



Frances Lee Kokko-Fike

June 23, 1925 - November 28, 2022

Frances (Lee) Tadgerson Kokko-Fike, a member of the Sault Tribe, died peacefully at age 97, on Monday, November 28, 2022, at Long Term Care, War Memorial Hospital, after a long battle with dementia. She was born June 23, 1925, in Sault Ste. Marie, MI., and lived most of her life in Sault Ste. Marie.

Becoming a widow at a young age, Frances accomplished her dream to become a Social Worker. She received her bachelor's degree from LSSU and her master's degree at the age of 60 from MSU. She began her work as an MSW for the Sault Tribe and completed her career at Chippewa County Mental Health. She loved her work and was very successful in making a positive difference for countless people. She never met a stranger without a smile.

She was preceded in death by husbands Raymond Tadgerson Sr., Eino Kokko, Raymond Fike, Daniel Fike, and two children at birth Rachael and Allan, brother Raymond Lee, and parents Benjamin and Mary Lee

She is survived by her son, Raymond (Dianne) Tadgerson Jr., daughters Sharon (Lloyd Berryman) Wickner, and Mary Jean (Terry) Patzwald. Also survived by grandchildren Chris (Julie) Tadgerson, Scott (Jan) Tadgerson, Glen Wickner, Matthew (Vanessa) Patzwald, Rebecca Patzwald, and Morgan Patzwald, and eleven (11) great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held Monday, December 5, 2022, from 11:00am until the time of the funeral service at 1:00pm at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, 377 Maple St,

Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, with Father Romeo Cappella officiating. Burial be at Hillcrest Cemetery, Racoc, MI., in the spring.

The family wishes to thank the very compassionate teams at Hearthside Assisted Living and War Memorial Hospital Long Term Care for the loving, professional care given to Frances. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions be made in France's name to Chippewa County Animal Shelter, 3660 S. Mackinac Trail, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Clark Hovie Galer Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

M-28
Brimley, MI 49715

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral
377 Maple St
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783-2067

Tribute Wall



“ *Frances Lee Kokko-Fike*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Frances Lee Kokko-Fike*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Joseph Talentino/Delucchi lit a candle in memory of Frances Lee Kokko-Fike*



Joseph Talentino/Delucchi - December 05, 2022 at 04:51 PM



“ *RIP to one of the sweetest ladies ever❤️ You had the smile that could warm any heart or room and you were one amazing intelligent woman. Prayers to your family.*

diane laitinen - December 04, 2022 at 08:13 PM

CT

“ *Gramma Kokko/Fike, First, always will remember the smile that was so hard, she closed her eyes...the walks in the woods at the farm and some of the teachings. She always asked us immediately when we were leaving, always a fun joke. But she wanted to know how much she could stuff into our stay, so needed to know when we were leaving. She had a way of slowing you down to enjoy things. I have a video of her talking to my children and telling stories of walking from Rudyard area to Lake Superior for ice and water, so glad to have that. You will be missed Gramma! Love you always!*

Chris Tadgerson - December 03, 2022 at 02:58 PM

JC

“ *Frances was a wonderful person, she could light up a room with her personality and laugh. She really was one of a kind. With sympathy to her children and their families. Niece Joanne Tadgerson Caskey*

Joanne Tadgerson Caskey - December 02, 2022 at 09:42 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Frances Lee Kokko-Fike.*



December 02, 2022 at 04:18 PM