



Norma Jean Raynard

November 4, 1934 - October 6, 2021

Norma Jean Raynard, age 86, of Pickford, Michigan, died October 6, 2021, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. She was born November 4, 1934, in Sault Ste. Marie, to Herman Everet Gough and Hazel Gertrude (Leach) Gough.

Norma grew up in Sault Ste. Marie and Pickford. She attended school in Sault Ste. Marie until her family moved to Pickford for her to start fifth grade. She graduated from Pickford High School with the Class of 1953. She attended Grace Nursing School in Detroit for a semester before returning to Pickford to marry William Parker "Bill" Raynard on November 6, 1954. Bill and Norma made their home in Pickford and raised their sons, Paul and Alan, on the family farm where Bill grew up. In 1967, they purchased the Pickford Village Inn Restaurant and Motel which they operated together until selling the businesses in 1980. In 1983, Norma opened Steppin' Out Shoe Store in Sault Ste. Marie, which she operated for fourteen years before she retired in 1998. Bill and Norma spent the winter in Florida for many years.

Norma was an active member of the Pickford United Methodist Church where she sang in the choir. She served on the board of Child Evangelism Fellowship and was a member of the Pickford Grange and Northwoods Christian Camp. She was also a 4-H Leader for many years.

Norma loved to bake and cook. In high school, she was the winner of the U.P. Cherry Pie Contest. Many people labeled her strawberry-rhubarb pie “The Best in Michigan.

Norma is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Alan and Karen Raynard of Pickford; daughter-in-law, Betty Raynard of Pickford; grandchildren, Timothy (Janelle) Raynard, Michelle (Andrew) Saltzman, Katie (fiancé, Jon Yau) Raynard, Linda Raynard, and Shannon (Joe) Lawlor; great grandchildren, Ethan, Chloe, Levi, Silas, Lily, Nathan, David, Daniel, Paige, and Chloe; and her sister, Phyllis Hughey of Petoskey, Michigan.

Norma was preceded in death by her husband, Bill; son, Paul Raynard; sister, Karen Gough; brother-in-law, Chester Hughey; and grandson, Carl Ygeal.

Services will be held Tuesday, October 12 at Galer Funeral Homes & Cremation, 24549 S. M-129 in Pickford. Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM until 12:00 Noon followed by the funeral service beginning at 12:00 Noon.

Burial will be Oaklawn Chapel Gardens, in Bruce Township, Michigan.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

15264 South M-129
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **12**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Galer Funeral Homes & Cremation
24549 S M 129
Pickford, MI 49774

Funeral Service

OCT **12**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Norma Jean Raynard*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Norma Jean Raynard*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Norma Jean Raynard*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Joyce Henderson lit a candle in memory of
Norma Jean Raynard*



Joyce Henderson - October 12, 2021 at 08:40 AM



“ *NormA was the light in my life. She was a wonderful person always
thinking about someone else. It was an honor to have her in my life I
will miss her dearly question peace my dear friend.*

sandra raynard - October 12, 2021 at 07:47 AM

SH

“ Steven and Cindy Hughey purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Norma Jean Raynard.



Steven and Cindy Hughey - October 11, 2021 at 02:24 PM

LF

“ Love from Myrtle Ann Goetz and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Norma Jean Raynard.



Love from Myrtle Ann Goetz and family - October 11, 2021 at 12:34 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Norma Jean Raynard.



October 10, 2021 at 06:44 PM



“ I will miss you so very much until we see each other again in Heaven with Jesus!! You had such a big heart, always willing to help others! I can remember as kids, we would all pile into the car (before seatbelts!) and you would say, "And we're off!!! Like a herd of turtles!" You were so fun, always encouraging me. I'm sure I got your dna/gene for the love of cooking and baking!! There was no one as good as you!! Looking forward to reuniting in Heaven! With all my love, Cyndi Hughey Hemmes

Cyndi Hemmes - October 10, 2021 at 04:02 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Norma Jean Raynard.



October 10, 2021 at 03:48 PM



“ Ashley Kott lit a candle in memory of Norma Jean Raynard



Ashley Kott - October 10, 2021 at 03:20 PM



“ She was wonderful at hospitality, from her pies, hot fudge sundae recipe, sharing about her wonderful library of Christian books; and always a joy to visit with, whether on the phone or in person.,

Janet Swanson - October 10, 2021 at 08:56 AM



“ *Norma and her mother-in-law taught me hoe to make bread when they were 4-h leaders. Norma and Bill were great friends of parents , Myrtle and Eddie MacDonld. Norma was a great worker and a wonderful Christian woman.*

Frances MacDonald Wood - October 08, 2021 at 08:34 PM

CZ

I will miss my Aunt Norma dearly. She was an incredible woman. I have such fond memories of her to carry in my heart. I was with her the day she was taken in to War Memorial hospital from Harbor View Assisted Living, in Detour. She told me she was not afraid and she was ready to go home to Jesus. We said our good byes. Even then she was cheerful and humorous, regardless of feeling ill.

I love you Aunt Norm, and I will carry you in my heart until I am able to see you again in heaven. Thank you for loving me as your niece and for the influence you made in my life. Whenever I make pie, I'll make it with you right beside me. ❤️❤️❤️

Carla Zlotow.

Carla Zltow - October 09, 2021 at 12:36 PM

BO

So many memories.....Village Inn my first job, from dish washer to waitress. Norma and Bill were wonderful bosses and taught me so many things.....how to multitask and not to get overwhelmed when we were super busy. Norma also taught me how to count money back when someone paid their bill at the register. We all worked together like family. Growing up in Methodist Church I sang in the choir with Norma and they were great friends with my parents. So many memories. Prayers to the Raynard family. ❤️❤️❤️

Bevely O'Hare - October 10, 2021 at 11:42 AM