



## Donna "Kathy" Kathleen Crane

June 18, 1950 - October 5, 2025

Donna "Kathy" Kathleen Crane, age 75, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, October 5, 2025, at MyMichigan Medical Center - Sault. She was born on June 18, 1950, in Sault Ste. Marie, to Donald Harwood and Judith (Westover) Herrman.

On July 22, 1968, Kathy married her sweetheart, Melvin "Ed" Crane, and together they shared a lifetime of love and laughter. They raised one son, Edwin, and opened their hearts and home to several foster children over the years. Kathy was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother whose love for her family knew no bounds.

Kathy had a gift for making everyone feel welcome, her home was always open, her kitchen always warm, and her advice always honest. She was a source of comfort and strength for those who knew her, touching countless lives with her kindness, compassion, and generosity.

Kathy found joy in life's simple pleasures. She loved spending time by the water searching for rocks, tending to her garden, and caring for the many animals she adopted over the years—birds, dogs, and cats alike. She was especially proud of her morning glories and her garden full of tomatoes and squash. Kathy was also a talented baker, known in her family for her famous banana and pumpkin breads.

Kathy is survived by her husband of fifty-seven years, Ed; son, Edwin (Cheryl) Crane; grandchildren, Taylor (John) Geukes and Tyler Crane; siblings, Kristeen (Lee) Mason, Kelly (Dawn) Barras, Kevin Herrman, and Karen (Ray) Mueller; aunts, Linda Westover and Laurie Payment; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Kathy was preceded in death by her mother, Judith Herrman; uncles, Ron Westover and Ricky Westover; and aunts, Wendy Bjunes and Patsy Dosenbach.

A private Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Kathy will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by her family and friends.

Condolences may be left to the family at [www.familylifefh.com](http://www.familylifefh.com).

Obituary as submitted by family.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Crane Family,  
So sorry for your loss. She was always so pleasant and she had a beautiful smile. Many thoughts and prayers for your family...her passing I'm sure will leave a huge void.  
Kareen Brown

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**Kareen Brown** - October 10, 2025 at 06:11 PM

GS

“ Peggy and I are so very sorry to learn of Kat's passing. She was such a wonderful and caring woman. We know she will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her. Please let us know if you are having a service.

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**Gary Suriano** - October 09, 2025 at 09:40 PM

JH

“ Dear Ed and family:  
Kathy loved life and had a special gift with working with the Youth Fellowship group with her Aunt Wendy at Donaldson Presby. Church.  
She fought a good fight for an extended period of time.  
Rest in Peace and prayers for peace and comfort to the family.

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**Joyce henderson** - October 08, 2025 at 05:19 PM

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*I'm sorry to hear about Kathy. You're in my thoughts and prayers.*



*We used to run into each other at the co-op grocery store. It's sad we lost touch several years ago. We didn't learn we were cousins until we were older. I always knew about her but her half siblings did not. My Uncle Don Harwood was her Dad.*

*RIP Kathy.*

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**Sheri Ailing** - October 09, 2025 at 08:50 PM