



Neicia Alyce (Merrill) LaPlaunt

April 13, 1956 - June 7, 2026

Neicia Alyce (Merrill) LaPlaunt, age 70, of Kincheloe, Michigan, passed away on June 7, 2026, at home surrounded by loved ones. She was born on April 13, 1956, in Lewiston, Maine, to John and Nancy (Bell) Merrill.

Neicia moved to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, in 1973 and met Kevin LaPlaunt. They married on March 21, 1974, and raised two children.

There is not enough space here to fully capture the remarkable life Neicia lived or to name all those who loved her. She was caring, compassionate, and funny like no other, touching countless lives with her kindness, generosity, and sense of humor.

Before and after retiring from Central Savings Bank (after 25 years of service), she enjoyed working part-time at The Oaks at Kincheloe golf course. Neicia loved spending time playing bingo, visiting the casino, golfing, and traveling to see her children and grandchildren. Her love for her family and friends was evident in everything she did, and the memories she created with those she loved will be cherished forever. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Neicia is survived by her husband of fifty-two years, Kevin; son, Kurt (Julie) LaPlaunt of Severn, Maryland; daughter, Kari LaPlaunt of Rockford, Michigan;

grandchildren, Lucas (Mackenzie) LaPlaunt and Lincoln LaPlaunt; and her siblings, Joyce (Richard) Cox, Becky Merrill, Cindy Vandenberg, Janice (John) Dynes, and Roy (Jodi) Merrill.

Neicia was preceded in death by her parents, John and Nancy Merrill; and brother, Delvin Merrill.

Per Neicia's wishes, no services will be held. In lieu of a service, please crack open a Bud Light and scratch off an instant lottery ticket in Neicia's honor.

Condolences may be given to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Tribute Wall

TW

“ *Tina & Dennis Wurster lit a candle in memory of Neicia Alyce (Merrill) LaPlaunt*



Tina & Dennis Wurster - 1 hour ago



“ *Christina Bear lit a candle in memory of Neicia Alyce (Merrill) LaPlaunt*



Christina Bear - 1 hour ago

LK

“ *Oh my goodness as I just received this devastating information. Neicia was an amazing ray of sunshine. Always the sweetest Neicia you will be deeply missed. Sending our condolences to the family/friend 🙏🏻*

Lynn & Doug, Brandon and Brittany Knight - 1 hour ago

PM

“ *Oh my heart hurts seeing this! This lady was amazing to talk to and a blast to sit next too. She will be so missed by many. I will forever remember her sense of humor and her smiling kind face. Please know Kevin, you two both acted like you were newlyweds every time I seen you both. The love you had for each other was evident. Prayers to you and the family.*

Phyllis MCKECHNIE - 2 hours ago



“ Met Necia back in the 80s when we played softball together and considered her to be a friend ever since. Competed in volleyball and golf and just enjoyed our conversations whenever we had them. She will be missed by many as her light shines from heaven now instead of here on earth.

Sandy DePlonty - 3 hours ago

CW

“ Many prayers are being said for Necia's family. My heart is breaking knowing the grief that they feel in the loss of their wife, mom and grandmother, sister and friend. I've know Kari for many years and I know the immense love she has for her parents and this hits deep. I know that God will watch out for all of her family and her fond memories and funny stories will live on for a very, very long time. God bless you all and may you feel His comfort in these trying times. Love to you Kari and family.

Chris Wollos - 6 hours ago

LG

“ My condolences to the Kevin and the family. She always had a huge smile, happy to see you greeting, and a huge heart.

Laurie Gustafson - 6 hours ago

JH

“ Sympathy to the family of Neicia. I was a CSB customer at Kincheloe and whenever I viisied we always had something to chat about. She had her pictures of family posed at her "window". Prayers for peace and comfort.

joyce henderson - 7 hours ago

HM

“ *My deepest condolences to Kevin and the family. I always enjoyed running into the two of them and catching up on family and life. Sending love to the family. 💖*

Hali McKelvie-Corbieri - 8 hours ago

SH

“ *I enjoyed the few times I got to golf with her, she will be missed!*

Susan Harvell - 8 hours ago