



## Karen Lee

December 2, 1942 - May 10, 2026

Karen Warnock-Lee, age 83, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, died on May 10, 2026, at the Ball Hospice House in Sault Ste. Marie. She was born on December 2, 1942, in Wheeling, West Virginia, to Troy and Mildred (Thomas) Warnock.

Karen moved to many places throughout her life as her father's work took the family to different locations. She dedicated twenty years of service to the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians in the Newspaper Department and also designed the Sault Tribe flag with consultation from fellow peers.

Karen had a deep love for the arts and was especially passionate about painting and sculpture.

Karen is survived by her husband, Richard; children, Kevin (Stacy) Benson and Kellan (Benson) Boyer; grandchildren, Katherine, Daniel, Max, Troy, Taylor and MacKenzie; great-grandchildren, River, Dallas, Elam and Eli; siblings, Ruth Warnock and Gerry Warnock; and many special teachers and friends.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents, Troy and Mildred.

A Memorial Gathering will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2026, starting at 1:00

PM for opening and 7:00 PM Pipe Ceremony at the Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building, 11 Circle Chi Mukwa, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. A Traditional Ceremony on Friday, May 15, 2026, at 10:00 AM.

Memorial Contributions may be made in Karen's honor to the Ball Hospice House, 308 W. 12th Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Condolences may be given to the family at [www.familylifefh.com](http://www.familylifefh.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

MAY 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

Niigaanaagiizhik Ceremonial Building  
11 Ice Circle  
Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783

## Pipe Ceremony

MAY 14. 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Traditional Ceremony

MAY 15. 10:00 AM (ET)

Niigaanaagiizhik Ceremonial Building  
11 Ice Circle  
Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783

# Tribute Wall

FB

“ Richard: I was sorry to hear about your wife passing. People come into our lives and they make us better people. I believe your wife was such a person. Someday we will all see our loved ones again. No pain just pure love.  
Frankie Benson

Frank Benson - May 17 at 04:28 PM

AH

“ Although I didn't know Kathryn she was in her end stages. She was a beautiful lady. My deep condolences to Richard and her family.

Ann Hill - May 15 at 09:29 AM

AH

Sorry, Karen

Ann Hill - May 15 at 10:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karen Lee.



May 14 at 08:17 AM

JR

“ I just want to say... I really loved that I got to know Karen from situations that brought us together throughout my life. Through family and friends we would always acknowledge each other with warm smiles and somewhere along the way, we found time to get to know one another better. I just want to say..I found Karen to be one of the most genuine and caring people I ever met. I looked up to her because of how she carried herself and her goodness shined through. Rest in peace my friend. My condolences to you Richard. I could see from afar how much in love you both were. My condolences. Jan Rhodes ( Sis Franklin)

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**Jan Rhodes** - May 14 at 01:35 AM

BC

“ It was such an honor and joy to help care for Karen while she was at the Ball Hospice House. My condolences to Richard and family. Barb Carlisle

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**Barb Carlisle** - May 13 at 02:57 PM