



## Rita Leda Sweeney

November 12, 1927 - December 11, 2022

In loving memory of Rita Leda Sweeney of Brimley, Michigan. She peacefully passed away on December 11, 2022, at the age of 95. She was born on November 12, 1927, in Sudbury, Canada to Darius and Louise (Deault) Chartrand.

Rita is survived by her children, Paul Sweeney of Brimley, Denise Sweeney of Brimley, and Michelle (Ken) Curry of Sault Ste. Marie; grandchildren, Roger, Lisa, Ashley, Alyssa, and Aubree; and great-grandchildren; Aliya, Arianna, Landon, Lizabeth, and Harper.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dennis Sweeney; her parents, Darius and Louise Marie Chartrand; and her siblings, Evelyn, Maurice, Cecile, and Alfred.

Rita was a retired Registered Nurse from WMH. She loved gardening, reading, sewing, and shopping. She lived an adventurous life coming to the U.S. from Canada as a young adult. She obtained her nursing degree and worked as an anesthesiologist.

In the mid 50's she obtained her pilots license and owned two airplanes. She enjoyed flying around Michigan and meeting friends for lunch. Once she accidentally found herself flying in military airspace and was escorted by military planes down to the runway. A story she enjoyed sharing.

She then met her husband and moved to the U.P. to raise their family. She grew wonderful gardens and loved growing unique plants for our area such as lemon trees. She loved to sew and could throw anything together without even a pattern. She loved music and played the violin and piano very well. She spoke fluent French and would love talking with her family in her native language.

She lived life to the fullest and will be greatly missed by many.

A graveside service will be held at the Mission Hill Cemetery Saturday, June 24, 2023, at 1 PM.

Clark Hovie Galer Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

## Cemetery Details

### Mission Hill Cemetery

Bay Mills, MI

## Previous Events

### Burial

JUN **24**. 1:00 PM.

Mission Hill Cemetery  
Bay Mills, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rita Leda Sweeney*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Rita Leda Sweeney*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *To Rita's Family - I worked with Rita at WMH and she always had an interesting or funny story. She was a good nurse and loved taking care of the patients. I am so sorry for your loss. Adrienne Beckham*

**Adrienne Beckham** - December 19, 2022 at 11:53 AM



“ *Paul & Family,  
Please accept my condolence in the loss of your mom. Love hugs and prayers sent to you and yours from me and mine.*

*Jamie Harvey*

**Jamie (McCoy) Harvey** - December 14, 2022 at 08:13 AM

JB

“ Rita is a very special lady. From the day she started working on Long Term Care she made things special. Always caring and compassionate to our residents and to the staff. Lots of laughs during those years but my favorite memory of Rita was how her eyes twinkled when she laughed. An exceptional lady way ahead of her time and a great story teller. Fly high Rita!

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**Jan Bailey** - December 13, 2022 at 10:58 PM

DV

“ I worked with Rita at the hospital. She was a great nurse and nice person . Sorry for your loss.

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**Dawn Vink** - December 13, 2022 at 07:09 PM

SS

“ Lots of good times working with this wonderful nurse. A leader who liked to share her knowledge.  
Always amusing watching her count cash in French.

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**Sheila (Groleau) Smith** - December 13, 2022 at 04:36 PM