



# Stella Tonya MacDonald

November 18, 1930 - October 4, 2025

Stella Tonya MacDonald, age 94, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, died on October 4, 2025, at MyMichigan - Sault Long Term Care. She was born on October 18, 1930, in Poland to Frank and Clara (Handziak) Touple.

Per Stella's wishes, no services will be held.

Stella's final resting place will be at Pine Grove Cemetery in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

# Cemetery Details

## **Pine Grove Cemetery**

5901 S Mackinac Trail  
Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Stella was one of my mom's best friends. Stella loved animals and every year cared for the Cranes who flew to the woods behind her house to nest; they returned for more than 10 years with their succeeding generations of cranes. Stella was married for over 60 years to Willard MacDonald. They did not have children, but welcomed everyone, no matter their physical or mental maladies, into their home. Where they lived was once a large farm with horses and other animals. When my mom died, Nellie Bess, I visited Stella and was comforted by her because she also knew the depth of my loss. She had known my mother since they were young children sleeping out in the tree fort that was built on Stella's families' property. Stella and her husband Willard both suffered with Alzheimer's, at different times of life; first Willard and he quickly passed from this horrible disease, and then Stella. Stella's dementia came on slower and she was able to hide it for a couple of years. But eventually, the disease overtook her and she was cared for by Bruce, her ever faithful caretaker, and then the long term care facility at the hospital. Stella lived to be 94 years of age and enjoyed most of those years with friends, animals, beautiful flowers and her memories. She was a light and continues to be a warm glow in my heart, next to my mom, where her clear and bright personality continues to shine without the stain of Alzheimer's; it did not rob me/us of her light....she is with the Lord, her Creator and will be missed by all who knew and loved her. I miss you, sweet Stella; I'm glad you're pain and suffering are over and your New Life has begun.*



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**Stephanie Bess** - January 12 at 03:57 AM