



## Elberta "Bert" Knack

May 16, 1927 - June 13, 2013

Elberta "Bert" Knack, 86, of Fox Lake, IL, passed away on June 13, 2013 at Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital in Lake Forest, IL.

She lived in the Fox Lake area for the past 60 years. Bert was proud to be a homemaker, raising five children. The greatest joys in her life were taking interest in whatever activities her children, 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren were involved in. She was a loving mother, a mentor, and the #1 fan to her entire family.

Elberta is survived by her children Cindy Lane, Linda (Patrick) Kathe, Patti Anderson, Judi (Greg) Caulfield, and daughter-in-law Patty Knack; grandchildren Jeff (Jenny) Mosansky, Nikki (Byron) Cogswell, Rhonda Raymond, Beau (Reisa) Shogren, Carrie (Jeff) Miller, Jamie Louachai, Sheila (Baran) Johansen, Libby Shogren, Cora Caulfield, James Anderson, and McKinley Caulfield; great-grandchildren Samantha Huffmaster, Paige Huffmaster, Kane Mosansky, Alexandria Cogswell, Hunter Cogswell, Madison Raymond, Xander Shogren, Tanner Shogren, Jaxon Miller, Jayden Johansen, and Austin Johansen; sisters Lenore Krefft and Donna (Charles) Oborny; and sister-in-law Cherie Pond.

She was preceded in death by her son Glen Knack and brothers Howard Krefft and Keith Krefft.

All services will be private. Please consider a donation in Elberta's name to the Grant Community High School Athletic Dept. 265 E Grand Ave, Fox Lake, IL 60020. Attending the family's sporting events was her favorite pastime! Arrangements under the care of Ringa Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Elberta "Bert" Knack*

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Elberta "Bert" Knack*

December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *Your mother was such a wonderful, loving woman. I loved going to her home. She always made me feel like I was part of your family....all the warmth, love,fun,chaos.....I was just another one of her kids. Such fond memories. Your mother always had a smile and encouraging words.*

*I'm sure that when you had your family gathering to celebrate her life, the angels iin Heaven could see the warm glow of love coming from all of you. You are her legacy---a warm, caring, loving family of whom she was very proud. I am a better person for having known her.*

*I am deeply sorry for your loss. "The Berta" will live forever in our hearts.*

*Jean FitzSimons*

**Jean FitzSimons** - July 06, 2013 at 02:46 PM



“ *Michael A. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elberta "Bert" Knack.*



**Michael A.** - June 23, 2013 at 02:25 PM

RT

“ Hello I'm Ronny Torres and I was a boyfriend of one of Bert's granddaughters over the time I developed a very strong and loving relationship with Bert. She was a caring, outgoing, and loving person. It wasn't a true party unless Bert was present and if you knew her as well as I did you would understand why. I loved and cared about her very much she treated me as if I were apart of her family and I can't thank her enough for that. The fact that she would go out of her way just to try to make sure you were comfortable and happy is so thoughtful and for that I have so much respect for her. As much as it might hurt me to realize that physically she is not living anymore I know her spirit sure is. My blessings and best wishes go out to her family and close friends I know it's hard losing someone as genuine as her but she no longer has to suffer and may her soul rest in paradise forever. I will always love you as if you were my own grandmother Bert thank you for all the memories you will never be forgotten.

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**Ronny Torres** - June 22, 2013 at 06:43 AM

KH

“ She was the matriarch of one of the sweetest families I know. She was honest, loving, and instilled confidence in her kids and grandkids. And she was a genuinely wonderful person to know. We always appreciated that she treated our family like we were part of hers. I'll miss you Bert!  
- Kelsey Harris

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**Kelsey Harris** - June 20, 2013 at 12:56 PM

DS

“ Patti, Linda, Cindy and Judy  
My heart goes out to each and everyone of your family, She was a great person with a heart of gold, She took wonderful care of Amanda ( who called her Grammie B) and I never found anyone who could fill her shoes with the loving care she gave , I will miss her emails keeping me informed of all the things each of you doing as well as all the grandkids and with the birth of each great grand child I got an email, I will miss her Christmas cards with the notes and every so often she enclosed a group photo, I am so glad to have known her, she will forever be in all our hearts.

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**Debbie MacLean & Amanda Sailors** - June 19, 2013 at 07:44 PM

ST

“ Patti and Mrs Knack's family,  
I never met your mother but I had the honor of reading everyone's post's on Facebook. what a very beautiful person she was, may she rest in peace. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sharon Evanson Trudeau



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Sharon Evanson Trudeau - June 18, 2013 at 06:36 PM

HB

“ Cindy, my friend; I so very much want to call you, but don't know when is a good time. Please call/email when ever you get a chance.

Love Helen

Our love and prayers go out to you and your family.

Love Helen, Mike, Ellen, and John

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Helen Brotherton - June 18, 2013 at 04:41 PM

KR

“ Patti, Linda, Cindy, and Judy, May God's love cover you with warmth and love as your sweet Mom Bertie is now with Him. All my love, Karen (Peters) Regnier

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Karen Regnier - June 18, 2013 at 11:39 AM

CP

“ To my "special" sister. I miss you all ready and am having a hard time knowing I can't talk to you again. I have always been grateful to be included in this family and love the girls so much. You went out the way you lived with class and I'm so proud of you.

I hope that if there is a heaven we meet again.

Lots and lots of Love, Cherie

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Cherie Pond - June 18, 2013 at 10:17 AM

SG

“ Patti, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your sweet Mom. I always remember her coming to the games and always smiling and supporting you when you were a cheerleader. You were very blessed, and my deepest condolences to you and your family. Sue Gendrich

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Susan Gendrich - June 17, 2013 at 09:47 PM

CA

“ Cindy - I met your mother at a very sad time in her life but she was gracious, lovely and so interesting to talk with. I am so sorry for your loss and Rich and I extend our condolences to you and all of your family.

Carol Ruff Aird

Carol Aird - June 17, 2013 at 07:22 PM

BH

“ Bert was by far the best sports fan this girls softball coach ever saw. My wife and I knew and loved her even before one of her grandsons became one of our son-in-laws.



Brad and Virginia Hammersmith - June 17, 2013 at 03:10 PM

MS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole family at this very sad time. She was one very special "Lady". We will remember her smiling face and the pride she took in her family. Mary Kay & Dave Sonn

Mary Sonn - June 17, 2013 at 01:15 PM

KB

“ Love and miss you Aunt Bert! The last time I saw you we smiled big smiles at each other, We hugged and kissed and said I love you. That is burned into my memory for every!

To all of the family...you know my heart goes out to all of you! I am so glad you were given the chance to tell stories, laugh and love each other until the very end of this precious life.

Love Kathleen

Kathleen Bordenave - June 17, 2013 at 11:34 AM

BH

“ By far the best sports fan this girls softball coach ever saw. My wife and I knew and loved her well before one of her grandsons became one of our son-in-laws.



Brad and Ginnie Hammersmith - June 17, 2013 at 10:42 AM

LK

“ *Linda Kathe lit a candle in memory of Elberta "Bert" Knack*



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**Linda Kathe** - June 17, 2013 at 09:47 AM

LK

*I miss your text each morning. I miss them every night.  
I'll miss our phone conversations and visits and your hugs so tight.  
Your love I'll feel forever, as I live on day by day.  
Certain times will be harder, Like your birth date in May.  
Christmas won't be the same, without you here,  
Anyone who knows you, knows that's your favorite time of year.  
We will live our lives to the fullest as this would be your dream  
We will all stick together and work together like a team.  
Thank you for the 60 years I was blessed with your love  
I pray now you are at peace with the Lord above.  
I'll see you in the future, and look forward to your hug again,  
But for now, my dear mother, love long distance I send.  
All My Love Always and Forever. Linda*

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**Linda Kathe** - June 17, 2013 at 10:21 AM