



## Fr. Roger Knapp

December 6, 1951 - December 4, 2022

Knapp, Roger A., December 4, 2022, age 70. Beloved brother of James Knapp, Patricia (Alroy) Fabris, Gary (Louise) Knapp, Linda (Thomas) Storch, Dennis Knapp, Denise (Walter) Meadows and Karen (Gregory) Braunlich. Dear uncle to 14 nieces and nephews and their spouses. Cherished great uncle to 11.

Fr. Roger graduated from the University of Detroit with a business degree. He did several jobs but always felt he had a calling to serve God. His parishioners were a joy to him. He conducted healing services to help them. He enjoyed singing at mass and loved to make people smile.

Father Knapp was an ordained priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit on June 22, 1985. Father Roger Knapp served as Pastor of St. Victor Parish, Rockwood, and as Administrator of St. Michael Parish, Pontiac and St. Augustine Parish, Richmond. He also served as Parochial Vicar at St. Joan of Arc Parish, St. Clair Shores; St. Clement Parish, Warren; St. Theodore of Canterbury Parish, Westland; St. Rene Goupil Parish, Sterling Heights; and St. Patrick Parish, White Lake. Father Knapp also served the spiritual needs of the religious women at Mt. Thabor Monastery in Oxford Michigan. He will be missed!

Visitation Friday, December 9th 3-8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (between Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. A Rosary will be said at 6:30 PM. In state Saturday, December 10th 10 AM until the Saturday 11 AM Funeral Mass at Cathedral of the Most Blessed

Sacrament, 9844 Woodward Avenue, Detroit Michigan 48202. Interment Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit. Memorial Contributions can be made to The Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliot Street, Detroit, Michigan 48207-3485. To share a memory, please use the share a memory tab on this webpage.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

17100 Van Dyke  
Detroit, MI 48234

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 9. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(734) 459-2250  
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

## Rosary

DEC 9. 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(734) 459-2250  
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

## **In state**

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**DEC 10.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
9844 Woodward Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48202

## **Funeral Mass**

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**DEC 10.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
9844 Woodward Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48202

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fr. Roger Knapp*

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December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Fr Roger officiated at our wedding Mass almost 30 years ago. He helped me understand my husband better in explaining to me the difference in my husband's and my personalities. It helped clarify things for me and 30 wonderful of marriage later I still reference back to what he told me.*

*Fr Roger helped us grow in our faith. He had a gift in ministering truth and Christ's love through the sacrament of Confession. He presented himself honestly in talking to people which helped us to be honest with ourselves.*

*May Jesus lead Fr Roger into Paradise. May martyrs greet him on his way.*

*I thank God for the gift of Fr Roger in our lives.*



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**Regina Baur** - December 10, 2022 at 09:43 PM

DE

“ *May the comfort of Blessed Mother Mary and the Holy Spirit be with you.*

*My memories are of attending the Masses in the States as a young adult. Fr. Roger, was a Priest who loved his vocation of Priesthood. He had a great sense of humour and was hospitable. He never sent families home who drove some distance for Mass. He always welcomed all people back to eat and social, first before they left for home, just as Christ did.*

*During Mass, in his homilies and interactions in serving as Shepherd, he conveyed personal relationship with Jesus was possible, real, and joy filled. Jesus loves us. We only need to be open and respond to Jesus' loving invitation. He calls us by name.*

*Eternal rest grant unto Fr Roger Knapp, O Lord, and may your perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

*In Thanksgiving for God's gift of light and life through Fr. Roger and for his answering the call to the Priesthood.*

*Deborah .D.*

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**Deborah** - December 10, 2022 at 10:51 AM

MF

“ *Mark & Susan Delmar and family. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Fr. Roger Knapp.*



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**Mark & Susan Delmar and family.** - December 09, 2022 at 11:06 PM

BC

“ On behalf of the Capuchin brothers I offer my deepest sympathies on the passing of Fr. Roger. It is truly humbling to receive memorial donations in honor of his life. Please be assured of the brother's prayers for the entire Knapp family during this great time of grief. May perpetual light shine upon Fr. Roger.

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**Br Nick Blattner Ofm Capuchin** - December 09, 2022 at 01:58 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Fr. Roger Knapp.



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December 08, 2022 at 05:21 PM

SG

“ Sending sincere condolences and hoping the family finds comfort in the happy memories shared with Father Roger. May he rest in peace. 🙏 Sheila & Judith Hackett

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**Sheila Gaskell** - December 08, 2022 at 12:05 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Fr. Roger Knapp.



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December 07, 2022 at 05:28 PM

FP

“ *Rest In Peace! May the Lord welcome you home.*



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**Fr. walt Ptak** - December 07, 2022 at 05:24 PM

KH

*So sorry to see this. Roger and I were kids together at Our Lady Queen of Heaven. Ken Hafeli*

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**Kenneth G Hafeli** - December 09, 2022 at 12:34 PM

TE

*Our deepest condolences to Fr. Roger's family. So brief a stay down hall from us here in Fox Manor Waterford. Know that he has earned his heavenly reward. Dolly & Don TeBeau, Blessings to you all.*

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**TeBeau's** - December 09, 2022 at 07:02 PM

RB

*So sad to learn of this . Many happy childhood memories from summers at the cottage on Lake Erie. Will be thinking and praying for all of the family. Love to all, Ruth Hohl Borger*

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**Ruth Hohl Borger** - December 14, 2022 at 04:27 PM