



## Bonnie Lynn LaPonsie

September 26, 1967 - April 10, 2025

Bonnie Lynn LaPonsie, age 57, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, died on April 10, 2025. She was born in Sault Ste. Marie, on September 26, 1967, to Carl and Alice (Rabineau) Gugin.

Bonnie grew up in Sault Ste. Marie and attended Sault Area High School. It was during that time that she met the love of her life, John, while out with mutual friends. They married and started a beautiful family together. Six children later, Bonnie proudly embraced life as a devoted wife and mother.

Bonnie was a proud member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She embraced her heritage and community with deep pride and a strong sense of belonging.

She was someone who found joy in many things. Bonnie loved being outdoors — gardening, camping, and spending time by the lake brought her peace. She was also a creative spirit who enjoyed crafting, and she even had fun playing games and exploring on her tablet. Whatever she was doing, she brought her warm energy and love along with her.

Bonnie is survived by her husband John; daughters, Lisa LaPonsie and Allison LaPonsie of Dafter, and Renee LaPonsie of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan; sons, John LaPonsie II of Dafter, Michigan, Timothy LaPonsie, Kyle

LaPonsie, and Scotty LaPonsie all of Kinross; mother-in-law, Joanne LaPonsie of Dafter; grandchildren, Teanna, Isabella, Jazzlynn, Rylan, Keegan, John LaPonsie III, James, Jazmine, Kevin, Dwayne, Octavian, Zachary, Tayton, Bryton, Devon, and Grayton; great-grandchild, Lilia; sister, Terri Rabineau; and brother, Rial Rabineau.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Alice Gugin; brother, Tommy Gugin; father-in-law, Andy LaPonsie; great-grandson, Braxton; and Theo LaPonsie.

A Visitation will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building, 11 Ice Circle Chi Mukwa, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan until the Traditional Ceremony at 7:00 PM.

Family Life Funeral Homes Sault Ste, Marie assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be given to the family at [www.familylifefh.com](http://www.familylifefh.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 12. 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Niigaanaagiizhik Ceremonial Building  
11 Ice Circle  
Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783

## Traditional Ceremony

APR 12. 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Tina & Dennis Wurster lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Lynn LaPonsie



Tina & Dennis Wurster - April 13, 2025 at 11:44 PM

JL

“ Joanne Laponsie lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Lynn LaPonsie



Joanne laponsie - April 12, 2025 at 08:34 AM

JL

“ My special daughter in law became my daughter. My love for her is forever.. 1st time I seen her she just a little girl throwing stones at me & her future husband & future brother in law telling me too get off her street...lol. then they met fell in love everyone has heard this story alot.we laughted about it so many times.also she said I will never call her mom but one day in woodland my back was to her she said "mom is this a right deal I smiled turned around told her yes it is...with no reaction to her saying mom...that was a special moment for me. So many times in our life she touched my heart.eith her love for me..we prayed together different times she believed in our Lord & had faith in Him.we have many talkes.last words from her were " HI MOM"

Joanne laponsie - April 12, 2025 at 08:33 AM

GL

*What an awesome day JoAnn .My heart hurts for you and your family .  
Please know now ,that Bonnie is with her Saviorand May the family be  
comforted by her belief in HIM 🙏❤️🙏*

**Gloria LaPonsie** - April 12, 2025 at 10:55 AM

JL

*Ty so much yes she is*

**Joanne laponsie** - April 12, 2025 at 01:21 PM

AC

*It kind of sounds like my first meeting with her. Then she started  
attending church with us. She was always special to me. RIP  
sweetheart with a tough exterior. Love you always.*

**Angela Champ** - April 12, 2025 at 04:48 PM