



Ann Marie Ware

May 19, 1940 - October 29, 2025

Ann Marie (Ranson) Ware, age 85, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, died on October 29, 2025, at Merlin Home after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. She was born on May 19, 1940, in Sault Ste. Marie to William Cody and Elizabeth (Mingay) Ranson.

Ann grew up in Sault Ste. Marie and graduated from Sault Area High School with the Class of 1958. She went on to earn a bachelor's degree in secondary education from Western Michigan University in 1962. That same year, she returned home to marry the love of her life, Henry F. Ware of Barbeau, Michigan. Together, they built a life centered on family, education, and community.

Ann Marie began her teaching career soon after her marriage and spent most of her years in the classroom at McKinley School. Her children fondly remember her enthusiasm for teaching as well as her joy for summer breaks—when she would load the car and head to Sherman Park or the family cabin on Lake Superior for long, sunny days together. She also loved playing the piano, singing, and, later in life, caring for her beloved grandchildren.

An active member of the War Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Ann Marie also cherished her friendships with a close-knit group of retired teachers, with whom she shared many laughs and memories.

Ann Marie is survived by her husband of sixty-three years, Henry Ware of Sault Ste. Marie; her children, Henri (Stephanie) Ware of Sault Ste. Marie, Robert Ware of Dafter, Stephanie (Matt) Donaldson of Port Huron, and James Garth (Leira) Ware of Juneau, Alaska; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sisters, Susan Faunt of Sault Ste. Marie, Margaret Viele of Gainesville, Florida, and Mary Lynn (Mark) Zimmerman of Plainwell, Michigan; as well as several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; William and Elizabeth; sisters, Catherine Fornnarino and Carol Hurst; and her brother-in-law, Robert Faunt.

A Memorial Gathering will be held on Wednesday, July 29, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, 606 E. 4th Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. The Memorial Mass will begin at 10:00 AM.

Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Obituary as submitted by family.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Gathering

JUL **29**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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606 E. 4th Ave.
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Mrs. Ware was one of my favorite teachers at Washington School. I'm very sorry to hear of her passing. Keeping her family in my thoughts and prayers.*

Stephani Swart - November 11, 2025 at 07:43 AM

LP

“ *Ms. Ware was my second grade teacher at McKinley school in the early 80s. She is still in my mind as one of my favorites. Prayers to her family.*

Lisa Perry - November 05, 2025 at 07:10 AM

AH

“ *I'm so so sorry to hear of Ann Marie. I met her when her mom was in a home. She was so friendly. RIP ANN! My condolences to all the family.*

Ann Hill - November 04, 2025 at 06:51 PM

JS

“ *Anne and I were roommates at War Memorial Hospital when we both had babies in May 1967. Rest in peace, sweet lady.*

Jessica Stanaway - November 04, 2025 at 10:41 AM

KV

“ To all the family,
So sorry for your loss.
She was always happy to see us when we were up there.
May she rest in peace 🕊️
The VanBuren Family

Kim VanBuren - November 04, 2025 at 09:04 AM

NR

“ I was so very sorry to hear this news 😭
Anne was such a lovely lady and she will be missed by many.
My sincere condolences to Rob and his entire family 🙏

norla rutledge - November 03, 2025 at 07:12 PM