



## Charlene (Synett) Cole

August 19, 1956 - July 6, 2019

Charlene (Synett) Cole, well known in her Lizzie Street neighborhood and community for her kind heart and her reputation as a good neighbor, died unexpectedly on July 6, 2019, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. She was born Aug. 19, 1956, in Sault Ste. Marie.

She and her husband John made a life for themselves for 44 years in Sault Ste. Marie and were well known in the community for their generosity and how they cared for family, friends, and people in need.

Charlene was non-judgmental and sweet, a gentle soul. No one she ever met was a stranger. If she and John were driving and saw a homeless person, she would make John stop the truck so she could give that person \$20. When they drove by Hospice House, she would have him stop so she could say a prayer for those inside.

She knew many tragedies in her life, losing her little sister when both were toddlers. She suffered from physical illness and battled depression her entire life, but most would never have known it. Her children knew it and were inspired by her ability to persevere in spite of her handicaps and life challenges.

She became the person she was because of her upbringing by her family, led by Duane Synett, who she and her sister Paulette said was the best dad you ever wanted to have. He taught them well about the importance of family and volunteering in your community. No one who knew Duane would dispute that he had a heart of gold - and that was Charlene, too. There was always

another place at the dinner table, and more room to take in a person in need. She would frequently go to the hospital to pick up her aunt in long term care and take her to Music in the Park at the Soo Locks, along with anyone else who wanted to go.

Charlene and John volunteered for Big Brothers/Big Sisters and for the annual Connor Gorsuch Kids Fishing Day. John said Charlene was his best friend and Charlene said John was the love of her life. Would that we all be so lucky. Charlene is survived by her children; Claudette (Bill) Crook and John (Mandy) Synett, as well as Lance Nedeau, Tammy Jo (Mike) Nedeau and Karen (Troy) Nedeau; grandchildren, Zachary (Christy), Christian, Carter, Ron, Natalie, Warren, Austin, Faith, Kyle, Katie and Katrina; 10 great-grandchildren; sisters, Paulette (Patrick) Lightfoot and Rita Goetz, as well as many nieces and nephews, including Denise (David) Andrews, Chantal Goetz, Justin DuFresne, and Travis Trosclair.

She was preceded in death by her father, Duane, her sister, Claudette, and her grandson, Cole.

A celebration of life for Charlene will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 12, at the E-Free Church, 1901 John St. Her family will welcome visitors for one hour before the time of services. A luncheon will follow the ceremony.

Donations may be made to the Robert and Helen Ball Hospice House, 308 W. 12th Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. 49783; 906-259-0222.

# Tribute Wall

DR

“ john, robb and i are so sorry to hear about charlene, i first met her in the alley about a cat i had seen, turned out it was hers. we offer our condolences to you and the entire family. much love robb and darlene❤️

darlene robb reno - July 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Hi John, Condolences to you, family, and friends. My folks have repeatedly mentioned to me of how great of neighbors Charlene and you have been over the decades. Quality people are rare and this is a huge loss to everyone that knew her. Your friends and neighbors will be there when you need them. Brian

Brian Beaulieu - July 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Godspeed Aunt Charlene! Heaven just got a GREAT one! Slap Joey up for me and tell everyone Hello! Love you!  
Jay



Jay Tanner - July 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Prayers for the entire Synett/Cole family. Charlene was the most kind and warm spirited person I have ever met. Thinking of you all.

Stephanie Bumstead - July 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Sending love to Claudette, Johnny, their siblings, stepfather and extended family. I always enjoyed seeing John and Charlene at athletic events in which their grandchildren participated alongside my son.

Tanya Pages - July 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ The obituary for Charlene was a beautiful tribute to a very special lady.

Nancy Skidmore - July 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Paulette, Denise and the Synett and Cole families,  
I am so sorry for your loss of Charlene. She was such a sweet lady and I enjoyed seeing her when she came down for a visit. I still can't believe she's gone, but never forgotten.

God bless all of you and please find comfort knowing she's with God and her dad, sister and grandson. My love and thoughts and prayers are with you. She will be missed by us too.



Terri Andrews - July 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ We are so sorry for your loss.

Randy&Sharon Desormeau - July 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *John , johnny and entire family.*

*I know first hand the generosity from parents to children.*

*Our heartfelt condolences.*

*Mark and Brigitte pasinski*

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**Mark pasinski** - July 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss. Charlene was such a beautiful and kind woman.*

*I'll always have fond memories of her and remember how dedicated she was to the children in our community.*

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**Wendy Hoffman** - July 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ *Johnny and Family There is not much I can say other than to say how sorry we are in your loss of Charlene, it is hard to justify sometimes why things happen, but there is always a reason, and it is difficult for the ones left behind to understand, but we want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers, May She Rest In Peace, life is precious, so enjoy life while we can, from your Aunt Glenda , Uncle Darwin, and your Uncle Ronnie Spinks*

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**Glenda Cole** - July 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *Much love to my Synett family. I hate being so far away. Praying for God to keep you close. I will miss you much Charlene!*

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**Shelly Richardson** - July 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ My dearest John, Claudette and Johnny. Words can't express how the loss of Charlene has taken a toll on me. She was truly an angel. I still remember the day I met her 1983. She welcomed me with open arms. I'm truly sorry for your loss. Her memory will always shine. Love you all.



Lanetta Nedeau - July 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ My deepest condolences to the Cole /Synett family. I will always cherish my memories of her and her family. <3 and prayers to you all

Linda M Tadgerson - July 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LY

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family. My daughter Lauren was her neighbor for two years while attending college. I also know her daughter From working at the Sault Tribe.



Lynn Yoder - July 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ So sorry for your loss- our thoughts and prayers are with her family. Rest In Peace Sweet Lady💕💕



JOHN & JOANNE CARDAMONI - July 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ So sorry for your loss! Charlene was so warm and friendly to me and my sister when we would visit the Soo in the summer as children. We were cousins that didn't spend a lot of time together except for a few summers but those are memories I cherish. We were always welcome in the family home and spent many evenings watching Uncles playing fast pitch softball with Charlene and Paulette. Say hello to all our family in heaven Charlene!



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**Kelly (Bandfield) McGowan** - July 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ Rest in Peace Charlene. Paulette and family, my deepest condolences. May all your fond memories comfort you now and in the future.

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**Fern Spencer** - July 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM