



Joni Renee Talentino

June 3, 1969 - June 28, 2025

Joni Renee Talentino, age 56, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, died on June 28, 2025. She was born on June 3, 1969, in Coldwater, Michigan, to Glenn and Doreen (Roy) Nelson. She brought unforgettable happiness and pride to them and to all who knew her.

Joni made her life in Sault Ste. Marie, where she was a passionate leader and advocate in her role as a Housing Director. She poured her heart and soul into helping others, dedicating herself fully to serving her community and uplifting those in need. Her work touched countless lives and left a lasting impact.

Joni was a proud member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and her heritage remained a deeply meaningful part of her identity.

Joni loved being out on the water boating, tending to her garden, and enjoying the outdoors. More than anything, she cherished her role as a mother, grandmother, and “Gigi”. Her family was her greatest joy and accomplishment, and she loved them with all her heart.

Joni is survived by her daughter, Mikaila Talentino of Rochester Hills, Michigan; son, Zack (Kristen) Talentino of Hudson, Wisconsin; parents, Glenn and Doreen Nelson of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan; brother, Marc (Monica) Nelson of Marquette, Michigan; her cherished grandchildren, Braelynn (13),

Brekken (8), and Blaise (5); many loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins; and her beloved grand-dog, Ovi.

Her warmth, spirit, and deep compassion will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

A private service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Joni's name to the Epilepsy Foundation at epilepsyfoundationmn.org as her grandson was recently diagnosed.

Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Tribute Wall

CO

“ I never new her personally , she was the first lady to help me into my Home in Saint Ignace , I remember see her threw out the passing years , and she had such a great personality , what a beautiful smile.

Cora - July 13, 2025 at 11:41 AM

JM

“ My deepest sympathy to your family ❤️ Joni and I spent a lot of time together when our kids were little. Zak and my Chelsea were friend as toddlers...I'll never forget when Zak stated (maybe he was 3?? :) he was going to marry Chelsea and wear his gentleman suit. While we unfortunately did not remain as close after I had moved from the Soo I still considered her a friend and I will never forget her beautiful laugh. Gone way too soon, be at peace my friend 💕💕

Jennifer McCoy - July 08, 2025 at 06:07 PM

KI

“ I will miss running in to you Joni! God Bless you and your family. I pray for strenth and unwaivering faith for your parents, Zach and Mikayla and your grandbabies.

Kim - July 08, 2025 at 12:32 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joni Renee Talentino.



July 07, 2025 at 03:36 PM

JN

“ My prayers are with all of Joni's Family. She was a joy to have her work for Barry and I.
I remember catering her wedding. She will be missed.
Julie Newcomb

Julie Newcomb - July 06, 2025 at 05:05 PM

ME

“ She was a wonderful and kind person.

merrie - July 06, 2025 at 09:41 AM

CC

“ Chris Coullard purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joni Renee Talentino.



Chris Coullard - July 05, 2025 at 08:12 PM

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“ Chris Coullard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joni Renee Talentino.

Chris Coullard - July 05, 2025 at 08:12 PM

BL

“ Blessings to you Joni, such sad news, it was a pleasure being your friend and co worker for such a long time. You'll be missed big time, much love, Bruce LaPointe

Bruce LaPointe - July 04, 2025 at 02:48 PM

SU

“ I am so sorry to hear about Joni. I have many fond memories of our friendship and sleepovers that we had in elementary and junior high. We sporadically kept in touch and would meet up whenever I was up north. I was always so impressed with her and how she navigated life. Sending warm thoughts to her entire family.

Susan - July 04, 2025 at 08:54 AM

DC

Peace and prayers for Joni and her family. She carried a kind heart and a beautiful spirit. May you all find comfort in the memories and love you shared ❤️

Debra Carroll - July 04, 2025 at 11:08 AM