



Joyce Marie (Leask) McCoy

May 27, 1929 - December 27, 2020

Joyce Marie (Leask) McCoy, age 91, of Sugar Island, MI passed away early Sunday, December 27th, 2020 at her home on Sugar Island surrounded by her children.

Joyce was born on May 27, 1929 in Sault Ste Marie, MI to Joseph and Bernice (McCoy) Leask. She graduated with from Sault High School with the Class of 1947. On September 2, 1950 she married the love of her life Arthur "Nugs" McCoy in Sault Ste Marie, MI. and made their home on Sugar Island living on the St Mary's River where they raised their children. After her youngest child started school she became a Paraprofessional/Title IV for the Sault Area Schools where she enjoyed teaching her students and retired after 17 years. The library at the Sault Area High School was dedicated in her name for her outstanding work she did with the students.

Joyce loved reading, crocheting, doing word search puzzles, watching Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy, playing card games with family and friends. She also enjoyed her time at the Casino. Joyce loved gardening, being outdoors playing kickball and cleaning the beach over the years with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Joyce had a excellent memory and could recall and tell many detailed stories of her childhood and adult years. She kept diaries as a young girl and then later in life she wrote daily in her journals. She was a good historian and many called her for information and answers to questions,

she will be missed dearly for this talent.

Joyce and Art traveled in their retirement years from the East coast to the West coast and as far South as Florida and the Bahama's and as far North as Alaska. In their early years they traveled with their young sons' hockey teams and they could always be found in the local hockey rinks. Joyce continued to watch hockey at the rinks and on TV.

Joyce was active with the Sault Tribe Elders and a member of the Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and a member of the Sugar Island Historical Society. She attended Sacred Heart Church on Sugar Island and St Isaac Jogues Catholic Church in Sault Ste Marie, MI.

She is survived by her children, sons: Douglas (Diane) McCoy of Monroe, MI, Darwin "Joe" (Sharon) McCoy of Sault Ste Marie, MI, Darren (Cathy) McCoy of Caledonia, MI, Darby (Cathy) McCoy of Sault Ste Marie, MI.

Daughters: M. Sue (Rudy) Pavlat of Sault Ste Marie, MI, Cindy (John) Quigley of Detour Village, MI, Luanne (Larry) Rutt of Deltona, FL, and Sherri (DeJay) Bumstead of Sugar Island, MI.

22 grandchildren and their spouses, Gerald (Melissa)Pavlat, Travis (Allison)Pavlat, Tanya (Matt) Dingley, Nicole (Ray)Traxler, Rebecca (Dave)Zaug, Amber (RD)Sober, Andrea (Vince) Sillas, Corey (Kevin)Oean, Dareth (Adam)Gilmore, Daraka (Matt) Hudecek, Cody McCoy, Brent Belanger, Matthew (Stephanie) Bumstead, Jenna (Levi) Eby, Rachael McCoy, Kaylee (Ryan)Olep, Theodore (Nicole)McCoy, Tyler (Amanda)McCoy, Trever McCoy, Trent (Lexi) McCoy, Chelsea (Josh)Graham and Lindsay (Brad) McCoy.

42 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren.

Siblings, Gayle (Darrell) Belleau and Wilma Cairns, in laws, Margie Boissoneau, Marie DeMerse, Lorriane Leask, Donna "Tuff" Leask, Donna "Gordon" Leask, Elmo Smith, her childhood best friend Ali Allen and Special family friend Anne Schaefer of Australia. Joyce was a loved Aunt by 83 neices and nephews and over 150 great neices and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Arthur in 2007 and her oldest son Darrel McCoy, her parents, her brother's Theodore, Leo "Tuff" and Gordon Leask. Sisters Lorriane Rutledge, Carol Smith and Linda Leask.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday December 31, 2020 at St Isaac Jogues Catholic Church on Marquette Ave with a public flow through viewing from 10 am to 12 noon followed by a private family Mass at noon. A live streaming of the Mass can be followed on Facebook page: Stshokajogues

Burial will take place on May 27th, 2021 at Oakland Chapel Gardens with a celebration of her life to follow on Sugar Island. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Sugar Island Historical Society in memory of Joyce. SIHPS P.O. Box72, Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783

The family would like to thank Dr Paula Rechner, Dr Tim Teztlaff and good neighbor Jan Bailey for all their help during this difficult time.

Funeral arrangements are being made by Clark Funeral Cremation Burial Services. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.rgalerfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

15264 South M-129
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Previous Events

Flow Through Visitation

DEC **31**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church
1529 Marquette Avenue
Sault Ste. Marie, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Joyce Marie (Leask) McCoy*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Joyce Marie (Leask) McCoy*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Joyce Marie (Leask) McCoy*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *So wish we could be with you all today! There are so many memories of Aunt Joyce, our deepest condolences. Hugs, love and prayers to all!! Sharon & Oscar Orazietti*

Sharon Orazietti - December 31, 2020 at 10:03 AM



“ *Prayers!!! Many memories of the Island and my many cousins
Donald Ambrose Leask*

Donald A Leask - December 30, 2020 at 06:23 PM



“ *Sending out heartfelt sympathies and prayers for comfort to all those this wonderful lady leaves behind. God Bless all of you.*

Doug Bisdorf - December 30, 2020 at 05:26 PM

BA

“ Sorry to hear about your Mom. She was a great woman. Cindy and all the familys God Bless.

Bonnie Atkins

Bonnie Atkins - December 30, 2020 at 02:41 PM

JB

“ Prayers to the McCoy family. May God's peace rest in each of you that have lost this precious Loved one.

Jim and Marcia Baker - December 30, 2020 at 12:47 PM

LM

“ Please accept my sincere condolences. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family .

Leona Mathieu - December 30, 2020 at 12:38 PM

DE

“ Walking across the field will never be the same

deb - December 30, 2020 at 08:36 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Marie (Leask) McCoy.



December 29, 2020 at 07:42 PM

DH

“ Aunt Joyce was the best story teller and we were all welcome in her home. So many memories of summers on the island and fun at the McCoy house. I always think of Aunt Joyce with a broom in her hand sweeping the big kitchen floor in her old house. She was always cooking too (there were a lot of us to feed 😊). Rest In Peace, Aunt “Joycee”, love Debbie (Rutledge) Hill

Debbie Hill - December 29, 2020 at 07:09 PM

SM

“ Your spirit is something I strive to have. I hope to be as bright and wonderful as you were. I am so glad you were able to come to my wedding, have a few drinks, and dance a little. You will be missed greatly Aunt Joyce. Do me a favor... Give Grandma & Grandpa Rutledge a big hug for me. Enjoy your wings. Xoxo

Shaye Miller - December 29, 2020 at 07:05 PM

KM

“ Prayers going out to the family, Aunt Joyce was a very special lady, I had a lot of fond memories growing up on Sugar Island living next to door as neighbors, lots of laughs.. you will truly be missed... ❤️
Karen Corbiere Mitchell

Karen mitchell - December 29, 2020 at 06:41 PM

KS

“ We will miss you Aunt Joyce cruising payment on your golf cart, don't beat mom to bad on your first game of cribbage, love & prayers

Kay Sams - December 29, 2020 at 06:02 PM

JG

“ My heart goes out to Joyce's family she was a wonderful person always loved her smile.

Joanne (Morley) Garland - December 29, 2020 at 05:46 PM

DC

“ No words can express Joyce, a wonderful women who raised not only her own children but the whole north end “payment”. You never knew who would be there any given day. Many child hood memories spent at there house. I had a trail from my house to theres. Threw Barney’s , Honeys the Ball Field. You truly are going to be missed not only by your Children but family and friends. Rest In Peace Joyce. ❤️ Debra Snider Cox

debra cox - December 29, 2020 at 05:02 PM

KF

I have so many good memories of Joyce. Especially when we were spending all our summers on the Island and spending so much time in her huge kitchen. Deb is right...walking across the field will never be the same.

Kathy Fox - December 31, 2020 at 02:20 PM

PD

I'm an old friend of Joyce and Art. Joyce was such a loving woman. Loved her family so much. We always enjoined running into each other. God Bless you all in this difficult time but so many memories. 🙏

Patricia DuVall - December 31, 2020 at 11:11 PM

KD

I am so sorry to hear another loss in our family... December 24, 2020 we lost our brother Corey Leask of, Cheboygan...Thoughts and prayers to Joyce's family...

Kim Duch...Cheboygan, Michigan

Kim Duch - January 03, 2021 at 03:58 AM