



Kari Ann Willis

March 24, 1972 - February 5, 2022

Kari Ann Willis, 49, of Sault Ste. Marie, MI passed away unexpectedly on February 5, 2022 at her home. She was born March 24, 1972 in Sault Ste. Marie, MI to Donald and Marilyn (Spencer) McDonald.

Kari graduated from Sault Area High School and Saint Mary's School of Cosmetology. She went on to work several years as a beautician at the Side Street Salon and JC Penny's. Kari then changed careers and went to work for Chippewa County as the Deputy Juvenile Registrar for the 50th Circuit Court. Kari had 27 years with the love of her life Tony, and they were married for 20 years. Tony and Kari enjoyed camping with their friends and NASCAR races. She also enjoyed spending time with family and friends and her morning coffee clutch at the Merch.

Kari is survived by her husband, Tony D. Willis; sons, Taylor McRorie of Traverse City, MI and Dillon Willis of Redding, CA; daughters, Tara Horka, Brittany Frost (Willis) of Redding, CA, and Toni Willis of Sault Ste. Marie, MI; brother, John (Missy) McDonald of Sault Ste. Marie, MI; grandchild, Lillie Horka; and many nieces and nephews. Kari is predeceased by her father, Donald "Mick" McDonald and in laws, EJ and Beatrice Willis. Visitation will be Friday February 11, 2022 at the Sault Tribe Cultural Center, 11 Ice Circle Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, from 10:00am until the time of the Memorial Service at 2:00pm with Father Nicholas Thompson officiating. Final resting place will be Donaldson Cemetery. Clark Hovie Galer Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

Clark Hovie Galer Funeral & Cremation
113 Maple Street
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Visitation

FEB 11.

Sault Tribe Cultural Center

Tribute Wall



“ *Kari Ann Willis*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Kari Ann Willis*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Kari Ann Willis*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *I am going to miss kari's huge smile when I went into her office, my sincerest condolences to Marilyn, John and missy*

Susie verrett - March 01, 2022 at 06:28 PM



“ *I've been friends with Kari since Kindergarten. Don't take over up there, and give my mom, and dad a hug from me.*

Heidi Wilson - February 11, 2022 at 02:22 AM



“ *Memorial Trees was purchased for the family of Kari Ann Willis.*

February 10, 2022 at 01:24 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Kari Ann Willis.*



February 10, 2022 at 10:56 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kari Ann Willis.*



February 09, 2022 at 10:14 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kari Ann Willis.*



February 09, 2022 at 04:35 PM



“ *Taryn Horton lit a candle in memory of Kari Ann Willis*



Taryn Horton - February 09, 2022 at 02:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kari Ann Willis.*



February 09, 2022 at 01:54 PM



“ *Orval Wollan lit a candle in memory of Kari Ann Willis*



Orval Wollan - February 09, 2022 at 01:10 PM



I will miss our Monday morning quarterbacking sessions of solving the worlds problems. My deepest sympathy to the family you are in our prayers.

Orval Wollan - February 09, 2022 at 01:19 PM



“ *RIP Kari!! Say hello to all my relatives up there! See you on the other side my friend!!*



Jay Tanner - February 09, 2022 at 01:08 PM



“ *Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Kari Ann Willis.*



February 09, 2022 at 12:27 PM



“ *I feel so blessed to have 21 years of memories with you my beautiful friend, not only were you beautiful, smart, and always funny as hell, you were always helping others and genuinely cared about people.. I was so lucky to see you every single day! Woodys 1 stop will never be the same without that beautiful smile and perfect blonde hair come bouncing thru the door! Always had something hilarious to share 😊...I will always cherish the memories of baby showers, birthdays, fall cruises, graduations, camping all the holidays, especially your Xmas party, golf league (which we took first place)!!and all the many many happy hours at the merch!!! I will never let Lillie forget her awesome grandma, you will be missed forever my friend....❤️❤️❤�*

Pam Louricas - February 09, 2022 at 09:05 AM



“ *Kim Forsythe lit a candle in memory of Kari Ann Willis*



Kim Forsythe - February 09, 2022 at 08:45 AM

JG

“ Oh, the stories you would share! There was never a dull moment with you around! It was a pleasure working with you all these years. May your loved ones find comfort during this very difficult time. Give heaven some hell for us and know you will forever be missed. RIP my friend.

Jeannie Goeschel - February 09, 2022 at 08:44 AM

BB

“ My deepest condolences to the Willis and McDonald families. Kari was a wonderful person to have known, and worked with. Her sense of humor, laughter, and outgoing personality brightened the work-place.



Brian Bartlett - February 09, 2022 at 08:40 AM

JC

“ OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOUR FAMILY AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME.
LOVE, THE CARDINAL FAMILY



JANET CARDINAL - February 09, 2022 at 08:32 AM

RH

“ Rene'e Hutte lit a candle in memory of Kari Ann Willis



Rene'e Hutte - February 09, 2022 at 08:31 AM

RH

You will be so missed Kari! Your laughter was contagious and the stories you could tell were sometimes off the chart. Say Hi to Uncle Basel and Aunt Better for us! The Court house will not be the same with out you here.

RENEE HUTTE - February 09, 2022 at 01:24 PM

CF

“ *Carmen Fazzari lit a candle in memory of Kari Ann Willis*



Carmen Fazzari - February 09, 2022 at 08:31 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kari Ann Willis.*



February 08, 2022 at 09:21 PM

VG

“ *Vicki Gage lit a candle in memory of Kari Ann Willis*



Vicki Gage - February 08, 2022 at 08:50 PM

BF

“ I worked with Kari for several years when she was a Beautician. I will remember her laugh. Fun spirit.. Beautiful inside and out.. You will be missed by many. Rest in piece Kari. May you be Dancing In the Sky.. Bonnie

Bonnie Freeborn - February 08, 2022 at 07:54 PM

VE

“ You will forever shine bright and will never be forgotten. Heaven was blessed with a beautiful Angel. Give Dakota Lynn a hug for me. Lots of love - Gary & Vern Beaumont



veronica - February 08, 2022 at 06:51 PM

BH

“ Bonnie Hewer lit a candle in memory of Kari Ann Willis



Bonnie Hewer - February 08, 2022 at 06:12 PM

AC

“ Annie, Amber, Rebecca and Cindy purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Kari Ann Willis.



Annie, Amber, Rebecca and Cindy - February 08, 2022 at 05:29 PM

GI

“ I’ll never forget you my dear friend! We’ve been there for each other in good times and not-so-good times. Your beauty and charm compares to nobody else. Fly high and mighty. Give George a huge hug for me. I’m sure your dad is holding you in his arms now. Much love, my girl! 🥰

Gina - February 08, 2022 at 05:26 PM

LC

“ *Laurel Combs lit a candle in memory of Kari Ann Willis*



Laurel Combs - February 08, 2022 at 04:38 PM