



## Marjean Edna Sanford

December 9, 1933 - June 7, 2017

Marjean Edna Sanford, age 83, of Fibre, Michigan, died June 7, 2017, at the home of her daughter in Lansing, Michigan. She and her twin sister, Marjorie were born December 9, 1933, at home in Fibre to Louis Victor and Edna M. (Steele) Sylvester.

Marjean grew up in Fibre where she attended a one room schoolhouse and then she attended and graduated from Rudyard High School. She married Alonzo William Sanford on February 14, 1953, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. They made their home in Fibre and they had three children. When the children were all in school, Marjean worked for the Intermediate School District as the Secretary to the Superintendent for several years. With the children grown, she traveled with Alonzo as he worked around the country as job supervisor on large construction jobs. She worked as bookkeeper and payroll secretary on the same projects Alonzo worked. Fibre was always home so that was where they returned when they retired.

Marjean was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Marjean was very active and enjoyed physical activities like cross country skiing and biking, but also faithfully used indoor exercise equipment when the weather outdoors didn't cooperate. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, and playing cards, often with friends in a card club.

Marjean is survived by her son, Herbert (Addie) Sanford of Port Huron, Michigan; daughter, Sherry Markey of Lansing; grandchildren, Jean Huntley, David (Holly) Sanford, Alyssa Sanford, Alonzo Sanford, Jennifer Markey, Amanda (Johnny) Synett, Richard Markey, Dennis Markey, and John Markey; and great grandchildren, Alexis, Justin, Clay, Savannah, Jacob, Eli, Autumn, Shelly, Allan, Noah, Corinne, Cassandra, Cole, and Carter. She is also survived by her sister, Barbara Desrocher of Sault Ste. Marie; twin sister, Marjorie St. Louis of Fibre; twin brothers, Roger Sylvester of Fibre, and Ronald Sylvester of New Jersey; many nieces and nephews; and her very special friend, Edward Nuding of Ceresco, Michigan.

Marjean was preceded in death by her husband, Alonzo in 2000; son, Dennis William Sanford in 1971; and sisters, Eileen Kemp and Diane McDaniel.

Services will be held Monday, June 19, at R. Galer Funeral Home, 24549 S. M-129 in Pickford, Michigan. Visitation will be held from 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. The Funeral Service will begin at 1:00 P.M. with Pastor Rod Case conducting the service.

Burial will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Bruce Township, Michigan.

# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 19.** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford  
24549 S. M-129  
Pickford, MI 49774  
(906) 647-3400  
flfh@familylifefh.com  
<https://www.familylifefuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Service

**JUN 19.** 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Marjean Edna Sanford*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Marjean Edna Sanford*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Marjean Edna Sanford*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Roman and I were very sad to hear of Marjean's passing. We can not drive distances any more so our thoughts will be with all the family on Monday.*

*We sure were happy to meet her and Al when we started to gather as a group for the guy's KV annual 14th Reg. 25th Division of the Army reunions. As the guys said WE ALL FOUND EACH OTHER FROM ITEM COMPANY. And of course we did see each other in between at our homes, and our cottage and even winters in Orange Beach Al. We also enjoyed Marjean and her friend Ed who I was told I got them together after both their mates passed on.*

*Our sympathy to all of you.*

**Gayle Gill** - June 15, 2017 at 10:07 AM

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“ Sherry,

*Your Mom looks just like I remember her. Joann and I were back and forth to her house a lot when Dennis was in school with us. How hard it must have been for her to see us growing up after she lost him. Thinking of you and your family at this time.*

*Debbie Nayback Viele*

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**Debbie Viele** - June 13, 2017 at 08:49 AM