



Beatrice "Tash" Jenny Willis

May 17, 1940 - January 23, 2020

Beatrice "Tash" Jenny (Mongene) Willis, age 79, of Hessel, Michigan, died on January 23, 2020, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. She was born on May 17, 1940, in Sault Ste Marie, to Joseph Mongene and Anna (Brown) Mongene.

Beatrice grew up in Hessel and attended school in Hessel and in Brimley, Michigan. She started working housekeeping at motels and summer cabins all around the Eastern Upper Peninsula. She worked a short while at the Hessel Casino before returning to housekeeping. She raised two sons. Beatrice met Donald Charles Huffman in 1975 and they have resided in Hessel for forty-three years.

Beatrice was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Beatrice loved quilting, baking, playing cards and gambling, playing Bingo, dancing a jig; and her cat Sissarooroo "Sissy".

Beatrice is survived by her significant other, Don Huffman; children, Tony (Kari) Willis of Sault Ste. Marie; Edward Willis of Sault Ste. Marie; Darryl (Sue) Huffman of St. Ignace; Karen Huffman of Sault Ste. Marie; grandchildren, Brittany (Brendan) Frost, Dillon Willis, Toni Willis, Eddie Willis Jr., Timothy Willis, Jillian Willis, Janelle Willis, Angela Marie Mooney, Bryan Sayers, and Randy Huffman; great-grandchildren, Addabele, Alison, Kayden, Kynzie, and

Katelynn; her siblings, Fred Mongene of Raco, Michigan; Joe (Irene) Mongene Jr. of Dafter, Michigan; sister-in-law, Marsha Mongene of Dafter, many beloved nieces and nephews; and special friends, David "Dickie" Fisher and Kwi Lee.

Beatrice is preceded in death by her parents; son, Donald C. Huffman Jr.; granddaughters, Mandi Willis and Kami Dunn; brother, Frank Mongene; sisters, Eleanor (Hoppy) Germain, Loretta "Pud" (Lawrence) Miller, Dorothy "Dot" (Otto) Suggitt, Loraine "Pienal" Miller; and sister-in-law, Virginia Mongene.

Services will be held this Spring followed by burial in Kinross Township Lakeview Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Kinross Township Lakeview Cemetery

6900 W Lakeview Rd
Kinross, MI

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *Beatrice "Tash" Jenny Willis*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Beatrice "Tash" Jenny Willis*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Beatrice "Tash" Jenny Willis*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all....
Frank and Flo Mongene*



Frank Mongene - May 03, 2020 at 10:12 PM