



Mary Elizabeth Hoffman

December 6, 1942 - September 7, 2016

Mary Elizabeth (nee Kimball Gibbs) Hoffman, 73 of Sault Ste. Marie Michigan, departed this life on September 7th, 2016 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City Michigan after a short illness. Mary was born at home in Sault Ste. Marie Ontario on December 6, 1942 to the late Edward Gibbs and Laura May Kathleen (Kimball) Gibbs from Michipicoten First Nation. After her mother died when Mary was three years old she was raised by her father and step mother Annie Gibbs who she respectfully knew as her mother. Mary met the love of her life Robert Hoffman met when they were just 18 and they were married soon after. Robert fondly remembers that he knew the first time he saw Mary she was the one, the one true love of his life. Mary and Robert devoted the next 56 years together and raised five children. Mary worked at War Memorial Hospital for over twenty years and was a recognized Union Stewart well known for her dedication and strength in negotiations. After leaving War Memorial Hospital, Mary and Robert owned and operated an antiques and furniture refinishing business. In her later years she also worked at Sault Tribe Kewadin Casino and at Sault Tribe Tribal Health and Human Services Center (IHS). Mary loved and excelled at creating beautiful crafts, interior decorating and learning her traditional Anishinaabemowin Language. Mary is survived by her husband and greatest admirer Robert Hoffman, sister Dorothy (Mike) Adams, son Gerald (Jerry) Hoffman, daughters Laura Hoffman, Cheryl LaPlaunt (Ryan Shunk), Robin Hoffman and Wendy Hoffman as well as grandchildren Mark Hoffman, Stacy Nash, David Hoffman, Tyler

Pemberton, Shelby Hoffman, Steven Hoffman, Kyle LaPlaunt, Miranda Nolan, Chelsea Hoffman, Ron Goetz Jr., Joseph Hoffman and Autumn Hoffman. Also, great grandchildren Kyra and Paisley Pemberton, Eric Baker Jr. and Callie Baker. Mary was preceded in death by precious grandson James Hoffman, father and mother Edward and Laura May Kathleen (Kimball) Gibbs, Annie Gibbs, brothers, Bill Gibbs, Loyd Gibbs and Edward Gibbs, and dearest lifelong friend Viola (Vi) Thompson. Friends are welcome to join family in celebrating Mary's life with a traditional ceremony at the Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on Thursday, September 15th beginning at 11:00 followed by a luncheon. In lieu of flowers memorials may be left to the family, help with funeral expenses at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

MT

“ My Aunt Mary was a very special lady. Just a ray of sunshine. Always so pleasant and positive. Always smiling and eager to help and give when I was able to visit the UP. She will be missed, and it will never be the same without her. God Bless the family.

Maryanne Truckey - October 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I will always remember Mary as kind , wonderfull person , i feel so sad for cousin Robert and family too lose such a great wife and mother.

Courtney Benson - September 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ To family and friends of Mary, My deepest sympathies to you all. I know words don't mean a whole lot right now, but you all have been in my thoughts and prayers since I heard of Mary's passing. The days ahead won't be easy, but hold tight to the memories you have of times together, and keep your love for her safely tucked into your hearts. Be strong and know that others share your grief at this difficult time. Love, hugs and prayers to you and yours from me and mine!

Jamie (McCoy) Harvey - September 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Your mom was a great lady always had a smile on her face. Hugs to the family, Bob I know how hard it is to lose your soul mate. Sparkie and I had 38 great years. You have memories forever my friend. 🌸

Debra Cox - September 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ Cheryl and Robyn, I am sorry to hear about your moms passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this very difficult time.

Teresa Jedele - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Grandma I Will Always Love You and you will be missed dearly

Mark hoffman - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ Uncle Bob and family, I am so sorry for your loss, she will be fondly remembered by all of us. All our love, Lorraine and Family

Lorraine Tindell - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM