



## Maxine Anne Gleason

December 1, 1932 - April 15, 2015

Maxine Anne Gleason, age 82, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan passed away Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at War Memorial Hospital. Maxine was born on December 1, 1932 in Saginaw, Michigan to the late Kenneth and Agnes (Greenwalt) Mathews. She graduated from Saginaw High School with the class of 1950. She continued her education at Central Michigan University, where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in 1954 and her Master's Degree in 1958. In the midst of her continued education, she married Gilbert Judson Gleason in Saginaw, Michigan on August 29, 1953. Left to mourn her passing and celebrate her life are her children: Linda (Richard) Tyner of Baxter, MN, Mera Lee (Jack E. Polen, Jr.) Gleason of Raton, NM, and Mark (Marcie) Gleason of Sault Ste. Marie, MI; 13 grandchildren: Lyric Hassler, Harmony, Justin, and Nathaniel Tyner, Lane and Alan Jollineau, Lisa Hallauer, Mariah Gleason, Nikki Gleason, and Jared, Ryan, David, and Journey Gleason; and 14 great grandchildren. She is also survived by two brothers: Dr. Theodore (Linda) Mathews of California and Dr. Grant (Eve) Mathews of Indiana; and three sisters: Rozalind Berlin of Saginaw, MI, Constance (Tom) Grantham of Freeland, MI, and Gloria Mathews of California. Maxine was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and a son: Matthew Jay Gleason. Maxine enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She also enjoyed knitting and sewing. She was a member of the Central United Methodist Church, Gazelles, Alpha Delta Kappa, MEA-R, Delta Zeta, Merry Widows, Red Hats, War Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, and the Quilt Guild. Maxine was an elementary

education teacher in the Sault school system for 32 years. She devoted her life to shaping the lives and being a positive influence to all of her students. She loved to travel and visit new places, always making new friends along the way. Maxine was an avid supporter of LSSU education and sports, especially the hockey team. She also established the Gilbert Gleason Environmental Science Scholarship at LSSU in honor of her late husband. She will long be remembered for her unselfishness and generosity. The Easter eggs left on the doorsteps, the lovingly handcrafted Christmas ornaments, the quilts, pot holders she lovingly handcrafted for all. Each baby that left War Memorial Hospital had a hat that she had knit. There has never been a more thoughtful and unselfish woman. Maxine loved music, the arts, ballet, dance and brought grace and joy to all who knew her. She enjoyed watching the ships go by, waiting for the return of the hummingbirds and wildlife to her front yard. The thing she enjoyed the most was when she could listen to her grandchildren play music. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home with Pastor Larry Osweiler officiating. Friends and family may call at the funeral home from 9:30 AM until time of the service. Burial will be at Ogsdenburg Cemetery on Old Mission Point at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to the Gilbert Gleason Environmental Science Scholarship at LSSU or Central United Methodist Church.

# Tribute Wall

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“ We were saddened to hear of Maxine's passing. Ever since our son, Tony was recipient of the Gilbert Gleason Environmental Science Scholarship she always spoke to us and asked how Tony was doing. (Now works for the MN DNR as a fisheries biologist). Please know that we, too, will miss her smiling face and caring heart.

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**jane kennedy** - April 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Maxine always had a smile and brought joy to whatever group she joined. She will be missed by the Lake State Elders.

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**Diana Pingatore** - April 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ I will always remember Maxine's sweet smile and gentle spirit. She was an exceptional lady. My life is better for having known her.  
*Janet Coffing*

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**Janet Coffing** - April 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM