



Marie A. "Sissy" LaJeunesse

April 22, 1966 - January 7, 2023

Marie Arlene "Sissy" LaJeunesse, 56, of Six Mile Lake near Felch, MI, passed away January 7, 2023, at Freeman's Nursing Home surrounded by loved ones.

Sissy was born on April 22 in Iron Mountain, MI, to the late Joseph & Marie (Hanson) LaJeunesse. As a toddler Sissy lived above Firme Plumbing, her father's business on Hughitt Street where she often visited other local businesses. Then in the early 1970's her parents made their cottage at Six Mile Lake, their home where Sissy began making friends with everyone around the lake.

Sissy attended Catholic school, Roosevelt Elementary and North Dickinson School until the Mid 1990's; then it was on to her over 20 year working career at North Dickinson School in Felch. Known as "Miss Sissy", she had many responsibilities at the school and her desk was next to the principal's desk with the placard, "Assistant Vice Principal." She thought she ran the school.

In the summer of 1999, Sissy participated in the World Special Olympics in Raleigh, NC. Her event was swimming where she took home 3 bronze medals and met Arnold Schwarzenegger. If you were a kid and swam at Six Mile Lake, you probably have a memory of Sissy holding you under water, thinking you were going to drown until she let you go, and she would surface laughing

at you.

Sissy loved ancestry, painting, drawing, animals, going to country music concerts with her sisters, playing with her dolls, and watching her favorite TV shows and movies, all the while with a Slinky in her hand. Most of all, Sissy loved people and parties, especially the parties at Six Mile Lake with family and friends.

After her parents passed, Sissy made her home in Randville, MI, living with her nephew and his wife, Paul and Lisa Loar. Even though she loved living in Randville, her heart belonged at Six Mile Lake.

Along with her parents, Sissy is preceded in death by a brother, Joseph LaJeunesse; 2 sisters, Mildred Ann LaJeunesse and Mary Louise Rossato; a brother-in-law, Mario Rossato; 4 brothers, Larry, Wayne, Paul and Martin Loar; niece, Kelly Loar; and nephew, John Rossato.

Sissy is survived by her brother, Jim LaJeunesse; her guardians, Paul and Lisa Loar; sisters-in-law, Sara LaJeunesse and Patricia Loar; aunt, Roberta "Bobbie" (Gordon) Powell; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and friends.

Sissy's family would like to thank Freeman's Nursing Home staff for their wonderful care and compassion.

Visitation will be at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home, 901 Carpenter Ave., from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 16, 2023. A funeral service will follow at 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Walter Reichle officiating. Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

Condolences to the family of Marie Arlene "Sissy" LaJeunesse may be

expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

Cedar Ave
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Avenue
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(906) 774-7676
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Funeral Service

JAN 16. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ As I looked through the obituary section in the newspaper today I immediately remembered Sissy's name and recognized her picture. I haven't lived in the Felch area for almost 46 years now but remember going to Six Mile lake as a child. I don't remember a lot from those days but I remember Sissy smiling, laughing, joking around, and making me laugh. She was a bright light in a dark world. Condolences to her family. I'm sure she will be greatly missed. God Bless. -Jason Budek

Jason Budek - January 15, 2023 at 10:49 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marie A. "Sissy" LaJeunesse.



January 14, 2023 at 11:18 AM

MK

“ I still use the blanket she made me. We used to swim and boat through the water lilies. We made art together. I'd ride in the basket of her bike and we would peddle around the lake. With much love, Megan Kafka.

Megan Kafka - January 12, 2023 at 06:22 PM

RD

“ *ROBYN DENNOCENZO lit a candle in memory of Marie A. "Sissy" LaJeunesse*



ROBYN DENNOCENZO - January 12, 2023 at 12:53 PM

JE

“ *Where do I even begin? i grew up swimming with Sissy at 6-Mile Lake. I remember her walking down the road pulling her wagon. I remember being held under the water after Sissy caught me in water tag (such a strong swimmer!). And then the memories of Sissy laying the law down at ND as Assistant Vice Principal. She was so diligent in her work. My heart broke when I heard about Sissy's passing. God places a few special people in our lives to help us, teach us, love us unconditionally, and whole-heartedly a cheerleader in our world, Sissy is one of the few. The world is a better place because of Miss Sissy. What a blessing to so many people. You will be remembered forever. Thank you Miss Sissy for everything!*

jeanne - January 11, 2023 at 09:58 PM

KM

*We loved your visits at Six Mile Lake, Sissy!! You always knew when we were there! We loved your stories and your art work was sooo special!! You are forever in our hearts!
George and Kim ❤️🌸*

Kim McGillivray - January 12, 2023 at 11:02 AM

AF

“ My name is Andrea Frailing. My sister, Jenni Olson, and I are Sissy’s nieces. Our mom is Sissy’s sister-in-law, Sara LaJeunesse. We would like to share our deepest sympathies on the passing of Sissy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

We have made a donation to the Special Olympics in remembrance of Sissy.

Jenni and my favorite, and most vivid, memory of Sissy is from when we were much younger – maybe in our early teens. We were visiting at the lake and Sissy decided we needed to do a project. She took us outside and we began working on a fence that needed to be torn down. Every now and again, she would give us a little break to rest our weary selves. We knew it was break time when Sissy would say very loudly, “Take 5!” We knew break time was over when Sissy would say “Again!” We are confident that she’s giving some orders up in Heaven! May she rest in peace. 🙏❤️🙏

Andrea Frailing - January 11, 2023 at 12:55 PM

PL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Paul Loar - January 11, 2023 at 11:44 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Paul Loar - January 11, 2023 at 09:36 AM

MF

What a beautiful picture! ❤️

Mary Childhood friend - January 11, 2023 at 09:50 AM

JP

I remember all of the fun we had as kids at the lake. Sissy would run around in her life jacket all day so she was ready to hop in at any moment. She made us laugh and brought so much joy to my Auntie Marie.

Jeanne St Pierre - January 11, 2023 at 11:31 AM

SM

“ *Sissy was such a bright light at ND and was certainly the heart of our school. We all sure loved having her there with us.. encouraging us, cheering us on, and telling us how it was. She didn't sugarcoat anything but could say it with such humor that you couldn't take offense. She was a joy to be around and I'm thankful to have had her at ND for my entire k-12 time there. She will be missed by all who knew her, and she left lasting impressions on all of us. She was one of the best.*

Samantha M - January 11, 2023 at 12:38 AM

BR

“ *Sissy will be missed so much, she was such a joy to be around and always kept us laughing. She will be with her parents now and so happy. She enjoyed her visits to Kansas and we will miss her smiles and her stories about her family. Love 💕 Meme and Poppy.*

Beth Rimel - January 10, 2023 at 10:30 PM

LA

Sissy will be missed by many. She was a welcomed fixture at ND and well loved. RIP Sissy.

Laura - January 11, 2023 at 07:15 AM

DO

I have great memories of Sissy almost my whole life. From when we went to the same church as young girls to her being my greatest "bus monitor" for almost my whole career as a bus driver. And believe me my students would listen to her, or she would threaten to "kiss your whips" Was all in good fun, because she could give it as well as take it. Will miss her hugs and smile! RIP Sissy!

Donna - January 11, 2023 at 09:03 AM

MF

“ Sissy! Just hearing her name makes me smile! I have many fond memories of her in
My youth when spending time at Helen MATTSON cottage with Laura and Reggie, Hopie and the rest of the crew as we were all around Sissy’s age. And yes! I can picture the 6 mile lake story! Lol

When Sissy was about 6 years old or so and was now living at 6 miles for some reason my dad (Wes Oman) had to go pick her up with his pickup and then she caught the “little bus” for intermediate school at N.D. then onto Iron Mountain. Well Sissy sure liked my Dad and always called him OMAN!! He would get her to school safely and in true kind hearted sissy nature she always wanted to give him a kiss good bye, unfortunately she usually had a runny nose (eek)not to mention she was a student lol! Sissy agreed to the rules of no kisses but continued with her hugs. This extended down to my mom and all of the siblings and all is were called OMAN!!! ❤️ and continued right to the end.

I have many fond memories of her. When Joe was home bound and ill my mom would stop with communion for Joe, Marie and Sissy. Sweet Sissy took this very seriously and would receive her communion and fold her hands and pray with all her might. I can picture it to this day. In the 1980’s she was excited to come with or catechism class Caroling. I also remember how proud she was of the player piano in their living room.

In 2008 my dad became ill in late August and then diagnosed with cancer. By Halloween, he was very thin and frail and he surprised us all by agreeing to dress up and hand out candy for the kids. When Sissy came in she was soooo excited to see him dressed in costume! Sheer delight! After awhile she turned serious for a moment and asked “OMAN, you gunna be okay????” He gently answered “no, but it will be okay Sissy”... this time he welcomed the hug! That was sissy to many of us, fun loving, loved the simplicity of things yet so caring and kind.

Over the years she was a joy to be greeted with a big bear hug and a giggle and see handing out the program for the various concerts, or at a family wedding, graduation parties etc...and a few times I ran into her at the casino and she was lit up as bright as the machines so excited to be "playing slots".

We all meet that special someone that can brighten your day with a smile and one word when you see her and for me it will FOREVER echo in my mind "OMAN"!!! 💕

Please accept our sympathies for your loss, Sissy was a beautiful soul and loved by the entire community both young and old. We are certain she has taken on a new role in heaven and making a new sign. 🙄

Hugs!!!

Mary Oman and Duane Hongisto



Mary Childhood friend - January 10, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Marie A. "Sissy" LaJeunesse.*



January 10, 2023 at 09:53 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marie A. "Sissy" LaJeunesse.*



January 10, 2023 at 06:13 PM