



Stella Firack Olmstead

June 21, 1921 - January 10, 2018

Stella (Firack) Olmstead, age 96, of St. Ignace, Michigan, died January 10, 2018, in St. Ignace. She was born June 24, 1921, in De Tour, Michigan, to Albert and Jawiga (Krol) Firack.

Stella grew up in De Tour and Goetzville areas. She left home at a young age to become a nanny in Detroit and then Chicago. She worked for Carnegie Steel during World War II before moving back to De Tour where she married Ralph Olmstead on December 13, 1945. Together they operated McDonald's Tavern in De Tour. They moved to St. Ignace in 1958, where she worked as a motel maid in various establishments, cleaned Michigan Bell Telephone buildings for many years, and worked as a seamstress for Fox Sewing Products. Stella also worked as an office secretary at Superior Floorcovering for her son-in-law, Bruce.

Stella was an excellent cook with her desserts being particularly outstanding. She was a self-taught upholsterer. In her later years, she made quilts and donated many of them. She also enjoyed gardening. Stella was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

Stella is survived by her son, Gary (Diann) Olmstead of Edgewood, Kentucky; daughter, Cheryl Olmstead (Bruce) St. Louis of St. Ignace; four grandchildren, Tina Olmstead, Tony Olmstead, Kevin (Kathy) St. Louis, and Casey (Mike)

Mills; two great grandchildren, Alexis and Michi; and three sisters-in-law, Eleanor Fierek of De Tour, Elvina Firack of Cedarville, Michigan, and Charlotte Firack of De Tour.

Stella was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Olmstead; sisters, Catherine Burns and Ann Huyck; and brothers, John Firack, Ted Firack, Henry Fierek, and Lawrence Firack.

Services will be held Sunday, January 14, at R. Galer Funeral Home, 24549 S. M-129 in Pickford, Michigan. A Gathering Time will be held from 1:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M. followed by a Memorial Service beginning at 2:00 P.M.

Interment will be in the spring in Maple Grove Cemetery in De Tour Township, Michigan.

Cemetery Details

Maple Grove Cemetery

E. South Caribou Lake Road
DeTour, MI

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JAN 14. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford
24549 S. M-129
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Tribute Wall



“ *Stella Firack Olmstead*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Stella Firack Olmstead*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Stella Firack Olmstead*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Cheryl, so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She was a sweet lady. You are all in my thoughts & prayers.*

Jeanie & Mike Smith

jean Smith - January 16, 2018 at 08:00 PM



“ *My memories of Great Aunt Stella are of her relaxed smile while holding hands with Ralph at a family gathering on Lakeside Rd in Clark Twp(my, but they made a handsome couple for all time)*

scott olmstead - January 13, 2018 at 09:02 AM

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“ My lasting memories of Great Aunt Stella are of her relaxed smile while holding hands with Ralph at a family gathering down on Lakeside Road in Clark Twp(my, but they made a handsome couple for all time) and moreso of visiting their lovely St Ignace home overlooking Lake Huron and enjoying something fresh out of the garden over a wholesome chat. Our time was a simple pleasure not to be "taken for granted". Scott Olmstead

scott olmstead - January 13, 2018 at 08:48 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stella Firack Olmstead.



January 12, 2018 at 09:32 PM

RF

“ Richard & Debbie Huyck & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Stella Firack Olmstead.



Richard & Debbie Huyck & Family - January 12, 2018 at 05:01 PM

CB

“ Carol Swanson Becker lit a candle in memory of Stella Firack Olmstead



Carol Swanson Becker - January 12, 2018 at 02:25 PM