



Marilyn Lynette McDonald

July 15, 1947 - January 20, 2023

Marilyn Lynette (Spencer) McDonald, 75, of Brimley Michigan passed away unexpectedly on January 20, 2023. She was born July 15, 1947 in Greenville, Michigan to John and Mary Spencer (Santoma).

Marilyn graduated from Brimley High School in 1965. In 1967 she was to married Donald (Mick) McDonald they had a son John and a daughter Kari. Marilyn worked at Olofson's Fabrication for many years before starting her career, working for Chippewa County as an Administrative Assistant in 1985. She was very proud to have been involved in the restoration of the courthouse building. She was elected County Treasurer and held that position starting in 1993 until retiring in 2008. During her time there, she met many people and made lifelong friendships.

Throughout her life she was involved in many sports, including the Lake Superior State Women's fastpitch softball team, Dondee bowling league, Soo Women's city league softball and country league softball. She competed in many National tournaments with her bowling teammates Chris, Lori, Barb, and Ann. She also competed in many Women's State softball tournaments with her many teammates.

She enjoyed many years of traveling with friends on vacations and cruises around the world, watching her grandchildren play sports and various activities. You could always find her cheering them on at any of their sporting events (she rarely missed a game). She always looked forward to summer gatherings with her friends at Yvonne and Jerry's cabin on the lake in Brimley

and Friday night dinners at the Cozy "Pete's" in Brimley.

Marilyn is survived by her son, John (Missy) McDonald; son-in-law, Tony Willis; grandchildren, Tara Horka, Taylor McRorie, Toni Willis, Ethan McDonald, Myah McDonald; and great grandchild, Lillie Horka.

Marilyn is predeceased by her parents; and daughter, Kari Willis.

Mass of Christian burial will be Thursday January 26, 2023 at 11:00am at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 1101 Minneapolis St. Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, with Father Romeo Cappella officiating. Final resting place will be Oaklawn Chapel Gardens. Following Mass the family invites you to join them in the O'Callaghan Hall at St. Joseph's Church for fellowship and sharing of memories. Clark Hovie Galer Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

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

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
1011 Minneapolis St
Marie, MI 49783

Tribute Wall



“ *Marilyn Lynette McDonald*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Marilyn Lynette McDonald*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Marilyn's passing. Any time I had the opportunity to talk with her it was a blessing. I am sorry our paths in life didn't intersect more as you were certainly a blessing to all of us. Rest in peace sweet lady, you will be missed.*

Tom Gibbons - February 06, 2023 at 05:43 PM



“ *Was such a shock to hear of Marilyn's passing. We bowled and traveled together for so many years and have such good memories. She will be missed.*
Chris Godin King

Chris King - January 24, 2023 at 10:10 PM



“ *Bonnie Hewer lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Lynette McDonald*



Bonnie Hewer - January 24, 2023 at 07:27 PM

BH

My condolences to her family

Bonnie Hewer - January 24, 2023 at 07:29 PM

LK

“ *I bowled with Marilyn for so many years, went to many national tournaments, we had so much fun and will miss her!!!*

Lori Krzykwa - January 24, 2023 at 07:10 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Marilyn Lynette McDonald.*



January 24, 2023 at 05:23 PM

EL

“ *Our deepest condolences to your entire family. Marilyn was our neighbor and good friend. I will miss our walks and visits in the yard.. Tom & Evelyn Lovejoy*

Evelyn Lovejoy - January 24, 2023 at 02:19 PM

SC

“ *I enjoyed working with Marilyn before she retired. Like our late Director, Sharon Kennedy, whose keys you could hear coming before she did, we could hear Marilyn's shoes clicking down the hall. Marilyn and Kari are both missed from our work family, but together again. My condolences to the family.*

Stephanie Cook - January 24, 2023 at 02:06 PM

BB

“ *My deepest condolences to the family. I enjoyed working with Marilyn and her late daughter, Kari, at the Courthouse. They were both hard-working, delightful, straight-forward, and easy-going, people that have made indelible impressions upon myself and the lives of their coworkers.*



Brian Bartlett - January 24, 2023 at 01:51 PM

AW

Marilyn hosted a family reunion several summers ago on Lake Superior. Her mom, Mary Louise, and our mom, Vera, grew up together in MassenaNY. We enjoyed a wonderful gathering of cousins with Marilyn and Cindy and family. She surely was special to all of us.
Ann White

Ann White - January 25, 2023 at 08:30 AM