



## Elma "Happy" Brendel

January 6, 1940 - September 9, 2007

Elma J. "Happy" Brendel, age 67, of Sugar Island, Michigan and Corpus Christi, Texas passed away Sunday afternoon, September 9, 2007 at her home on Sugar Island. She was born on Sugar Island on January 6, 1940 to the late Ensio and Emily (Mendoskin) Lahti. Elma was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She married Don Brendel on May 6, 1982 in Corpus Christi, TX. She worked hand in hand with her husband in their construction business in Texas for many years. Elma is survived by her husband Don, four daughters; Pamela (Cox) Westbrook, Cheryl (Cox) Becker, and Roberta (Cox) Hargraves all of Corpus Christi, TX, and Dorsey (Cox) Rocco of Des Moines, IA, one son; Albert Cox, Jr. of Corpus Christi, TX, one step-son; Carl Brendel, also of Corpus Christi, TX, 14 Grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by three sisters; Esther (Franze) Shultz, Anne (Denny) McKelvie, and Dorothy (Russell) Shannon all of Sugar Island, MI, a brother; Skip (Anita) Lahti of Sugar Island, two sisters-in-law; Carolyn Lahti of Alabama and Cathy Lahti of Sugar Island, MI, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers; Buck Lahti and Emil Lahti, and a step-son; Stan Brendel. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2007 from 4:00 PM through the night at the Sault Tribe Niigaanagiizhik Building (Cultural Center). Funeral services will be held at 3:00 PM on Thursday, September 13, 2007 at the Cultural Center.



# Tribute Wall

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“ *My sympathies to the Family of Dorsey Rocco*

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**Jolette Perkins** - September 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I'm sorry for your loss and if you need anything at all let me know.  
My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*Love,  
Brook D'Angelo*

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**Brook D'Angelo** - September 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Happy. I will be thinking of you all.*

*Love  
TerBear  
(poopsie's youngest)*

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**Terri Mattson** - September 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dorsey, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Lynne Krpan** - September 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM