



## Lenna L. Knaus

December 31, 1930 - January 25, 2021

Lenna L. Knaus, 90, of Hampshire, passed away Monday evening, Jan. 25, 2021, with her family at her side.

She was born Dec. 31, 1930, in Elgin the daughter of Ernest and Wardrita (Doty) Gustafson.

Lenna was a direct descendant of Edward Doty, a passenger on the Mayflower. Lenna was born and raised in Hampshire and was a member of the 1948 Class of Hampshire High School. She was a bookkeeper at her father's Mobile fuel business until she met the love of her life, Fred G. Knaus of Chicago, and they were married Sept. 20, 1952, at the St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Hampshire.

Along with being a dedicated mother, Lenna was kind, gracious, and stylish, yet had grit. She had a great sense of humor and was a good listener who gave sound advice. Lenna enjoyed spending her summers in the Northwoods of Wisconsin with friends and family. She was a great supporter of all her grandchildren's sporting and musical events. She was blessed to know her 4 great-grandchildren and played a role in their daily lives. She will be truly missed by her family and everyone who was fortunate to have known her.

Surviving are her three children, Heidi (Stan) Walker of Hampshire, Erick

(Timothy Fenelon) Knaus of Rockford, and Carl (Maricel) Knaus of Fort Collins, CO; seven grandchildren, Amanda (Andrew) Jones, Quinn Walker, Kendall Walker, Jessy (Noah) Metzger, Jack, George, and Gabriel Knaus; four great-grandchildren, Adeline, Katherine, David, and Joanne Jones.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Fred on Oct. 22, 2003; siblings, Virginia Werthwein, Ernadine Tegtman, and Les Gustafson.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 12 Noon on Saturday, Jan. 30 at the St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church 297 E. Jefferson Ave., Hampshire. Burial will follow in the Hampshire Center Cemetery.

Visitation will be prior to Mass at the church from 10:30 to 11:45.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Lenna's name should be directed to the Hampshire-Burlington Food Pantry or the American Red Cross.

# Cemetery Details

## Hampshire Center Cemetery

17N002 Harmony Rd  
Hampshire, IL 60140

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 30. 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church  
297 E. Jefferson Ave.  
Hampshire, IL 60140

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 30. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

HB

“ Erick, we are so sorry that we did not know about your mother's passing. We are blessed that we were able to have met her so many years ago. Our love and prayers still go out to you and your entire family!!  
We miss and love you very much! Bobby & Heidi Brown



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**Heidi Brown** - May 11, 2022 at 06:30 AM

VO

“ What a fantastic lady!! We loved our visits with her. Lenna and Fred raised an amazing family and I am blessed to have met Heidi many many years ago and we became best friends. Cherish all the wonderful memories and know you will always have Lenna watching over you. RIP beautiful lady💜🙏

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**Vi and Rob Oberwise** - January 30, 2021 at 08:56 AM

GA

“ Our deepest condolences to her family. Rest in peace.

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**Gamze-Yavuz-Ada** - January 29, 2021 at 08:49 PM



“ With deepest sympathy and condolences to Carl, Maricel and whole Knaus family.sending healing prayers and confirming hugs. Nathan

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**Nathan Suen** - January 29, 2021 at 01:02 PM

KI

“ Blessings to all, What a wonderful Aunt, mother grandma greatgrandma, and Friend!

*I was blessed at an early age to know my Aunt, she had the most beautiful bedroom!*

*I was sharing a bedroom with two Sisters! Lenna and I always had fun together, she painted my nails, beautifully. Swimming at lake Geneva, with Dinner at the German restaurant! We did take Uncle Fred too! He had a clock repaired their.*

*I often regret not buying land in Galena, with Fred and Lenna, Dick and I enjoyed a trip together with them. Well, Northern woods was great for them!*

*We were like sisters as well, having our children about the same time. Helping with a birthday party was a good memory. We had many. Loved her dearly as did my family!*

*We will keep the family together. Christmas Eve gatherings were the best, Gustafson I'm sure are together with our families too! God has blessed us Greatly!*

*Kay and Dick Irving*

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**Kay and Dick Irving** - January 29, 2021 at 10:24 AM

RM

“ Sending Condolences and Prayers to Dear Friends Carl and Maricel Knaus and the rest of the family. 🙏❤️. Roy Mongelli, Fort Collins, Co

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**Roy Mongelli** - January 28, 2021 at 12:08 PM

SS

“ *My deepest sympathy to Lenna's family. I loved spending time with her and her scents of humor. She was a true lady.*  
*Sandy Sieroslowski*



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**Sandy Sieroslowski** - January 28, 2021 at 02:23 AM

SE

“ *The Ellett family wishes to send our condolences to Heidi, Stan, Amanda, Andrew, Quinn, Kendall and the entire Knaus family on the loss of your Mother and Grandma Lenna. May thoughts of all the happy memories you have from the Northwoods, Hampshire sporting events, and family gatherings bring you peace, comfort and smiles. Mothers teach us how to be kind, love, and to notice all the beauty in life. Lenna will always be with you all in your hearts forever.*

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**Sue and Doug Ellett** - January 27, 2021 at 08:10 PM

CC

*My deepest sympathy to Lenna's family. I always enjoyed spending time with Lenna when I worked in Hampshire. She was such a lovely lady. .*

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**Carol Cleveland** - January 28, 2021 at 10:10 AM

DJ

*Erick, Tim & entire Knause family: Doug & I are so sorry for the loss of Lenna. We have heard so many wonderful stories of this incredible woman and her love for all those in her family and network of friends. We were blessed to have met her. She raised a wonderful man (Erick). We love you and will be praying for you all.*

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**Doug & Lorrie Janicke** - January 28, 2021 at 04:31 PM

AN

*Deepest sympathy to the entire Knause family, Lenna was always a class act, as are the entire family. She will be dearly missed by us all. To know her, was to like her. Our prayers go out to the entire family.  
Respectfully Arne Nilsen Family*

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**aRNE nILSEN** - January 30, 2021 at 10:56 AM

CH

*Dear Heidi and Stan and Family, My sympathy and prayers for you to Our Dear Lord. May He bless you. Chris Hahn*

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**Christopher P Hahn** - February 19, 2021 at 05:37 AM