



Rita Mary (Baier) McPhail

February 27, 1928 - November 20, 2022

Rita (Baier) McPhail, 94, of Sault Ste. Marie, MI. passed away peacefully on November 20, 2022, at War Memorial Hospital surrounded by her family. She was born February 27, 1928, in Sault Ste. Marie to Joseph and Alphonsis (McKerchie) Myotte.

Rita was a lifelong resident of Sault Ste. Marie and graduated from Loretto Catholic Central High School. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. Rita participated for many years in the Rebekahs and Fraternal Order of Eagles associations and local cribbage league.

Rita lived for her family, always putting them first before herself. She enjoyed helping other people and was always eager to lend a hand. Those of us that were blessed to know her are grateful for the time we had with her. She was a tender loving, generous spirit that will forever remain present and remembered in the lives and hearts of her family and friends. Spending time with her family and friends and making memories was the heart and soul of her life; she always had an overnight bag packed and ready to go just in case someone mention "road trip."

Rita was an avid Red Wings hockey fan and rarely missed cheering them on in front of the TV. She loved to play bingo and enjoyed reading newspapers and magazines, working on jigsaw puzzles and spoiling pets brought in by

visitors. She was also a member of the Sault Tribe.

Rita was a kind and amazing mother, she is survived by her children: Gary (Chris) Baier, Cathy (Brent Benson) Chaplin, Patti (Terry) Adams, Leann Baier, and Carol (Walter) Plitz all of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Stepdaughter Ruth (McPhail) Brady of Culleoka, TN, former daughter in law's Sherrie Steele of Brimley and Frances Baier Brown of North Carolina, grandchildren, Lisa Baier, Aimee Baier, Jay Baier, Dale Chaplin, Derek (Brooke) Chaplin, Barbara (Chris) Goetz, Clifton (Samantha) Campbell, Laura (Anthony Bonacci) Campbell, Greg (Emily) Campbell, Paul (Mallory) Baier, Cody (Carley McGill) Bosbous, Rebecca (Pat) Gordon, Elizabeth (Travis) Gouge-Maney, Zachary (Taryn) Horton, Nicholas (Lauren) Horton, Kendra (Greg) Lund, Janel (Michael Vollick), Keith Plitz, and Seann (Mackenzie Kideon) Plitz, Kristeen (Jeff) Brady Duren; great-grandchildren, Arionna (Ethan Crane), Reese, Kaedence, Rylan, Blake, Heath, Hazel, Kenzie, Blair, Brooklyn, Kaleb, Lauren, Nora, Sophia, Eleanor, Jay, Emma, Kona, Jacob, Brody, Aiden, Hope, Sophronia, Seanny, Tuckr, Holly;

Rita is also survived by her siblings Robert (Joyce) Myotte of Marlette, MI. and Joanne (Rolland) Mayer of Sault Ste. Maire.

Rita was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved son Paul J. Baier, her husband Dale Baier and Lester McPhail; brother, Phil (Marilyn) Myotte, sisters, Leonna LaJoie, and Helen Beacom.

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to all the care givers that went above and beyond to assist Rita, which allowed her to be right where she wanted, in her family home until the last moments of her life. There will be a huge void in our hearts, for all that knew and loved her, though we are grateful that she is with the Lord and Savior now. She earned her wings and is celebrating in Heaven with all her friends and family that have gone before

her. Now we celebrate her legacy, her impact, her story, and her loving spirit.

A visitation for family and friends will be held at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home on Friday, November 25, 2022, starting at 1:00 PM until funeral service being held at 3:00 PM at the funeral home. Interment will be held at 11:00 AM on June 16, 2023, at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens.

Tribute Wall

DC

“ Thank you to all that will remember my grandmother (Gookomis). She showed many of us how to be loved in many difficult times. I will miss her until the end of my days but she finally gets to see our family members that have passed. I know in my heart I can always speak with her in the sky world along with all the rest of my ancestors.



She wanted to see the mountains when I moved to Colorado but she wasn't able to make the trip. She can now see them better than I can. She will be looking in on us all I'm sure.

Just remember she still will skunk you in cribbage. Thank you grandma for all that you were and are.

Derek Chaplin - November 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ So sorry to hear of Rita's passing She was a wonderful lady. You are all in my thoughts and prayers 🙏

Bernice Rutecki - November 22, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Rita will be missed very much. She was such a wonderful lady that I had a great pleasure Taking care of. My deepest sympathy to All of Her Family for Their loss.



Keri LaLonde - November 22, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *Condolences and prayers sent from the Lee family*

Darlene Goldacker - November 22, 2022 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ *To the family of Rita Baier,*

I am extremely sorry for your loss by the news that Rita, known by me as Mrs. Baier has past away and gone to be with the Lord.

This is a difficult time for everyone whose lives she touched. I remember her as a loving mother of some of my best friends, Gary, Paul, Cathy, and Patty as I grew up. She always treated me as another one of her children in her house, and I can remember spending many sleepovers in her home, and enjoyed spending time with the family.

As I said she touched many people in her life- and she is in a better place. However, she will never leave us because of her memories that we all carry within our hearts, of the caring, warmth, and love she showed and taught us.

I know I will miss her. Take care of each other during your celebration of her life, and wish I was there to offer you more support during your loss.

With thoughts and prayers to all of you

Gary Johnson

Gary "Big Gary" Johnson - November 22, 2022 at 12:00 AM