



Melvina LaPonsie

February 4, 1943 - March 16, 2021

Melvina Jean LaPonsie, age 78, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan passed away Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at Hearthside Assisted Living in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Melvina was born on February 4, 1943, in Sault Ste Marie, Michigan to the late Dona and Florence (Mongeon) Beseau. On April 30, 1960, she married John L. LaPonsie, who was the father of her children. She graduated from Sault High School with the class of 1973. Melvina worked for the Sault Tour trains and later as dietitian at Provential House/Tendercare for 22 years. Her last job was at Detroit Die Cutting Company. She enjoyed family get-togethers and cookouts. Her favorite holiday was Christmas and she absolutely loved giving gifts to family and decorating her tree and house. She loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She had a great singing voice and enjoyed listening to country music. She was an incredible dancer. She also enjoyed gardening, cooking, baking, and watching nature. She loved going to garage sales and the casino. She loved to munch on sour cream and onion potato chips while sipping on a cream soda when going on car rides. She loved her birds Sophie and Jake and her two cats Boots and Kitty. She also enjoyed feeding the birds and squirrels outside and watching them.

Melvina is survived by her daughters: Debbie (Roy Carne) LaFaver of Sault Ste. Marie, MI, Brenda (Leon) Derusha of Brimley, MI, and Yvonne LaPonsie of Rudyard, MI; eight grandchildren: Kenneth (Chelsea) LaFaver, Crystal (Jason Berg) LaFaver, Jessica (Roy) Bathgate, Ashley (Bryan) Bunker, Justin (Chelsea) Derusha, Jenna Derusha, Clinton LaFaver IV and Amanda LaPonsie; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Melvina was preceded in death by her parents, six brothers: Alton, Peter, Ralph, Donald, Larry, and Alvin; and six sisters: Blanche, Donna, Darlene, Joyce, Wanda, and Rose Marie.

According to Melvina's wishes, no public services will be held. Burial will be later this spring.

Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Brenda I am sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. I enjoyed working with her at Tendercare. She always was so positive. a joy to be around. prayers to you and family.*

lois bennett - April 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *I SO remember what a remarkable person, and friend Mel was. We worked together at Provincial House (Tender Care now). She was in Charge of Dietary and I was the DON. What a lovely person, always laughing and so diligent! My thoughts and prayers are sent to the family of this delightful person!*

Deb (Madden) Cooper - March 25, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *My condolences to your family on the loss of Melvina. I worked with her in the late 70's and early 80's at Provincial House. She was always a joy to be around and as you know she loved to sing, which made for a wonderful working environment. My deepest sympathy,*

Laura Shawhan - March 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Deb, Brenda, & Yvonne
Our deepest condolences on the passing of your Mom.*

Russ & Chris Chartrand - March 19, 2021 at 12:00 AM

WG

“ *Debbie, Brenda & Yvonne, so sorry for your loss of your mom. I am glad I have fond memories of working with her.*

Wendy Glenn - March 19, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *I have many fond memories of Aunt Melvina.
She was a wonderful person with a beautiful
smile and laugh.
She will be greatly missed.*



Linda M Cardiff - March 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

NI

“ *Prayers of peace. Sorry for your loss.*

Nicole - March 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM