



Mary Alice Knoch

June 10, 1934 - October 16, 2016

Mary Alice Knoch, formerly of Westland, wife of the late Arthur Louis Knoch, Sr., went to her eternal rest on October 16th, 2016. Mary was born in Detroit on June 10th, 1934, to Robert Leo and Mary Geraldine (Parkanski) Hart. In addition to her parents and husband, Mary was preceded in death by her sister, Betty Achin, and brothers Bernie, Danny, and Gordon Hart. Survivors include her sister Claudia (Jerry) Johnson; daughter Kathleen Mary (Jim) Nelson, of Ann Arbor, and their two children Andrew and Malia; son David Arthur and his wife Cheryl, of Kentucky, and their three children Daniel, Shannon, and Brendan; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

In the early 1950s, Mary agreed to a blind date with a young man home on leave from the Air Force. That young man, Arthur, swept her off her feet and in 1953 the two were united in a marriage that would last nearly 60 years. After raising two children, Mary returned to the work force as a medical administrative assistant and devoted her energies to community involvement, including as a volunteer at the Westland Friendship Center, serving as a member of Westland's Commission on Aging, and contributed to our democratic process as an election poll worker.

In her retirement years, Mary enjoyed traveling the globe with her husband, visiting her grandchildren, admiring Michigan's lighthouses, and cheering on the Detroit Tigers.

The visitation will be Thursday, October 20th from 5 PM – 8 PM and on Friday, October 21st from 2 PM – 8 PM at the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (btwn Sheldon & Beck). The Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated on Saturday, October 22nd at 10 AM at Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic Church, 32500 Palmer Road, Westland, MI 48186. Mary will lie in state at the church on Saturday beginning at 9 AM until the Mass Rite of Committal will follow at Michigan Memorial Park, Huron Township, MI.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 230 East Ohio St, Suite 500, Chicago, IL 60611-3201 and /or the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh Rd, Westland, MI 48185; envelopes will be available at the funeral home and the church. To share a memory of Mary, please click on the 'Share a Memory' tab on this page

Cemetery Details

Michigan Memorial Park

32163 W. Huron Drive
Flat Rock, MI 48134

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **20**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

OCT **21**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

In state

OCT **22**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

SS Simon & Jude Catholic Church
32500 Palmer Road
Westland, MI 48185

Funeral Mass

OCT **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

SS Simon & Jude Catholic Church
32500 Palmer Road
Westland, MI 48185

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Alice Knoch*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *I am a Minister of Jehovah's Witnesses my wife and I would like to give you and your family our deepest sympathy for the lost of your loved one. We would like to leave you with these words of encouragement from Gods word the Bible. At Job 14:14 it ask the question, "If a man dies, shall he live again?," The bible makes the promise: Your dead love ones will live...They will rise up. The bible also says, The righteous themselves will possess the earth and they will reside forever upon it. Isaiah 26:19;Psalms 37:29. May you find comfort in these scriptures and in the loving memories of your loved one. If you have any questions or concerns about the lost of your loved one feel free to email us at ctksdk@yahoo.com*

Sincerely, Carlos & Sandy

Carlos and Sandy - October 31, 2016 at 10:14 AM



These scriptures are so encouraging. Thanks for sharing.

Sheril Salazar - June 01, 2020 at 02:06 AM

DS

“ Our sincere condolences to Mary's children and family on her passing. Mary worked in our medical office and she was kind ,considerate and conscientious. She was a special lady and Mrs Singer and I are deeply saddened by her passing.
Sincerely, Dr. Singer

Dr.Manuel Singer - October 20, 2016 at 03:45 PM

JP

“ Kathi , Dave and family. We are very sorry to hear or Mary's passing. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.
Love,
John , Tracie, Zack, Alexis and Nancy Pienton

John pienton - October 20, 2016 at 08:48 AM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Alice Knoch.



October 19, 2016 at 08:57 PM

LJ

“ Love you, Claudia & Jerry purchased the Pink Po
tpourri Bouquet for the family of Mary Alice
Knoch.



Love you, Claudia & Jerry - October 19, 2016 at 08:11 PM

HC

“ Heidi, Jimmy, Parker & Caden purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Mary Alice Knoch.



Heidi, Jimmy, Parker & Caden - October 19, 2016 at 07:48 PM

BM

“ I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. Perhaps knowing that there are others that share memories of Mary and your loss, might make the burden of grief your family carries, a little lighter. Please know Mary was well loved at the Friendship Center, and those years are happy and cherished memories. It is with a heavy heart we say a final goodbye to a friend we can only hope has taken freely to the wind and traveled to a place we might all someday call home. Please know our thoughts and prayers will remain with you - farewell friend.

Barbara Marcum and the staff at the Friendship Center.

Barbara Marcum - October 19, 2016 at 04:13 PM

SS

Well said!

Sheril Salazar - June 01, 2020 at 02:08 AM

LE

“ Linda Elliott purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mary Alice Knoch.



Linda Elliott - October 18, 2016 at 04:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Alice Knoch.*



October 18, 2016 at 03:38 PM



“ *Gail and I send our deepest sympathy to Kathi and David and all the other family members. Mary was a dear friend to us from the time we lived on Grandview. She was always there to support me in my campaigns and just to be a good friend. We will miss her as all those who knew her will. May God Bless her soul and give you all strength to get through this difficult time.*

Glenn S Anderson - October 17, 2016 at 10:16 PM



Thank you Glenn and Gail. You two have been very special to her and my dad as well. They always spoke very highly of you. Kathi

Kathi Nelson - October 18, 2016 at 09:39 AM



Thank you Glenn and Gail. Mom and Dad enjoyed your friendship very much and thought very highly of you. Dave

Dave Knoch - October 18, 2016 at 10:54 AM



David, I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. It is so hard losing someone we love. Please know that I will be praying for you and your family. Focus on the positive times and it does get somewhat easier. Jerry Jones

jerry jones - October 19, 2016 at 08:35 AM