



Rosaleen O. Fairbanks

May 4, 1926 - January 14, 2011

Rosaleen Fairbanks, 84, of Eau Claire, passed away Friday, January 14, 2011, at her home surrounded by her family.

A Memorial Service celebrating her life will be held at 11:00, a.m., Saturday, January 22, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service, 1053 E. Napier Ave., in Benton Harbor with Pastor Robert Duehlmeyer officiating. Burial will be private. Visitation will be held from 10:00 until the time of the service, Saturday, at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to either Disabled American Veterans, St. Paul's Lutheran Church – Sodus, Hospice at Home, or to the Berrien County Cancer Service. Messages of condolence may be sent to www.florin.net.

Rosaleen was born on May 4, 1926, in Belfast, Northern Ireland. She was one of five children born to John and Margaret Craig. Rosaleen immigrated to the United States from Ireland as a “War Bride” during WWII. She met and married Ernest Fairbanks and together had four children. Rosaleen worked for Avion Coach for over 26 years prior to her retirement. She was a long-time member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Sodus. Rosaleen enjoyed camping and fishing and particularly enjoyed doing so in Canada. Most of all, she cherished her family – children, grand-children, and great-grandchildren – “who were her world.”

Rosaleen is survived by her children, Margaret Siler of Eau Claire, Michael L. (Sandra) Fairbanks of Oak Creek, Wisconsin, Kerion (Sarah) Fairbanks of Dowagiac, and Missy (Wayne) Fairbanks of Benton Harbor; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Rosaleen was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest and by her siblings, Cecil, Victor, Jackie, and Pat.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *The time she told me to get my hair cut. I announced to the world that I was going to rebel, just like everyone else, and grow my hair like the Beatles. To my surprise, she said "ok". I was shocked that she took it so well. Approximately 20 minutes later she took me "shopping" - right to Robert Hall on M-139. As we walked through the door she spied a rack of dresses on sale and like a magnet was drawn right to it. As I stood next to her, she held a pretty purple dress with white frilly lace up to my neck and smiled. I remember jumping back about 3 feet and asking "What are you doing?". "Well" she said "If you're going to look like a girl, then I'm going to dress you like one". "Mum?". "What?". "Is the barber shop still open?". I have never grown my hair. There are so many more, but this is my favorite because years later as my youngest son wanted to have his ears pierced, I threatened him with a dress from Walmart. I love you, mum and miss you already.*

Mike Fairbanks - January 19, 2011 at 05:03 PM