



## Ann M. Eitrem

April 8, 1936 - August 21, 2025

Ann Marie (Krapf) Eitrem, age 89, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, passed away on August 21, 2025, at the Ball Hospice House in Sault Ste. Marie. She was born on April 8, 1936, in Providence, Rhode Island, to Theodore and Anna (Mayne) Krapf.

Ann attended the Blessed Sacrament Elementary School and then graduated from Mount Pleasant High School. She went to work in the advertising department for The Outlet Company, the largest department store in Rhode Island after graduating where she met her soon-to-be husband, Lee W. Eitrem. They were married shortly after in St. Teresa's Roman Catholic Church on September 28, 1957. After they married, they travelled to Hollywood, California and a few months later they returned to Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Ann and Lee settled into an apartment and she started working at the Soo Evening News in the Advertising Department where she remained until they started their family. During the crucial childbearing years, Ann would be a stay-at-home Mom, where she would take great pleasure in caring for her four children. There wasn't anything more fulfilling to her than when she would hold and rock her infant children to sleep; she loved cuddling with her babies. Ann became quite the homemaker, she would make homemade bread, pizza, cinnamon rolls, baking soda biscuits, jam, jelly, pickles, soups, chili, spaghetti sauce and so much more as her children grew up, they would rush home from school wondering what's for supper because they always

knew whatever it was, it was going to be good!

As the years passed, and her children became self-reliant Ann decided she wanted to return to the work force in order to afford the more modern conveniences for her home and the extras for her children so she applied for a position at the Chippewa County Health Department where she was hired in the EPSDT as Program Secretary and then through the years was promoted to the Administrative Secretary for the Nursing Director for the Department Agency. She loved her job and enjoyed the camaraderie with all whom she worked with during her twenty years before retiring in 1995. The long-lasting friendships made with her colleagues were heartwarming; they became family to her.

Prior to Ann retiring she and Lee cleared their waterfront lot on the North shore of Sugar Island and then had their retirement home built and then they started enjoying their retirement years wintering away to Mexico, Alabama, and Florida. She loved to shop, read a great novel or autobiography, visit new and old friends and frequent their favorite restaurants wherever they were together.

Ann leaves behind her sons, Mark and Scott Eitrem, both of Sugar Island; and her daughter, Leanne (Ed) Marlow of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada; and her brother, Theodore Krapf; and her grandchildren, Cody (June) Eitrem, Sarah Eitrem, Elliot (Jaime) Marlow and Amanda LaPonsie; and great grandchildren Brielle and Owen Marlow and Steven Eitrem; and several nieces and nephews.

Ann was predeceased by her loving husband, Lee W. Eitrem; her daughter, Alana 'Chicky' Eitrem; parents, Theodore and Anna (Mayne) Krapf; and her brother, Joseph Krapf.

Public visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at Holy Name of Mary Church on Portage Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, from 9:30 A.M till 11:00. Followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM with Father Al Mott as Celebrant. A Luncheon will follow.

Final Resting place will be Riverside Cemetery, in Sault Ste. Marie.

In lieu of flowers the family kindly suggests memorials be sent to Lake Superior State University Foundation, 650 W. Easterday Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 to the Alana 'Chicky' Eitrem Endowment Fund or to the Hospice of the EUP, 308 W. 12th Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 in Ann's Memory.

Family Life Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at [www.familylifefh.com](http://www.familylifefh.com).

Obituary as submitted by family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **26**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church  
320 E Portage  
Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783

## Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *My condolences to you Leanne and family for your great loss.*

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**Ann Hill** - September 26, 2025 at 03:59 PM

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“ *Mark , Scott and Leanne deepest sympathy , sending love and prayers ,, Maggie, Joey and Liz and the girls*

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**MARGARET Ulbin** - August 24, 2025 at 06:14 PM