



## Ferdinand Victor Straka

June 7, 1915 - March 17, 2015

Ferdinand Victor Straka passed away on March 17, 2015 at Tendercare in Sault Ste. Marie Michigan. He was born on June 17, 1915 in Brainerd, Minnesota. He was preceded in death by his wife of 72 years Violet Mildred Straka and his son Dennis. Fritz, as he was known, is survived by his seven children, Shirley King of Sault Ste. Marie, Fred Straka of New York city, Linda Dillon of Escanaba, Jackie Wakefield of Fairfield Glade, Tennessee, Dan Straka of Iron Mountain, Michigan, Sylvia Whalen, of Ashland, Wisconsin, and Steven Straka of Hessel, Michigan. Fritz had ten grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren, with another one on the way. Fritz ran Tom's Department Store in Newberry during the 50's and early 60's and owned the Village Bakery and Tahquamenon Restaurant in Newberry during the 60's. Fritz retired from the Chippewa County Health Department in 1981. In his younger years he was a member of the Lions Club and Golf Club of Newberry Michigan. Fritz loved to go, bird hunt, and fish. He had a great sense of humor and loved to stretch the truth now and then. He entertained everyone around him. Some of his last words, when a nurse was going to administer pain medicine, "Is this the person who is putting me to sleep." He will be missed by both family and friends. Fritz and his wife Vi will have funeral services and be buried in Escanaba Michigan next to Vi's parents and son Dennis in June. The family thanks the staff of McKinley Manor of the Sault and Cedar Ridge of St. Ignace for the care they gave my dad the last few years. A special thanks goes to the Tendercare staff for the great care and comfort they gave Fritz and

his family during his last days. It would have been much harder without them. Fritz will be remembered by many. Online condolences may be left at [www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com](http://www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ferdinand Victor Straka*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Ferdinand Victor Straka*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Ferdinand Victor Straka*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Straka family, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. I have wonderul memories of summers on Round Lake. God Bless.*

**Jane Randolph Johnson** - March 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *My sympathy goes out to the Straka family. We were neighbors on Round Lake many, many years ago.*

**Mary Randolph** - March 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ I had the pleasure of working with Fritz at the Chippewa County Health Department. We all enjoyed many laughs and good times, and he was respected by many. As years passed after his retirement, I was able to visit with him again at McKinley Manor, as my mother was also a resident. On one of the last visits my husband and I had with Fritz, he gave us a memory we will never forget. We have laughed and shared this story so many times. We walked into McKinley Manor at 11:30 am, Sunday morning to see my mom. There was Fritz in the dining room, in a chair by the fireplace, drinking a can of Miller High Life and eating a banana! My husband, Tony, looked at me and said "now that is the way I want to go"! It was priceless and just like Fritz to leave us with such a great memory. Our sincere condolences to you. Your father spoke very highly of his family and was so proud of all of you. Fritz will always be an amazing man... Tony and Gail Pickell

---

**Gail Pickell** - March 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Dan and family, I saw the notice in the paper and saw your name, a name out of the past. I wish to express my sincere sympathy for your loss. Remember the good times and allow your faith to carry you through these difficult times. An old Newberry friend, Larry Matelski25

---

**Larry Matelski** - March 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM