

Frieda M. Knapp, age 88, loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, went to join our Heavenly Father on July 7, 2012, after a brief illness. Born October 29, 1923, in Lansing, MI, Frieda was a charter member of St. Therese Parish and was a member of Sacred Heart Circle, Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxillary #788, and the Lansing Catholic Council on Aging. She was an early activist in the implementation of special needs rights and a supporter of Special Olympics. Frieda was a member of the 39ers and met monthly with her classmates from St. Mary's Class of 1941. She worked for many years at Tops in Toys for her longtime friend Elaine Colthorp.



Frieda's proudest accomplishment is her family and was happy that her 8 children all still get together regularly for family events. She enjoyed family gatherings where they all enjoyed shared laughs and meals, especially freshly caught fish (thanks Bruce). Frieda enjoyed many years at her cottage that was built by her husband in 1967 in Pentwater, MI, creating many lasting memories on the shores of Lake Michigan and at the Bass Lake dam. She loved getting hugs from all of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and always wanted to make sure they had a snack when they visited.

Frieda was preceded in death by her parents, Carmela and Salvatore DiPino; her husband Charles S. Knapp, Sr.; two sisters; a brother; and great-grandaughter Olivia Strimback. She is survived by her children Charles Jr. (Carolyn), Richard (Kay), Robert (Bernoline), Carmella (Bruce) Savage, Phillip (Cynthia), Therese (Rick) Strimback, Paul (Terry), and her favorite son Ronald; 23 grandchildren and 41 great-grandchildren; special nephew Tony Fortino; special friends Vickie Miller and Phyllis Ireland; and Marcille Knapp.

The Funeral Mass will be celebrated Wednesday, 11:00 am at St. Casimir Church with Rev. Fr. Bill Luggar as Celebrant. Interment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Palmer, Bush and Jensen Funeral Homes, Delta Chapel, 6020 W. Saginaw Hwy, where a rosary will be prayed Tuesday evening at 7:00pm.

The family extends their thanks to Cathy and Izora and the Therapy Department at Tendercare West. Donations can be made to St. Lawrence Hospice or Special Olympics.