



Louise Effie Lavaway

January 23, 1927 - December 1, 2012

Louise Effie Ferguson Lavaway, passed away of natural causes on Saturday, December 1, 2012 at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mildred Lavaway and Don Ratcliff, in Vernon Hill, Virginia. She was 85 at the time of her death.

Mrs. Lavaway was born in Portland, Maine on January 23, 1927, the daughter of William Franklin Ferguson and Wilma L. (Rogers) Ferguson. She resided and was educated in the Portland/ Falmouth, Maine area until 1947, when she moved to Presque Isle, Maine to work for the New England Telephone Company. She resided at a local Presque Isle landmark called, The Bellstead, a sorority home for out-of-town telephone operators. Shortly after her arrival to Presque Isle she met and wed the love of her life, Adrine Dennis Lavaway, and they were married on January 23, 1948. They resided in Presque for a few years and then moved to Mapleton to raise their family.

Mrs. Lavaway was very active in her children's lives, 4-H, riding clubs and was also a member of the Bell Telephone Pioneers Club. In addition to her family and friends, Mrs. Lavaway's loves and interests included singing, writing, still life painting, reading, bird watching, gardening and caring for numerous beloved pets.

She is survived by her six children, Mildred Lavaway and husband Don Ratcliff

of Vernon Hill, VA, Dennis Lavaway and wife Donna of Waynesboro, VA, Gary Lavaway and wife Becky of Presque Isle, ME, Carolyn Griffin of Sherrill's Ford, VA, Marilyn Saucier of Hope, ME and Connie Orcutt-Lavaway of Portland, ME, 15 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, sisters-in-law Carmeline Tardy of Lincoln, ME and Jean Oliver of CT and many friends.

Mrs. Lavaway was predeceased by her loving husband, Adrine Dennis Lavaway, her parents, William and Wilma Ferguson and brothers, Albert, Kenneth, Bill and Elmer Ferguson.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Friday, December 7, 2012, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Presque Isle, ME, with the Rev. Morency officiating. Interment will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery following the funeral mass.

Mrs. Lavaway's loving and nurturing spirit will live forever in the hearts of those who knew her. Donations in her memory may be made to The Central Aroostook Humane Society, 23 Cross Street, Presque Isle, ME 04679 (207) 764-3441.

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DM

“ So sorry to hear of your passing. May you find peace in Heaven.

Drew Mounts - April 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *Donna Lavaway*
Mom was like a best friend to me. She loved to talk and reminice about the past and I just loved to listen to her talk. She always talked about every member of her family with love. I loved her from the moment I met her. She loved birds and knew a lot of them by name. She enjoyed coming to visit us and said we had such a "nature place". She always asked me about my family and about my mom & dad. She had a great personality and a loving nature. I will surely miss her very much. I love you Mom. Love Donna

Donna Lavaway - December 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Our Mom:

*An angel lived among us,
A gift from God above.
She showered us with kindness And shared with us her love.*

*She cherished every moment
With the man who was her life;
Walking hand in hand together,
Facing life with all its strife.*

*She loved her children dearly,
Each one a different way,
Nestled close within her heart.
Though, now, she's far away.
We will miss you more than words can ever say.
Your loving daughter, Marilyn*

Marilyn Saucier - December 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Mom

*I am everything I am "Because of You"! Thank you for giving me life and blessing me with your continued love and support. You always made everyone of your children feel special in your own way. You trully will be missed and there will always be an empty space in my heart. The only consolation is knowing that Millie and Ted took such loving care of you and that you are reunited with dad in heaven. You will be in my thoughts everyday because of all the things I will see everyday that you love, birds,flowers, lighthouses and even sand..The simple things in life that always put a smile on you face. Thank you for being such a wonderful mother and the best grandmother and great-grandmother I could have ever wanted for my children and grandchildren. Good-bye mom
Your loving daughter
Carolyn*

Carolyn Lavaway Griffin - December 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Grammy,
words cannot express my love for you. You have always been so unselfish, kind, and caring. You loved without limitations, biases, or conditions. I can only hope to someday be half the woman you were.

Some of my fondest childhood memories are spending vacations at your house. I always looked forward to playing chinese checkers, dolls, and cards with you, sewing and painting with you, and sharing backrubs, heating blankets, and rock candy at night with you. I also loved spending time in the kitchen with you; making breakfast, doing dishes, and singing together. I know how much you liked to hear me sing. I was beyond honored to sing "Ave Maria" for you at your memorial service.

I love you and will miss you until someday when I join you and Grampy in Heaven.

Love your grand-daughter,
Jennifer

Jennifer White - December 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *Millie Lavaway*

Mom,

You were the most wonderful mother anyone could ever have and we were so lucky to have you for as long as we did. Ted and I both cherish the years that you lived with us in Virginia. Our home seems so sad and empty now that you have gone to the Lord, but we will try to remember the good times and not dwell on the fact you are no longer with us.

The first place both Ted and I used to go when we got home from work each night was into your room to say Hello and ask how your day had gone. You always had that sweet little smile to give us and always told us you had a wonderful day.

Your unselfish and giving nature is so rare and I only hope we can emulate your love and affection for others as we go forward with our lives.

We love you with all our hearts. Give Dad a big hug and kiss for us.

Your loving daughter and son-in-law, Millie and Ted

Millie Lavaway - December 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ *Millie, I am so sorry about the loss of your mother. I only met her a couple of times but could see the special bond that you both had.*

You are in my thoughts.

Gayle Jordan - December 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM