



## Obituary

**Born:** Monday, March 28, 1932

**Died:** Saturday, July 9, 2016

Harriett Esther MacMaster, 84, a lifelong resident, died peacefully Saturday evening, July 9, 2016 at the Robert and Helen Ball Hospice House in Sault Ste. Marie, MI in the presence of her loving family. She was born March 28, 1932 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan to Charles and Mary (Godin/Gordon) Bedore.

Harriett graduated from Loretto Catholic High School in 1950. She worked as a telephone operator for the Bell Telephone Company for several years, before marrying Gordon MacMaster, on February 19, 1955 at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Gordon and Harriett attended Catholic school together from first grade through graduation. It was their later years of high school that they started dating.

Harriett was a loving mother, who lived her life for God, her husband and family. She was involved with the PTA, and helped start the Bucket Brigade (a program that assisted children with learning disabilities) in the school systems. She was an avid music lover, played the piano, organ, and sang with the Mary Wood Chorus and Sweet Adelines. When she had time, Harriett enjoyed playing golf and sewing.

She was an active member of St. Joseph Catholic Parish, in particular, singing in the choir, and was a member of the Ladies Guild. She was involved with the Adoration Chapel at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral and also the re-opening of St. Mary's Catholic School. Harriett was a positive influence and was always there for anyone who needed her assistance. Harriett is survived by her husband, Gordon of 61 years; their seven children, Mary June, Pamela (Dale) Hanchera, Gordon Rob (Dawn) MacMaster, Kathy (Keith) Springstead, Stephanie (William) Anderson, Elizabeth (Richard) Stanchina, Christopher (Jill) MacMaster and exchange student, Francisco Correa, who is family to us all; fourteen grandchildren: Erin June; Jason (Kamalani), Nicholas (Sarah), Timothy, Coby, and Jacob (Marianne) MacMaster; Karrie (Kyle) Christian; Kelsey (Darren) Green; William (Lindsay) Anderson; Kylie Anderson; Connor and Brendan Elliott, Dominic and Matthew Stanchina; and five great-grandchildren. She is also survived by two sisters: Theresa Bedore Tietz (Joseph) of Tampa, FL and Elizabeth Bedore Utecht (Arthur) of Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

Harriett is preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Mabel Bedore Kusiak (Cass) and Margaret Bedore Kravis (John); and brothers, Charles, Edward, Victor, Peter, Theodore, and Raymond.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11:00 AM Wednesday July 13, 2016 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Father Michael Chenier and Father Benedetto Paris as Celebrants with Deacon William Piche assisting. A luncheon for friends and family will follow at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2755 Ashmun Street (M-129), Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

## Service Summary

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### Mass of Christian Burial

11:00 AM Wed Jul 13, 2016

### St. Joseph's Catholic Church

1101 Minneapolis Street  
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783

A very special thank you to Dr. Chander, Fr. Michael Chenier, Fr. Sebastian Kavumkal, Fr. Benedetto Paris, Deacon William Piche and also to the staff at Tendercare, War Memorial Hospital and the Eastern Upper Peninsula (EUP) Hospice House who helped during her final months. Memorial contributions may be made to EUP Hospice House, St. Mary's Catholic School or St. Joseph Catholic Church. The Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home is assisting the MacMaster family where memories may be shared at [www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com](http://www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com).