



Dorothy Ann (nee Kelly) Knapp

February 15, 1931 - April 11, 2024

Dorothy Ann (nee Kelly) Knapp, beloved wife and mother, passed away peacefully in her home in Naples, FL, on April 11, 2024. She was born on February 15, 1931 in Cleveland, OH to Margaret (nee Walsh) and Thomas Kelly, she was the third of four daughters.

She attended St. Aloysius grade school where she met the young girls who would be her best friends for life. Dorothy graduated from Notre Dame Academy in 1949. Dorothy met the love of her life, Bernard "Bernie" Knapp of Kent, OH while working at Fisher Body in Cleveland. They married on July 5, 1952. She spent the following years raising her children, enjoying time with her sisters, cousins and friends.

Dorothy had a full life and a family who loved her dearly, as well as wonderful lifelong friends with whom she shared many adventures in the U.S. and abroad. She had a great sense of humor, enjoyed reading, crosswords, hosting parties and spending time with her children.

She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and fast friend, Dorothy will be sorely missed and forever in the hearts of those lucky enough to have known her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her son, Donald and

her sisters, Jean and Coletta, and her son-in-law, Bill Mesman.

Dorothy is survived by 7 of her children and their respective spouses: Bonnie (Sepp Ronay), Shawn (Bob Rakowich), Barry (Lori), Donna (Bill Modica), Kelly, Jamie (Pam) and Tom (Lesley); Grandmother to 9: Erin (Mark Metscher), Eric Hess, Barbara (Jon Phillips), Chloe (Jimmy Grogan), Hayley Modica, William Mesman, Ryan and James Knapp, and Lillian Knapp; She also has one great-granddaughter, Morgan Metscher.

A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday April 23, 2024 at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, 8560 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. The family will receive friends from 9 – 10 a.m. on Tuesday at the church.

Interment will be in All Souls Cemetery, Chardon, OH.

In lieu of flowers and in her memory, contributions may be made to Feeding America online at <https://give.feedingamerica.org/IECNmtnHfkOxQFaPM4zGPw2>

Arrangements entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Mentor, OH. Offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Cemetery Details

All Souls Cemetery

10366 Chardon Rd.
Chardon, OH 44024
(800) 582-6850

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 23. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Of The Assumption Church
8560 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3404
<https://stmarysmentor.org/>

Funeral Mass

APR 23. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I just heard of Dorothy’s passing. My deepest sympathy. I have so many wonderful, fun memories of her. She was such a special friend to my mom and dad. Oh the good times they had! Now they are continuing their laughter and special friendship in heaven. Rest in peace Mrs. Knapp.

Love,
Mary Ann Armelli-Blase

Mary Ann Blase - May 07, 2024 at 05:37 PM

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“ Deepest Condolences to the entire Knapp family.

James McCrea
Brecksville OH

James G McCrea - April 29, 2024 at 09:45 AM

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Bill Lonsway - April 24, 2024 at 04:54 PM