



Susan Frances Ordiway

February 6, 1941 - October 29, 2023

Susan Frances (McDonald) Ordiway, age 82, a Sault Ste. Marie local and most recently a 7-year resident of Punta Gorda, Florida, passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones at Hospice House in Sault Ste. Marie on October 29, 2023. She was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on February 6, 1941, to Francis and Laura Mildred (Spence) McDonald.

Susan grew up in Sault Ste. Marie, graduating from Sault Area High School in 1959. On March 25, 1960, she married her high school sweetheart, James (Jim) Ordiway and started their family. While James joined the United States Army, Susan took care of the home and raised their daughters. Susan retired from Newaygo County as an Administrative Assistant to the Comptroller. She and her husband, Jim moved to Punta Gorda, Florida shortly after where they enjoyed 7 years of sunny weather together.

Susan was a life-long Lions Fan, finding a community of other Lions fans in Florida who she watched every game with. However, her favorite teams to watch were the ones her grandchildren played on. Sue and Jim never missed any of their games, whether it was across town or across the state. When her grandchildren went to college, they spent many weekends at her house relaxing and playing cards together. She also enjoyed golfing, having lunch with the ladies, dancing, reading, vacationing with family, and going on car rides with Jim. She was the best at being a wife, mother, and grandmother, always loved taking care of her family.

Susan is survived by her husband, James; daughters, Patty (Steve) Ewing of

Sault Ste. Marie and Kathy (Jeff) Alexander of Negaunee, Michigan; grandchildren, Zachary (Abby) Ewing, Taylor (Chris Oja) Ewing, Jayne (Kody) Norwood, and Nathan (Maaikie Pronda) Alexander; great-grandchild, Benjamin Ewing; sister, Mary Lou (Gene Nelson) Moher of Sault Ste. Marie; sister-in-law, Suzie Veldt of Sault Ste. Marie; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Susan was preceded in death by her mother and stepfather, John and Laura Lackey; infant daughter, Elizabeth Ann Ordiway; brother and sister-in-law, Jim & Maxine McDonald; brother-in-law, Tom Ordiway; and beloved grandparents. Memorial Mass will be held on Friday, November 3, 2023, at 10:30 AM, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Sault Ste. Marie, with a gathering beginning at 10:00 AM.

Susan's Final Resting Place will be at the Fairview Cemetery in Pickford, Michigan.

Memorial Contribution can be made out to the Hospice House of the EUP in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, 308 W. 12th Ave. Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. The Hospice House provided incredible comfort and care to Susan and her family in her final days.

Tribute Wall

CR

“ We will miss her from the American Legion
So sorry 🌹
Cindy and Sherrill



Cindy Ryan - November 05, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Our condolences to Jim and family on this
sad occasion.



David Bigelow - November 03, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Our sincere condolences to the entire Family.
May the wonderful memories comfort you
during this difficult time.



*In honor of Sue, we have made a contribution
to the Hospice House of the EUP.*

Dee and Don Tanner - November 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ Our prayers are with you.

Wayne Biggs - November 01, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Jim, Patty and Kathy*

I am so sorry to hear of Sue's passing. I have so many memories of her at various family functions. Always with a smile and something to say. She always made me smile.

Hugs to all. I wish I could be there in person but will be in spirit.

Love You

Jack Skinner

Jack Skinner - November 01, 2023 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I work with Jeff at the airport and he talks fondly of his in laws. My prayers are with your family.*



Morri Ledy - November 01, 2023 at 12:00 AM