



Marie H. Knox

August 29, 1929 - January 30, 2024

Knox, Marie H. January 30, 2024 age 94 of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Jack. Loving mother of the late Marie Ann, Derri (Michael) Thomas, Lauren (Tom) Azoni, Dean (Beverly) Knox, Elise (Gary) Walley, and Thomas Knox. Proud grandma of Ryan (Chris), Eric (Jesse), John, Andrew, Emma (Dave), Adam, Kristen (Domenic), and Rachelle (Nathan). Also survived by 10 great grandchildren and her dear sister Teresa Lucius.

Our mom, Marie Knox, was born Marie Ahlers on a small farm in Beal City, Michigan at the onset of the Great Depression (not her fault!) and was the 8th of 12 children her parents raised. Like many of their time and circumstance, they were poor but honest and hard working. She grew up on that farm with her siblings and friends, and all the adventures that kids with relatively little supervision might have. However, having little aptitude for farming, upon high school graduation, she struck out on her own. After a brief stint as a nanny (a very interesting story, if someone would like to expand upon that on the Tribute Wall), she headed for Lansing to join her sister Flo in the workforce. She was an Operator for Michigan Bell. If you are from our generation, perhaps you recall it as “Ma Bell” also.

She spent the next few years happily working and hanging out with her friends (yes, people did this in the 40’s and 50’s as well – think “Laverne and Shirley”, but with everything changed). She then met and married our dad, Jack Knox.

That courtship is an interesting story that also perhaps could be shared on the Tribute Wall. Together they raised the five of us. We are biased, but we think they did a pretty decent job.

Our mother did some very cool things. She was the “Potato Queen” at the local Harvest Festival! She was a winner on “Rita Bell’s Prize Movie”, winning cash and an array of toys. She also did a lot of “regular” stuff, but it doesn’t seem so regular when you consider the quantity. She was a Cub Scout Den Mother, an Assistant Softball Coach, volunteer at the Math Lab and Library of our elementary school, and other things. All this while maintaining a household of a husband, five kids, and a dog with all the roles that entailed, including, among others, disciplinarian, tutor, chauffeur and doctor. Or maybe doctorish.

She and our dad were avid bridge players, either hosting or visiting their friends for a night of conversation and spirited card play. This sounds funny to us as well, but they liked it, so no judgement. She spent several years creating ceramic items in a craft group. All of us still have at least one item she made for us during this time. After her children reached an age where constant supervision was not required, she returned to the workforce. She became a Sales Associate for Montgomery Ward in the Drapery Department. And she was good at it.

After our dad passed in 1988, she spent her time traveling and enjoying time with her siblings and friends, as well as bowling and yoga. She also embraced her role as a grandma to her eight grandchildren.

Throughout her life and in everything she did, she did so with grace, gentle kindness, and good humor. Her smile was always genuine and heartwarming. We are heartbroken at our loss, but take comfort in the thought of her reunited with our dad and free of the physical burdens that time and nature had placed

on her. She will be missed and forever loved.

Visitation Tuesday February 6th 10:30 AM until the 12:30 PM Funeral Service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West(between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mount Elliot St, Detroit, MI 48207

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Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

FEB 6. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DS

“ While we have not had the pleasure of meeting Marie H. Knox, we know that she was pretty special. She left a positive mark in this world by her many good deeds; and, raised incredible children, who in turn, passed those wonderful qualities to their children. May the love and the many cherished memories comfort you.



A donation to Capuchin Kitchen has been made in her honor.

*Truly, with deepest sympathy,
Dave & Eve St.Amant*

Dave & Eve St.Amant - February 05, 2024 at 10:11 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marie H. Knox.



February 04, 2024 at 03:56 PM

KS

“ Kathleen S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marie H. Knox.

Kathleen S. - February 04, 2024 at 03:56 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marie H. Knox.



February 04, 2024 at 11:08 AM



“ Bob, Pam, Stephanie and Nick Kasprzyk planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marie H. Knox.

Bob, Pam, Stephanie and Nick Kasprzyk - February 04, 2024 at 11:08 AM



“ Aunt Marie was my mom, Flo's, younger sister. They were #'s 7 & 8 in the Ahlers clan of 12. I always thought it was so special that Marie wore the same wedding dress my mom did. I have fond memories of our families getting together and playing with the Knox kids, including playing in Fort Knox when we were little! Rest in peace in the arms of the Lord, lovely Marie, and embrace your reunion with family members who have preceded you, including “the Outlaws”.

Diane Dygart - February 04, 2024 at 10:34 AM

KP

“ *Kathy P. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Marie H. Knox.*



Kathy P. - February 03, 2024 at 06:34 PM

DS

“ *Dear Family of Marie Knox,
Our Christian sympathy to you on your loss. We knew Marie as the mother of our brother-in-law, Dean. We did not get to know her well but will remember her beautiful smile and her kind, gentle nature. Reading her obituary was very informative of her 94 years of life on this earth. May God comfort you with peace knowing she was a "child" of God. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."
Revelation 14:13
Sincerely, Thomas and Diane Smuda*

Diane Smuda - February 02, 2024 at 02:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marie H. Knox.*



February 02, 2024 at 09:16 AM

BC

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

Br Nick Blattner OFM Capuchin - February 01, 2024 at 12:19 PM

JG

“ Jim and Karen Grainger purchased the Pretty Ple
ase for the family of Marie H. Knox.



Jim and Karen Grainger - February 01, 2024 at 10:33 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the
family of Marie H. Knox.



February 01, 2024 at 10:11 AM

SN

“ Aunt Marie was my mom’s (Flo) sister. They were about 18 ko apart. She and my mom looked and talked alike. Our family spent a lot of time with the Knox’s in Livonia. We always had a blast playing with our five cousins. I miss those times! I will remember Aunt Marie as a happy, smiling, sweet lady who had a keen sense of humor and I loved being around her. Rest in peace (if you can-being with all of your rowdy siblings once again!)

Sandi (Flo’s daughter always!)

sandi Nelson - January 31, 2024 at 03:26 PM

SN

18 months apart not ko!

sandi Nelson - January 31, 2024 at 03:27 PM

KP

Marie lived a vibrant life and will be remembered for her warm smile and genuineness. May God welcome her home and comfort her family in their grief.

John & Kathy Parker (family of George & Rose)

kathy parker - February 03, 2024 at 07:20 PM

LK

Aunt Marie was my loving godmother and made sure I always rec’d a birthday card which brought such joy to me. On my 40th birthday Mom (Aggie) thought it would be great to have her surprise me on our trip to Vegas which she did. We had a great time. Love to her above and beyond.

Linda Kish

Linda Kish - February 04, 2024 at 05:54 PM

BF

“ *Bob & Terri Hornbacker and family purchased the
Fairest of All for the family of Marie H. Knox.*



Bob & Terri Hornbacker and family - January 31, 2024 at 03:14
PM