



Nancy Ann McKay

May 24, 1935 - March 11, 2026

Nancy Ann McKay, age 90, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, died on March 11, 2026, at the Merlin Home in Sault Ste. Marie. She was born on May 24, 1935, in Sault Ste. Marie, to Samuel and Lillian (Jarvie) Roe.

Nancy spent her early years living in Pickford, Michigan, and then moving to Sault Ste. Marie. She graduated from Sault Area High School in 1953 and began her career at Central Savings Bank until her retirement in 1989. Nancy married the love of her life John “Jack” McKay, on August 24, 1957. Together they built a beautiful life and raised two cherished children. Nancy and Jack enjoyed many years in Barbeau, Michigan, where they enjoyed the company of family friends, gardening, canning, and attending Holy Family Church. When Jack passed in 2001, she made the decision to move back to Sault Ste. Marie. Nancy enjoyed winters in Punta Gorda, Florida, where she found a new purpose for her love of numbers serving as the treasurer of River Haven Park for many years. She formed many lasting friendships in their community.

Nancy loved visiting with family and friends, always offering a listening ear and a warm smile. Her beloved dogs, Keldon and Kelsie were constant companions and brought her great joy.

In her final years, Nancy found comfort and community at the Merlin Home, where she was surrounded by caring staff, residents and their families. Many

laughs and friendships were formed.

Nancy will be remembered for her wit, compassion, dedication to family and the joy she found in simple moments. She created a home filled with love, laughter and welcome. Her presence was a gift in the hearts of those she leaves behind.

Nancy is survived by her daughter, Shauna (Casey) MacLaren; daughter-in-law, Cheryl McKay; grandsons, Michael MacLaren, John (Holly) McKay; granddaughter, Stacy (Mike) Rekeny; great-grandchildren, Jayla McKay, John "Carter" McKay, Michael Rekeny, Andrew Rekeny, Cooper Rekeny, and Amerie Enos; brother, Dean (Marjean) Roe, sister-in-law, Linda (Mike) Doyle; and brother-in-law, James (Brenda) McKay.

Nancy was preceded in death by her husband, John "Jack" McKay; son, John S. McKay; parents, Sam and Lillian Roe; sisters, Betty (Charles) Bales and Avis (Henry and the late Charles Spivey) Wohlfort; parent-in-laws, John (Tarcil) McKay; father-in-law, Roger Gervias; brothers-in-law, Ron (Joyce) McKay, Robert McKay; and sister-in-law, Shauna (William) Britz.

Visitation will be on Monday, March 23, 2026, at Family Life Funeral Homes, 4951 S. M-129, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 at 11:00 AM with family sharing stories at 12:00 PM.

Memorial Contributions may be made in Nancy's honor to the Holy Family Catholic Church, 4585 E. 15 Mile Rd, Barbeau, Michigan 49710, Northwoods Homecare Hospice, 226 S. Cedar St., Manistique, Michigan 49854 or Merlin Home, 1703 Hyde Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783.

Nancy's final resting place will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Bruce Township, Michigan.

Family Life Funeral Homes – Sault Ste. Marie assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be given to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Obituary as submitted by family.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 23. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DA

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of a dear old friend

David Allen - March 18 at 01:59 PM

BH

“ Bonnie Hewer lit a candle in memory of Nancy Ann McKay



Bonnie Hewer - March 18 at 01:51 PM

CO

“ I loved visiting with your mom. I remember my mom and I playing cards at aunt Lucille's with her. Both your parents were lovely people. May God bless you all

Christine Ochman - March 17 at 08:10 PM

J&

“ John &Brenda Cardines(McKay) &Tracy purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Nancy Ann McKay.



John &Brenda Cardines(McKay) &Tracy - March 17 at 07:42 PM

TR

“ *Your mom was such a lovely lady and very dear to us. So many fond memories of her.*

Tracy - March 17 at 06:01 PM

LM

“ *I knew Nancy from River Haven MHP in Florida. I first met her & then a few years later met Shauna who became a very close friend of mine. I enjoyed visiting with her & taking Kelsie on walks. I will always remember her smile and positive attitude. She was a wonderful lady!*

Loretta Michaud

Loretta Michaud - March 17 at 05:21 PM

MI

Nancy was a good friend here in Florida. We shared many memories together. Sorry for your loss.

Marion Irwin - March 17 at 07:34 PM