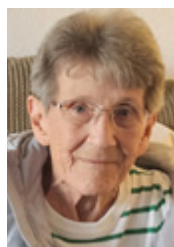


Sally A. Woodruff

MANISTIQUE - Sally Ann Woodruff, 80, of Manistique, Mich., passed away on Sunday, April 12, 2026, at UP Health System Marquette, Mich.



Sally Ann Woodruff

Born on May 25, 1945, in Manistique, Sally was the beloved daughter of Leo and Orinda "Orla" (O'Neil) Chartier. She was raised in Manistique and graduated from Manistique High School with the Class of 1963.

On Oct. 17, 1964, Sally married her high school sweetheart, Stanley Woodruff. Together, they began their life in Ithaca for a few years before returning to Manistique, where they built their home and raised their family.

Sally dedicated over 30 years of her life working as a sales associate at Snyder Drugs, where she was well known for her warm personality, kind heart, and love of conversation. She also spent time working as a waitress at Clyde's Restaurant and Jax Restaurant, always enjoying connecting with people.

Above all, Sally lived for her family. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She cherished family camping trips, a tradition her loved ones will continue in her honor. Sally had a passion for baking and was especially known for her famous rosy apple pie and chesecake. She also enjoyed bowling, traveling with her family, and found joy in simple things like her dogs and butterflies.

Sally will be remembered for her compassion, her open arms to everyone she met, and her willingness to help any-

one in need. She was loving, forgiving, talkative, and strong-willed, a woman whose presence brought comfort and warmth to those around her. She will be deeply and forever missed.

She is survived by her loving husband of 61 years, Stanley Woodruff; her children, Kimberly (Ken) Klarich of Iron Mountain, Mich., Heath Woodruff of Gaylord, Mich. and Misti Woodruff of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; her grandchildren, Derek (Aaliyah Fowler) Klarich, Marissa Klarich, Ashlee Klarich, Kayla (Jeff) Cook, Nathan (Sierra) Woodruff, Faith (Jaimie) Chagoya, Skylar (Aaron) Staggs, and Aiden Gubanche; and her great-grandchildren, Saylor Klarich, Jace Cook, Kallie Cook, Eric Woodruff, Annabeth Woodruff, Lochlan Woodruff, Oliver Chagoya, Keaton Staggs, and Zaniyah Staggs. She is also survived by her siblings, Rita Sweeny, Judy Foubare, and Jim Chartier, along with several nieces and nephews.

Sally was preceded in death by her parents; and her siblings, Mervin Paradise, Terry Chartier, and Dan Chartier.

In honoring Sally's wishes, no public services will be held.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent in care of Kimberly Klarich, 806 East I St., Iron Mountain, MI 49801.

The Fassbender Swanson Hansen Funeral and Cremation Services is serving the family, where condolences may be expressed online at fassbenderswansonhansen.com.

William C. Chartier

MANISTIQUE - William C. "Bill" Chartier, 69, of Gooseneck Lake, died unexpectedly on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at his home with loving family at his side. He was born in Manistique, Mich., to the late William M. and Marjory Pauline (Kokesh) Chartier on July 20, 1956.

While Bill was in high school, he worked at the airport so that he could pay for enough flight time to earn his pilot's license at 16 years old. After graduating from Manistique High School in 1974, Bill went to Traverse City, Mich., for training to work on the ore boats. He started with Inland Steel Company and then worked for many years at American Steamship Company retiring as a wheelman. Bill made many friends sailing the Great Lakes aboard the ships: Buffalo, St. Clair, American Mariner, Richard Reiss, and many more.

Bill married Kimberly Jackson on Dec. 3, 1983 and together they raised their two children. Bill enjoyed hunt-

ing, fishing, and camping. He looked forward to deer season and loved camping across the U.P. with Kim. Bill also loved cruising around Gooseneck on their pontoon and taking rides in the woods, that often brought him to his son's house, and if Billy wasn't there, he still went in to play with the dogs.

Bill is survived by his wife, Kimberly Ann Chartier; daughter, Theresa Marie Chartier; son, William Russell Chartier; siblings, Barb (Lamar) Pipkin, Gail (Paul) Sobieski, and Jackie Severin; brother and sisters-in-law, Russell Jackson, Ann (Buster) Grunwell, and Mary Jane (Gary) Kagarise; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Pauline Chartier; sister, Becky Chartier; brother-in-law, David Severin; and sister-in-law, Arbor Volz.

No public services are planned at this time. Bill's obituary and online guestbook may be viewed and signed at bowermanfuneralhome.net.

June M. Van Ness

MANISTIQUE - June M. Van Ness, 93, of Thompson, Mich., daughter of Albert J. Fragale, 98, and Emma (Fanta) Fragale, 91, born March 25, 1933, in Chicago, Ill., died Monday, April 6, 2026.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Albert J. Fragale Jr., 62, of Downers Grove, Ill.; and her husband,

Leonard R. Van Ness, 79.

She is survived by her son, Leonard P. Van Ness of Thompson; sister, Lorraine Housa of Berwyn, Ill.; and niece, Lynda Housa of Chicago, Ill.

A service was held at Fausett Family Funeral Homes on Friday, April 10, from 2-4 p.m. with Rev. Dr. Jay Martin officiating.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As a child growing up in Manistique, I, of course, had no idea what this area offered me. Upon returning home 10 years ago, it became obvious that retiring in my birth place was not only the best decision, but the only decision for me.

I have visited Manistique yearly for the last 60 years but it has just been within the last month that it has become crystal clear just how much things have changed.

My focus right now is on the health care system in Schoolcraft County. Many, many times out of the mouths of many, many people Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital has been referred to as a "Band-aid station". They put a Band-aid on whatever the health issue is and send you to the next place.

As a lifelong health care worker, I had become accustomed to the "cattle call" treatment from the big city hospitals. Get the patients

in, get the patients out. No personal commitment. Strictly business.

Not so at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital. From my first appointments in the clinic, everybody has always been friendly, professional, and competent. Attention to detail has kept my health on track.

As of recent, my confidence in Schoolcraft Memorial has been reinforced with my life. Having indications that I needed to seek emergency services; I went to Schoolcraft Memorial's Emergency room. I was triaged within minutes of my arrival and placed in an examination room.

The nurses worked quickly to get me prepared for whatever situation was unfolding. Within a short period of time, I was on the monitors and the

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Jeanne M. Ekstrom-Gundersen

MANISTIQUE - Jeanne M. Ekstrom-Gundersen, 101, passed away at Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility, peacefully, on Sunday, April 13, 2026.



Jeanne M. Ekstrom-Gundersen

Jeanne was born on April 1, 1925, in Iron Mountain, Mich., to Gunnard and Ina (Nessman) Swanson. Her father, Gunnard, passed away while she was very young, so she was raised by Richard Bjorkman.

Jeanne was united in marriage to Ralph Ekstrom on April 24, 1948, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 19, 1972. She then married Edwin Gundersen on Jan. 4, 1975, and he preceded her in death on June 13, 2002.

Jeanne graduated from Nahma-Valedictorian, class of 1943. She furthered her education at Mrs. Brown's School of Business in Milwaukee, Wis. Jeanne was employed at the office of the County Clerk and Register of Deeds. She was also a teacher's aide at Lincoln School with Manistique Area Schools. Jeanne was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Manistique, where she

served as the church secretary and was a member of the Woman's Club for 60 years. She enjoyed helping at Medicare with the monthly birthday parties. Jeanne's family and grandchildren were the joy of her life.

Jeanne is survived by her sons, Robert (Roberta Ebli Ekstrom) Ekstrom of Arvada, Colo., Richard (Johanna Worley) Ekstrom of Marquette, Mich. and Steve (Patti) Ekstrom of Manistique; her step-sons, Gordon (Mary Lou) Gundersen of Maryland, Kenneth (Susan) Gundersen of Michigan and James (Deb) Gundersen of Michigan; six grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Jeanne is preceded in death by her parents and her husbands.

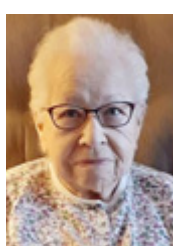
Memorials may be directed to Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility Activities and Zion Lutheran Church.

The family has chosen to celebrate Jeanne's life privately.

Fausett Family Funeral Homes of Manistique is assisting with arrangements.

Joanne M. DuFour

MANISTIQUE - Joanne Marie DuFour, 94, passed away at Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility peacefully, on Sunday, April 12, 2026.



Joanne Marie DuFour

Joanne was born on Dec. 16, 1931, in Manistique, Mich., to Joseph and Anna (Lebrasseur) Carmona.

Joanne graduated from Manistique High School. She worked at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital as a cook for 20 years. Joanne was an active member at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Manistique. She also was a member of the Women's TOPS organization. She enjoyed reading, cross stitch and crossword puzzles. Joanne was a very kind and gentle person to everyone. She loved spending time with her family, watching her grandchildren and her beloved poodle, Pepper, which kept her company.

Joanne is survived by her sons, Tony DuFour of Manistique and Samuel (Mary) DuFour of Peshtigo, Wis.; her daughter, Julie (Roy) Hinkson of Manistique: five grandchildren, Sara DuFour, Anna DuFour, Steve (Katie Lamuth) Hinkson, Holly (David) Flynn and Blake DuFour; six great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

Joanne is preceded in death by her parents; son, Richard DuFour; brother,

Thomas Wilson; and sister, Harriet Burnis.

Memorials may be directed to St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Humane Society, Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility or donor's choice.

The family has chosen to celebrate Joanne's life privately.

Fausett Family Funeral Homes of Manistique is assisting with arrangements.



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Academic success celebrated

Courtesy photo Sixth grade honor roll students in Mrs. Mason's and Mrs. Jackson's classes were recently acknowledged for their outstanding academic performance. They earned all A's or a mix of A's and B's for the third marking period and were awarded certificates of achievement. The Hive on Cedar supported their success by generously providing each student with dirty sodas and candy kabobs.



From the April 16, 1992 edition of the Pioneer Tribune

Can you believe how far we have come over the years? I was reading an old cookbook by Fannie Farmer that was copyrighted in 1896. It said that salads are only valuable for the water and potash salts they contain and assist in stimulating the appetite. The only nutritional value is the olive oil in the dressing. Well now salads can be any part of the meal, even the main course or dessert. Make it a day ahead and even though it is made in more than one stage, it is worth the effort.

CHERRY SALAD SUPREME

- 1 (3 oz) package raspberry gelatin
- 1 can Cherry Pie Filling
- 1 (3 oz) package lemon gelatin
- 1 (3 oz) package cream cheese
- 1/3 cup Mayonnaise
- 1 cup crushed pineapple, undrained
- 1 cup whipped cream (or Cool Whip)
- 1 cup miniature marshmallows
- 1/4 cup chopped nuts

Dissolve raspberry gelatin in 1 cup boiling water. Stir in Cherry Pie Filling. Turn into a 9x9 or 7x12 pan. Chill until partially set. Dissolve lemon gelatin in 1 cup boiling water. Beat together softened cream cheese and mayonnaise. Gradually beat in lemon gelatin. Stir in UNDRAINED pineapple. Fold whipped cream or Cool Whip into lemon mixture. Fold in miniature marshmallows. Spread on top of cherry layer. Sprinkle with chopped nuts. Chill until set, 4 hours or overnight. Makes 12 servings.

Sarah says..... Sprinkle or drip a little ammonia into your garbage bag before tying shut. It will keep the dogs and skunks from breaking open the bag.

Food for thought..... Praise to a child is as water to a thirsty plant.

NEWS BRIEF

Open Mic Night at

First United Methodist Church

MANISTIQUE - Calling all performers! The First United Methodist Church is hosting an Open Mic Night from 6:30-8 p.m. on Saturday, April 18, at the church, 190 N. Cedar St., Manistique. Refreshments will be served. For more information or to sign up in advance, please contact Carol Hollenbeck at (906) 341-6073, carolh930@gmail.com; or the church office at (906) 341-6662, office@manistiquemethodist.org.

From the Library

Director Mary Hook

The American Library Association has officially designated April 19-25 as National Library Week, and this year's theme, "Find Your Joy at the Library," invites everyone to rediscover all the meaningful, fun, and inspiring experiences libraries have to offer.



Mary Hook

reflect on the role the library plays in your life while also joining in a fun community display.

Throughout the week, we'll also be sharing interesting statistics and insights about our library, highlighting how it continues to serve and grow within our community. As you may remember from a recent article, we've been exploring library usage and the breadth of our collection—so this is a perfect time to see those numbers come to life and celebrate everything the library represents.

A couple of important reminders:

- On Friday, April 17, there will be no school, and the library will open later than usual. Our hours for that day will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. instead of the regular 8 a.m. opening.

• We're also thrilled to welcome back "Picking with a Champ" Anthony Williams, the renowned morel mushroom picking champion, on Monday, April 27, from 5:30-7 p.m. Whether you're brand new to mushroom hunting or already experienced, this engaging presentation offers something for everyone. It's always a popular event, and we look forward to another great turnout.

We're truly excited to celebrate National Library Week with you and hope you'll join us for the activities and events!

Library Title Feature - This Book Made Me Think of You, by Libby Page

A woman receives an unexpected gift from the man she loved and lost—a

year of books, one for every month—launching a reading-inspired journey to live, dream, and love again. "A beautifully crafted tribute to books, booksellers, and the transformative power of reading... Readers of all kinds will be captivated by this tender exploration of loss, healing, and the enduring connections that books create."—Library Journal (starred review)



Library Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday and Friday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. When school is closed due to inclement weather, the library will also be closed. Library Contact Information: Phone: (906) 252-4316, Email: mspl@manistiqueschools.org, Website: https://www.manistique-library.org.

Resurfacing project set for Highway US-2

ESCANABA - The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is investing about \$4.5 million to resurface more than 19 miles of Highway US-2 from the east end of Rapid River to east of Isabella in Delta County. The project will include asphalt cold milling, asphalt repairs, crack sealing, paver placed surface seal, shoulder aggregate and pavement markings.

Tentative start date is April 20, with completion projected mid-August 2026.

Motorists should expect single-lane closures with traffic regulators.

Dear Editor

doctor had examined me. After the necessary testing, it was decided that I needed to be admitted to the hospital and treatment began.

As the night unfolded, it was obvious that I was in trouble. Long story short, I was septic. If you research sepsis, you'll find out that it is an infection that can consume your entire body and end your life. As I said before, I was in trouble!

After many hours of constant and methodical processing, the expertise and deep-rooted knowledge of my medical team won. I would survive. I had received the best emergency medical services that I could have possibly hoped for.

It would be impossible for me to name every single person in every department that was involved in my treatment and recovery. I will say that Dr Vix, Dr Dums, Dr Schoenow and their entire team could not have been any more knowledgeable and professional. Every department that I came in contact with was helpful, friendly, and respectful.

School Memorial Hospital has the capability of being the best trauma center in this area. I have the knowledge and experience to back up that statement since I was employed at a top-level trauma center in a 550-bed hospital before I retired. There are many ways in which Schoolcraft Memorial

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actually surpasses the "big city" health care systems.

The staff of Schoolcraft Memorial have not forgotten the personal touches. They treat you as if you are their only patient. The staff focuses on you. Not on dollar signs. Not on quotas. They work as a team to provide us with the best health care services available.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to thank the staff of Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital. I recommend that this community embraces this asset.

Geraldine Going, Cooks

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You will be able to meet our staff from Kindergarten, GSRP, and Head Start. For those planning on enrolling in Kindergarten or Kindergarten Readiness, please call ahead to sign up for a screening. We will also have hearing & vision screening available, as well as dinner, games & crafts, and a bus ride!

Please provide the following at the time of registration:

- ✓ State-Issued Birth Certificate
- ✓ Immunization Record
- ✓ Proof of Residence
- ✓ Kindergarten Physical (They will need this by September 2026)

*In accordance with State Law, parents may need to complete a waiver if they choose to enroll a child who reaches five years of age between September 1st and December 1st.

Cedar Street Cinema
MOVIE GUIDE

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