



Jacquelyn Joyce LaFord

January 9, 1958 - September 26, 2024

Jacquelyn "Jackie" Joyce LaFord, age 66, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, died unexpectedly on Thursday, September 26, 2024, at her home. She was born on January 9, 1958, in Sault Ste. Marie, to Albert and Iva (Smith) Douglas.

Jackie graduated from Sault High School in 1976, and continued her education in the following years, eventually earning her bachelor's degree from Lake Superior State University. She married Steven J. LaFord on August 26, 1978. They raised two sons, Benjamin and Daniel. She was a loving and dedicated mother and wife.

She loved the outdoors, whether she was hiking the north country trail, planting, and cultivating her garden, or tending to the many flowers and plants she had decorated her yard with. Jackie loved people and was a good neighbor and friend. She had a large extended family and attended many family reunions. Jackie and Steve loved traveling and camping and had visited every state in the United States. She leaves behind so many who loved her.

Jackie is survived by her husband of 46 years, Steve; sons, Ben (Erin) of Traverse City, Michigan and Daniel (Alexis) of Sault Ste. Marie; grandchildren, Barrett, Elaina and Owen, who were her treasures; sisters, Joan (Denny) Johnson of Paris, Michigan, Nancy (Dick) Hetrick of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, and Paula (Bill) Thomas of Tomahawk, Wisconsin; father-in-law, Jerry LaFord;

sister-in-law, Becky (Eli) Andary; many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Jackie was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Iva Douglas; mother-in-law, Judy LaFord.

A Memorial Gathering will be held at the Sault Wesleyan Church, on Wednesday October 2, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, with the Memorial Service at 11:00 AM.

Family Life Funeral Homes assisted the family with arrangements.
Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

OCT 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sault Wesleyan Church
3556 Seymour Rd.
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Memorial Service at 11:00 AM

Tribute Wall

SM

“ *May God give you the strength to get thru this difficult time. Thoughts and prayers to you and the family. She will be missed. So sorry for your family's loss Steve. Greg & Sherry Molitor*

Sherry Molitor - October 03, 2024 at 11:23 AM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Jacquelyn Joyce LaFord.*



October 02, 2024 at 03:50 PM

KF

“ *Although I have not seen Jackie in many years we were super close neighborhood friends from kindergarten through high school. I spent so many weekends at the family cabin & have many memories and had many 1st times there. First time eating Al's rabbit stew, first time eating grilled steak, first time spending the night away from home. Al & Iva treated me like one of their girls. They are memories I will cherish forever, may you RIP Jackie & sincere condolences to your spouse, children & family 🙏💕*

Kelley (Artley) Forrest - October 02, 2024 at 11:37 AM

CK

“ I worked with Jackie at HBH... I had just moved to the UP from South Ga... Jackie’s cubicle was right next to mine! Good placed her there!! I had no idea the impact she would have on my life as a mother and Christian.

I truly looked up to her and sought advice for her many times! I am so so grateful for the memories and love I have with her!!!



Chasidy Keyser - October 02, 2024 at 07:31 AM

LM

“ Lori Myotte-Baldwin lit a candle in memory of Jacquelyn Joyce LaFord



Lori Myotte-Baldwin - October 02, 2024 at 06:41 AM

AP

“ Aaron P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jacquelyn Joyce LaFord.

Aaron P. - October 02, 2024 at 04:31 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jacquelyn Joyce LaFord.*



October 01, 2024 at 03:42 PM



“ *Our prayers and condolences to Steve and family from Francis Roe and family. Sending you strength today and peace in all the days ahead. She was a very special lady and will be missed by all that knew her.*

Francis Roe - October 01, 2024 at 12:04 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathies. May God give you the strength to get thru this difficult time. Thoughts and prayers to you and the family. She will be missed. Joe and Deb LaFord*

Joe LaFord - October 01, 2024 at 11:02 AM



“ *Oriente and Annarelli families purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jacquelyn Joyce LaFord.*



Oriente and Annarelli families - September 30, 2024 at 11:28 AM

OF

“ Oriente and Annarelli families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jacquelyn Joyce LaFord.

Oriente and Annarelli families - September 30, 2024 at 11:28 AM

SR

“ My dear friend Jackie, I will miss you dearly
RIP



Sharolyn Reed - September 30, 2024 at 09:37 AM

MW

“ Jackie was my hiking buddy on the north country trail. We had many good, fun adventures.
I miss her dearly.

Merri Carol Wozniak - September 30, 2024 at 07:47 AM

SB

“ Jackie was one of the best persons I have known. She was so generous with her Love and enthusiastic spirit. I will miss her greatly. My deepest sympathy to her dear family.

Sheila Bergdoll - September 30, 2024 at 07:29 AM

TS

“ Nancy, I'm so very sorry to learn of the loss of your sister. Sending hugs to you and my condolences to you and all of your family.
Trudy (Baker) Salo

Trudy Salo - September 30, 2024 at 12:31 AM

SM

“ Jackie was one of my dearest friends...She was kind to all, was a person who would help anyone in need, and was quick with a smile. We will all miss her terribly...she is our treasure, who will never be forgotten. Sally Schnabel Masek

Sally A Masek - September 29, 2024 at 08:21 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Jacquelyn Joyce LaFord.



September 29, 2024 at 06:24 PM

LS

“ Love, Gary, Laura & Baron Saterbak purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jacquelyn Joyce LaFord.



Love, Gary, Laura & Baron Saterbak - September 29, 2024 at 03:51 PM

LS

“ Love, Gary, Laura & Baron Saterbak planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jacquelyn Joyce LaFord.

Love, Gary, Laura & Baron Saterbak - September 29, 2024 at 03:51 PM

DV

“ Danielle V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jacquelyn Joyce LaFord.

Danielle V. - September 29, 2024 at 02:06 PM

DF

“ Dan & Pat Drozda and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jacquelyn Joyce LaFord.



Dan & Pat Drozda and family - September 29, 2024 at 01:59 PM

LA

“ LaFords purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jacquelyn Joyce LaFord.



LaFords - September 29, 2024 at 12:56 PM



“ . purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Jacquelyn Joyce LaFord.



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