



George K. Knapp

February 20, 1927 - December 27, 2016

George K. Knapp, 89, of St. Joseph, died early Tuesday morning, Dec. 27, 2016 at Royalton Manor in Royalton Township.

Services celebrating his life will be at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Harbor. Burial will follow at North Shore Memory Gardens in Hagar Township. Visitation with his family will be on Tuesday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Fairplain Chapel. Memorial donations may be made to the Harbor House or the Alzheimer's Association. Please share memories, messages or photos at www.florin.net.

George was born in Benton Harbor on Feb. 20, 1927 to Roland and Alice (Schultz) Knapp. He graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1945. He proudly served his country in the US Army during WWII. George married Catherine Kelly on May 19, 1951, and they have celebrated 65 years of marriage. He retired from Whirlpool Corp. in 1987 after 39 years of employment as a machine operator. George was a wonderful family man and a great father and husband.

George's family includes his wife, Catherine; his children, Cynthia (Rex) Byron of Portage, MI., Britt Knapp of Avondale, AZ., Christine (Mike) Carmichael of St. Joseph, Kurt Knapp of Richland, WA, and Sharon (Gary) VandeMerkt of Arlington Heights, IL.; his brother, Lloyd Knapp of Casa Grande, AZ; his sister,

Mary Knapp of Benton Harbor; his 8 grandchildren; his 7 great-grandchildren; his sister-in-laws, Elizabeth Knapp of Stevensville and Joanne Knapp of Stevensville, and his several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Lynn and John

Cemetery Details

North Shore Memory Gardens

5027 M 63 N
Coloma, MI 49038

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service
1053 East Napier Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
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Service Celebrating His Life

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Tribute Wall

SK

“ I remember Christmas celebrations and family reunions that took place on Windsor Drive; at Christmas we ate at tables temporarily set up in the basement, and at the reunions we ate homemade ice cream in the driveway. Our host, Uncle George, was the eldest of the Knapp brothers and in some ways unique. Anyone who knows the family has to acknowledge that Knapps share certain similarities, and George—being the firstborn—set the standard. But I can hear his deep voice calling “Gum” or “Hank” or using other nicknames for the kids and I remember thinking how different he seemed from his brothers. For example, he inherited more patience, or the family gatherings would never have been on Windsor Drive. Uncle George made life better for us because of the many things he did throughout his life. I miss him, and I will always try to be more like him. He was a gracious family host, one I especially cherish from my childhood. Now, I believe, God will be as gracious to him in His kingdom.

Steven Knapp - January 04, 2017 at 08:55 AM

PC

“ PT&C|LWG Forensic Consulting purchased the S imply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of George K. Knapp.



PT&C|LWG Forensic Consulting - January 03, 2017 at 07:13 AM

EK

“ Elizabeth Cannon Knapp My prayers and condolences are with you all. He was a good man and a great grandfather. So glad to have known him.

Elizabeth Knapp - January 02, 2017 at 08:14 PM

JE

“ These photos are approximately 30 years apart, me as a baby and my daughter Charlotte when she got to meet her Great Grandpa Knapp last summer. They shared lots of smiles and laughs that day as he and I did over the last 30+ years.



Jeremy - January 02, 2017 at 02:57 PM

EK

Both of you were 9 months old.

Elizabeth Knapp - January 02, 2017 at 08:16 PM

JP

Chris so sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. Had so many memories growing up on Windsor Dr. You and your family are in my prayers and thoughts.

Joyce Emery Pschigoda

Joyce Pschigoda - January 03, 2017 at 06:56 PM

DL

“ Chris, so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Dennis Leto

Dennis Leto - January 01, 2017 at 04:09 PM

DS

“ Christine,
On behalf of SJHS Class of 1973, I would like to offer our deepest condolences on the passing of your father. Please know that your classmate's thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Darcy Stuck - January 01, 2017 at 03:33 PM

CK

“ I have such fond memories of Mr. Knapp in our days on Pavone / McAlister Streets. He was always patient & helpful to us giggly girls... I send you all my sincere sympathy.
Candy Lausman Kollath

Candace Lausman Kollath - December 29, 2016 at 05:20 PM