



## Rita Ann Mckerchie

August 23, 1943 - October 17, 2023

Rita Ann Mckerchie, age 80, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, died on October 17, 2023, at Medilodge. Rita was born August 23, 1943, on Sugar Island, Michigan, to mother Mary Jane Mckerchie.

Rita spent her youth on Sugar Island and attended Brassier School. She met David Rapson and started their family. The family moved to Ypsilanti, Michigan, and raised the kids, moving to Copper Country for a brief time before settling in Sault Ste. Maire.

Rita was an elder of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Rita liked playing bingo and evenings spent chit chatting with her neighbors, while watching Nancy Grace. She enjoyed going to the casino and always had the latest gossip. She doted on her beloved pets, Buffy the dog, and her bird, Polly. Most of all, Rita loved her family and being a grandmother to her grandson.

Rita is survived by her children, Ann (Phillip) Pemberton of Sault Ste. Marie, and Richard (Connie Rolston) Rapson; grandsons, Christopher (Bethany) Hebert and Tyler Pemberton; sister-in-law, Jackie Mckerchie; as well as many good friends.

Rita is preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Patricia (Brian) Vogel; brothers, Harold "Cub" (Mary) Mckerchie, John Mckerchie, Merlin Mckerchie; nephew, Harold "Bub" Mckerchie, and great nephew, Robert Mckerchie.

A Memorial Service will be held at Family Life Funeral Home in Sault Ste. Marie on October 23, 2023. The Memorial gathering will begin at 1 PM

followed by the funeral service at 3 PM with Bill Lockhart officiating the service and a luncheon to follow at the Sault Tribal Center.

The Final Resting place will be at Maple Ridge Cemetery on Sugar Island.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Chippewa County Animal Shelter.