



Joyce Lillian First

January 2, 1932 - November 22, 2014

Joyce Lillian First, age 82, of Brimley, Michigan passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday evening, November 22, 2014 surrounded by family. Joyce was born on January 2, 1932 in Cheboygan, Michigan to the late Bert and Ida (Shampine) Martin. Nearly 65 years ago, she married Leon K. First and they raised two daughters while traveling around the country due to Leon's career in the United States Coast Guard. Joyce enjoyed being a mother, homemaker, and caretaker of both people and animals. After retirement, they settled down on their farm, located on Irish Line Road in Brimley. The farm brought her great happiness, as she was able to care for many animals, birds, and her gardens. She had a great love for animals, both domestic and wild. She was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Brimley Congregational Church. Joyce is survived by her husband: Leon K. First; a daughter: Deborah Brugman of Bay Mills, MI; seven grandchildren: Kathleen (Ken) Pawlanta, Kelly Donnelly, Jaclyn (Kristine) Anderson, Lauren LeBlanc, Danna Brugman, Jamie (Randy) Eavou, and Clayton (Sally) Goebel; and 17 great grandchildren, who were very near and dear to her heart. She is also survived by a brother: Dennis (Karen) Martin of Cheboygan, MI. Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter: Terry Goebel; a sister: Shirley Farber; and a brother: Pete Martin. A funeral service will be held at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, November 26, 2014 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home with Pastor Rod Case officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home from 2:00 PM until the time of the service. Burial will be at Hillcrest Cemetery next spring. In lieu of flowers,

memorials may be left to Hospice of the EUP.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Leon*
We just saw the notice of Joyce's passing and wanted to express our deepest sympathy to you and your family. The times we visited was always a pleasant experience.

Holger & Judy Beckmann - June 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *Chief, I just found out about Joyce's passing. I'm so sorry. I remember how warm a hostess she was those times you had parties for the bridge crew at hour house when we were on the Burton Island, a kind and gracious lady.*

Sam Green - May 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *so sorry for the family loss*

Mary (Adams) Ladach - November 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM