaska, Jamie Winter of Scottsdale, Ariz., Stacy (Randy) Bell of Milwaukee, Wis., and Ross (Laura) Winter of East Lansing. She thoroughly enjoyed her time spent with her four great-grandchildren and was looking forward to the birth of her fifth great-grandchild this fall. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes memorial donations to be directed to the Kalkaska Athletic Boosters. Visitation will be held today, July 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Kalkaska Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., with final visitation beginning at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, July 30, in the Chapel of Kalkaska Funeral Home, 152 S. Cedar St., Kalkaska. Burial will take place in Evergreen Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

272 West St.
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **29.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home
152 S Cedar St
P.O. Box 1457
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Visitation

JUL **30.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

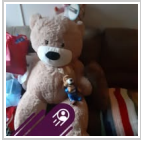
Kalkaska Funeral Home
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Service

JUL 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Dear, Winter family,
Having recently learned of the loss of your loved one I extend my deepest sympathy to you. During this difficult time I wanted to share the hope found in the Bible, the hope of the resurrection. Jesus stated at John 5:28,29 "The hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his [Jesus] voice and come out." And at Revelation 21:3,4 it states that there will be a time when "death will be no more." These scriptures give us hope for the future as respects to our dead loved ones. Those scriptures have brought comfort to me and my family and I hope it does the same for your family. Sorry for your loss. fatcatspot22@aol.com

Charlie Sibley - August 14, 2013 at 08:17 AM

KT

“ Mrs. Winter was one of my favorite teachers. Prayers to her family.

Kimberly (Groner) Tadlock

Kimberly (Groner) Tadlock - July 30, 2013 at 11:06 AM

SS

“ Mike & Connie & family,
So sorry to hear this news. You were so lucky to have her for as long as you did, but there will still be that empty place in your hearts. We hope all those years of memories will bring some consolation.

Sandy & Justin Straksis

Sandy Straksis - July 30, 2013 at 07:45 AM

SC

“ I had Mrs. Winters for a teacher. So was strict but all about the kids learning. She will missed. RIP Mrs. Winters.

Susan (Ramsey) Cooper - July 30, 2013 at 02:56 AM

KG

“ Dear Ron, Barb and family,
We are sorry to hear of Mina's passing away. She was an extraordinary person, enjoying a long fulfilled life. May all your fond memories give you strength during this difficult time.
Our thoughts are with you!
Kitty and Jeff Gardner

kitty gardner - July 29, 2013 at 06:00 PM

SW

“ Mrs. Winter was my second grade teacher, Mina was my peer at Kalkaska Public Schools and Mina was my neighbor. Her energy was utterly astounding. At 99 this last spring she could be seen in her yard picking up sticks and pulling weeds! Her waves and her watchful eye will be missed. Sue Walter

Susan Walter - July 27, 2013 at 09:28 PM