



## Emma L. Brown

July 22, 2017

Emma L. Brown, 93 of St. Ignace passed away peacefully early Saturday morning, July 22 surrounded by a loving family. She was born February 26, 1924 in Norwich Township, Big Rapids to John and Rose Fitz (Harris) Kailing. She attended Ursuline Academy near Detroit and finished her schooling in Big Rapids. She met and married Claude Brown on June 28, 1948 in Big Rapids. They owned Browns Grocery on Elliott Street in St. Ignace for over 20 years, a corner store that met the needs of a neighborhood. She was very active at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church, and St. Annes Altar Society, serving as secretary many years. She was also active in the Food Pantry when it was in the basement of the church, the early days before Hope. She raised a large family, while running the store, and had 10 children. Her husband died in 1983. Emma was loved by all those who knew her and will be sorely missed. She loved playing cards and penny poker. She had been a resident on Evergreen Living Center several years.

She is survived by 5 boys and 3 girls; Kenneth and Barbara Brown, St. Ignace; John Brown ST. Ignace; Mike and Linda Brown, Lansing; Dennis and Cheryl Brown, ST. Ignace; Richard and Denise Brown, Marquette; Janet Brown and Tom Eisler, St. Ignace; Patricia and Felix Ingram, Weidman; Mary and Dick Huskey, ST. Ignace; 22 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by 2 sons, Stephen at age 2 and Bernard at birth, and 3 grandsons, Josh, Louie and John Paul. Also her siblings, Carl, Joe, Eddie,,

Margaret, Rose, Mary, and Florence, and her husband.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Thursday, July 27 at 2 pm at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church with Fr. Frank Ricca, Fr. Norbert Landreville, and Fr. Dan Depew officiating, assisted by Deacon Tom McClelland. Visitation will be from 12 noon until service time at the church. Burial will be in St. Ignatius Cemetery beside her husband.

Dodson Funeral Home, St. Ignace assisted the family with arrangements

Pallbearers will be her 11 grandsons..

# Tribute Wall



“ *Emma L. Brown*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Emma L. Brown*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Emma L. Brown*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *To the Brown family. I have never forgot your mother from the days of growing up in first ward and as a kid going into Brown's Grocery. I never forgot her over the years. She was such a nice person. RIP Ms. Brown.*

**Mark Tamlyn** - July 24, 2017 at 07:02 PM



“ *To the family of Beloved Emma Brown:  
Please know and believe that Emma gave witness to the generosity, tender compassion and genuine LOVE of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I knew her to always be welcoming and excited to visit no matter the day nor the time. She was a "gentle-soul" who made one feel cherished and treasured. She would smile and quietly chuckle at the smallest act of kindness someone would do for her. Our community has been blest because of her presence and now through her children and grandchildren it continues to be blest.*

**Gail Becker** - July 24, 2017 at 09:19 AM