



## Karyn L. Sims

September 13, 1942 - September 16, 2024

Karyn L. Sims of Cadillac passed away Monday, September 16, 2024 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. She was 82. Karyn was born on September 13, 1942 in Cadillac to Thelbert E. & Reva A. (Simmons) Grames.

She was a graduate of Cadillac High School and later moved away from the Cadillac area and in 1976 she moved back to Cadillac. Karyn was employed at Four Winns for 25 years and retired in 2006. Her hobbies included crocheting, going to yard sales, and her animals. She loved watching Judge Judy and Paranormal shows. Karyn could not stand WalMart! And she would tell you so. She was proud to be a 3 time cancer survivor and a stroke survivor.

Karyn is survived by her 4 children: Shawn Baird of McBain, Shelly Hilts of Cadillac, Duane (Lorraine) Sawmiller of McBain and Tonia Stepke of Traverse City; 11 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren; 2 siblings: Marcia Doerr of Traverse City and David (Julie) Grames of Mesick; many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents Karyn was preceded in death by an infant son, Darvin "Tinky" Sawmiller in 1962 and 3 brothers: Thelbert, Tom and Don Grames.

In accordance with her wishes cremation has taken place and a family gathering will be held at a later date to celebrate her life. Memorial

contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or to Wexford County Humane Society. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

KC

“ Grandma,  
it has taken me a while to process everything but It is not working. I don't know where to start, but here I go. Because of you I love to yard sale and thrift. Because of you I love antiques and collecting them. Because of you I love pickle bologna, cheese and crackers, sauerkraut and sausage, buttermilk pancakes and your famous fudge that my husband had the honor to know how to make. Because of you I love Holiday traditions and Saturday morning cartoons. I could go on and on.

*But grandma most of all because of you have a beautiful mother and wonderful family.*

*Thank you grandma for all the memories, love and laughter that I was able to be blessed with for 42 years.*

*Until I can hug you again, I will hug you every night in my dreams.*

*Love  
Karyn Sue.*

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**Karyn Cochrane** - October 06, 2024 at 10:56 AM

NJ

“ My dear friend, my neighbor for 10 years, we had some animated Yahtzee games. Some of which reduced us to tears from laughing. We hugged on Sunday, I look over at your house and I can't believe you're not there. I miss you, rest easy friend. 💔

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**Nancy Johnson** - September 17, 2024 at 11:49 PM

LH

*Such an amazing person to know. May you be at peace. Love Cayden and Lindsay*

**lindsay harris** - September 18, 2024 at 07:57 AM

AC

*So sorry this bright star has burned out. She was a real firecracker ! I admired that about her. 🥺*

**Amy Caldwell** - September 18, 2024 at 12:43 PM